



South Dublin County today

A NEWSLETTER FROM SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

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South Dublin County Council wins the top Irish eGovernment Award 2007

South Dublin County Council has been awarded the overall prize at the Irish eGovernment Awards 2007 for its Connect Project.

The whole focus of this initiative is the use of Internet as an everyday tool to improve the quality of life of our residents, to provide higher quality service and communication to customers, to provide information on all local services and facilities at peoples fingertips and to use technology to inform and educate. One of the programmes is aimed at bringing technology to local communities, 100 different Community and Sports Clubs have been provided with training and have designed websites to communicate information and manage their business online. A second project focussed on education and every Teacher in St. Aidens School in Tallaght has been provided with a laptop and training to encourage interactive learning. This project

which aims to make learning more interesting and achieve better attendance and performance by students has been embraced with enthusiasm by Teachers and Pupils of participating school. The project was officially launched in April.

A third training process has commenced in the Community Centres, to offer facilities to use technology in the centres for administration and management. A fourth project is a must for new residents or for existing residents who need to access contact information about facilities such as childcare and healthcare in their areas, community facilities, shops, restaurants, hairdressers, garden centres etc.

Log onto www.connect.southdublin.ie and access the **Connect me** page. This will give you all the information on facilities and services in your area, categorised for your convenience.

For more information on this page and the other services visit **Connect at** www.southdublin.ie



At your Service 24/7 — Do business online



Results of a recent resident survey, carried out in late 2006 show a rise in the numbers of visits to the Council website accessed through www.southdublin.ie.

The website has been designed to be simple to use and we are constantly improving the quality of information and seeking to enhance the level of business transactions that customers can carry out online.

The survey showed these are the online services that residents identified as most commonly used:-

- ◆ Purchase of bin tags online
- ◆ Look up information on services provided
- ◆ Look at traffic cameras
- ◆ Look up Council job vacancies
- ◆ Download application forms
- ◆ Review planning permission applications
- ◆ Make an enquiry / seek Customer care
- ◆ View agenda and minutes of Council meetings
- ◆ Get contact details for Councillors and Departments of the Council
- ◆ View Council Advertisements and Tenders
- ◆ Review policy documents

All of the above are simple to access and easy for you to use. The facility to do business at any time day or night, to suit the customer is a major benefit.

Why not join the growing numbers of residents using the website to make contact, look for information, leave a comment or make an enquiry.

Log on to www.southdublin.ie

Free internet access is available, contact your nearest library and book in today.



Minister Tom Kitt with County Manager Joe Horan and staff of South Dublin County Council at the e-Government Awards



SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

A Message from Mayor Eamonn Maloney



SOUTH DUBLIN – A PLACE TO BE PROUD OF

South Dublin is the most vibrant and diverse of places on this island. In terms of geography it is spread out from Tallaght to Clondalkin, on to Lucan and Palmerstown. Including the old historic villages of Saggart, Rathcoole, Newcastle and Brittas, Terenure and Rathfarnham, South Dublin County Council makes up the second largest local authority in the country.

Being elected to the position of Mayor of this county is for any councillor an honour; for me personally being the first resident from Tallaght to hold the position, is both an honour and a privilege.

Tallaght is the principal town within the county and is the third largest centre of population in the country. Tallaght is a great place to live, with a community spirit that is second to none and a heritage that goes back to the eighth century.

Throughout our county, this council will continue to work diligently in providing homes for those who need them, be it social or affordable accommodation.

It will strive to work with those in the communities to make South Dublin litter-free and a place where all residents can be proud of.

Mayor Eamonn Maloney
South Dublin County Council

In Decembers edition of *South Dublin County Today*, an article reporting on the New Swimming Pool and Leisure Centre suggested that there had been no pool accessible to the public prior to its opening. The pool at Tallaght Community School, Balrothery has been and continues to be enjoyed by generations of residents.



Joe Horan, County
Manager, South Dublin
County Council.

ELECTORAL AREAS



1 — LUCAN



Name: Cllr. DEREK KEATING (IND)
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Co. Dublin.
Electoral Area: Lucan
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info@derekkeating.net
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In Politics since: First elected to SDCC
in 1999, has been working full-time as a
councillor since 2003.

With South Dublin County Council since:
First elected to South Dublin County
Council in 1999

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan/Clondalkin Area
Committee

SPC – Chair/Member:
Member of Transport and
Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: Founder of Chernobyl Childrens
Appeal (Ir) – Lucan Group
Sean Quinn Horse Project –
Clondalkin/Bawnogue
Director/Board Member of Pieta House



Name: Cllr. BILL GOGARTY (GP)
Address: 34 Cherbury Park Road,
Lucan, Co. Dublin.
Electoral Area: Lucan
Contact Details: 087 6172290
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bgogarty@southdublincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1984

With South Dublin County Council since:
Co-opted on to Council in October 2006
to replace the late Cllr Fintan McCarthy

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan/Clondalkin Area
Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of
Economic Development, Transport and
Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: Cllr. Gogarty is a full-time
community activist. He is also a trustee
of Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club and a
member of the Board of Management of
Lucan Community College.



Name: Cllr. GUS O'CONNELL (IND)
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Electoral Area: Lucan
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In Politics since: 1991
With South Dublin County Council since:
Elected in 2004 for the Palmerstown/
Quarryvale/Lucan area.

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan/Clondalkin Area
Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of
Environment SPC and member of
Arts/Culture SPC

Other: Founder member and past
secretary of the Liffey Valley Park
Alliance. Has also served as Secretary
and Chairperson of his local Community
Council and was the first Chairperson of
the South Dublin Community Forum.
Member of County Enterprise Board.
Member of Eastern Region River Basin
Water Quality Council. Member of
Traveller Accommodation Committee.



Name: Cllr. EAMONN TUFFY (LAB)
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Park, Lucan.
Electoral Area: Lucan
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086 3863173
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etuffy@southdublincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1972, he contested
three General Elections in the 1980's.

With South Dublin County Council:
Co-opted to South Dublin County
Council in October 2003, replacing his
daughter Senator Joanna Tuffy.

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan-Clondalkin Area
Committee, Chair 2004/05

SPC – Chair/Member:
Chair of the Economic Development and
Planning SPC
Member of the Transportation SPC

Other: Member of County Dublin VEC,
the Governing Body of the Institute of
Technology Tallaght and South Dublin
County Enterprise Board.

2 — CLONDALKIN



Name: Cllr. ROBERT DOWDS (LAB)
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Dublin 22.
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rdowds@southdublincoco.ie or
www.labour.ie/robertdowds

In Politics since: 1999

With South Dublin County Council since:
Elected for the Clondalkin area in 1999
and re-elected in 2004

Mayor/Méara: Mayor 2004 - 2005

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Chair
of Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of
Economic Development and
Housing/Social SPC's

Other: Teacher in special school for
children with physical disability. Heavily
involved in conservation and heritage
projects in Clondalkin.



Name: Cllr. TREVOR GILLIGAN (FF)
Address: Civic Centre (Opposite Mill
Centre) Clondalkin, Dublin 22
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Electoral Area: Clondalkin
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www.trevorgilligan.com or
tgilligan@southdublincoco.ie

In Politics since: 2000.

With South Dublin County Council since:
2004. He was the youngest elected
councillor at 20 years old.

Mayor/Deputy Mayor: Elected as Leas-
Cathaoirleach in 2001

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Clondalkin Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Economic
Development and Planning SPC &
Housing and Social SPC

Other: Outside of Politics, Trevor runs
an IT Solutions Company "4u.ie." He
also enjoys making music which can be
heard at www.trevmusic.com



Name: Cllr. SHANE O'CONNOR (SF)
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Clondalkin, Dublin 22.
Electoral Area: Clondalkin
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In Politics since: 2004

With South Dublin County Council since:
2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan/Clondalkin area
committee

SPC – Chair/Member:
Member of Economic Development,
Transport and Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: Cllr. O'Connor is a member of the
Local Traveller Accommodation
Consultative Committee and is also a
member of national elected
representatives forum.



Name: Cllr. THÉRÈSE RIDGE (FG)
Address: 4 St. Patrick's Avenue,
Clondalkin, Co. Dublin.
Electoral Area: Clondalkin
Contact Details: 4573438
Web/Email Address:
tridge@southdublincoco.ie
In Politics since: First elected for
Clondalkin/Newcastle area in 1985 to
former Dublin County Council.

With South Dublin County Council since:
1994

Mayor/ Méara: Cathaoirleach of South
Dublin County Council 1996 – 1997;
Elected Mayor 2005 – 2006

TD/Senator: Former Senator
Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of Lucan/Clondalkin Area
Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of
Housing and Social SPC
Member of Transport SPC

Other: Cllr. Ridge is a member of
County Dublin VEC.



Name: Cllr. GERARD CULLEN (PD)
Address: 5 Glebe Heights,
Newcastle, Co. Dublin.
Electoral Area: Clondalkin
Contact Details: 087 1339221
Web/Email Address:
gcullen@southdublincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1999

With South Dublin County Council since:
Was co-opted on to the Council in
March 2006 following the resignation of
Cllr Colm Tyndall.

Area Committee – Chair/Member:
Member of the Lucan/Clondalkin
Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member:
Member of Arts/Culture and
Sports/Recreation and Transport SPC's

Other: Cllr. Cullen is a secondary school
teacher He was appointed Principal of
his school in September 2006 and is
one of the country's youngest secondary
school Principals at 33 years of age.Cllr.
Gerard Cullen is also a board member
of the Rural Dublin LEADER Co.

Supplement to the Register of Electors

Are you registered to Vote in the General Election?

Check the Register at your local Council office, Library, Post Office, Garda Station or on-line at www.checktheregister.ie

If you have not registered but consider that you are eligible for registration, apply now to be included in the Supplement to the Register. To be eligible for inclusion in the Supplement you must be at least 18 years on or before polling day ordinarily resident at the address at which you wish to be registered.

If you are registered but have moved from one Dáil constituency to another you can apply for inclusion in the Supplement at your new address. To be included in the Supplement following a change of address you must be already on the Register in respect of your previous address; and ordinarily resident at the address at which you now wish to be registered.

The relevant application forms (RFA2 and RFA3) are available at Council offices, Libraries, Post Offices and Garda Stations and can also be downloaded from www.checktheregister.ie

An application for inclusion in the Supplement must be witnessed by a member of the Gardaí and all application forms must be received by South Dublin County Council at least 15 working days before polling day.

To contact South Dublin County Council, Franchise Section Tel. 4149115 or e-mail registerofelectors@southdublincoco.ie

(At time of going to print date for General Election not yet announced)

SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY COUNCIL

3 — TALLAGHT CENTRAL



County Hall, Tallaght.



Council Chamber, County Hall, Tallaght.



Name: Cllr. MARK DALY (SF)

Address: 31 Cill Cais, Old Bawn, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght Central

Contact Details: 087 9974541

Web/Email Address: mdaly@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1991

With South Dublin County Council since: 1999

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Economic Development and Planning SPC

Other: I find it a privilege to represent the communities from Tallaght where I have spent all my life. The only thing that I seek to do is to make Tallaght a better place for all of us who live here.



Name: Cllr. MICK MURPHY (SP)

Address: Socialist Party Office, c/o SDCC, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght Central

Contact Details: 4934696

Web/Email Address: mickmurphy@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Active in politics since the early 80's – founding member of the Socialist Party in 1996.

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected to the council in 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Economic Development and Transport SPC's



Name: Cllr. EAMONN MALONEY (LAB)

Address: 84 St. Maelruans Park, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght Central

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Web/Email Address: emaloney@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Has been a lifelong member of the Labour party

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected Labour Councillor in 1999

Mayor/Méara: Present Mayor: 2006 - 2007

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Economic Development, Housing and Social and Environment SPC's.

Other: Mayor Maloney resides in Tallaght and has been a worker director with a recycling company for the past 20 years.



Name: Cllr. JOE NEVILLE (FF)

Address: c/o SDCC, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght Central

Contact Details: 4149050 or 087 8506650

Web/Email Address: jneville@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1981

With Council Since: Elected as a first time Fianna Fáil Candidate in 2004.

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Chair of Area Committee. Member of Tallaght Area Committee.

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Economic Development/Planning, Arts/Culture and Sports/ Recreation SPC's

Other: Cllr. Neville lives and works in Tallaght. Board member of Tallaght Partnership, Tallaght Community Arts Centre, Tallaght Drugs Task Force, Teen-Line Ireland.



Name: Cllr. KAREN WARREN (FG)

Address: 3 Bawnville Close, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght Central

Contact Details: 2441709 or 087 7679304

Web/Email Address: kwarren@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: 1998

With South Dublin County Council since: 1998

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Chair of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Environment and Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: Karen works full time as a Councillor since her election in 2004. She divides her time between Leinster house and South Dublin County Council.

4 — TALLAGHT SOUTH



Civic Centre, Clondalkin.



County Library, Tallaght.



Name: Cllr. MARIE CORR (LAB)

Address: 35 Sundale Park, Mountainview, Jobstown, D.24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght South

Contact Details: 085 7359200

Web/Email Address: mcorr@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: 2004

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected to South Dublin County Council in 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Environment SPC and Chair of Housing SPC

Other: Cllr. Corr is a mother of two small children living in Tallaght for 11 years with partner and very active in community. Founder member and former Chair of Futurewest.



Name: Cllr. JIM DALY (FF)

Address: 59 Coolamber Drive, Rathcoole, Co. Dublin.

Electoral Area: Tallaght South

Contact Details: 4589782 or 087 2542454

Web/Email Address: jdaly@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Has been in politics for the last 30 years.

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected to SDCC in 1999 and again in 2004

Mayor/Méara: Mayor 2003 - 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member Economic Development and Housing & Social SPC's



Name: Cllr. JOHN HANNON (FF)

Address: 11 Knocklyon Heights, Firhouse Road, Dublin 16.

Electoral Area: Tallaght South

Contact Details: 4942045 (H) or 086 2577213

Web/Email Address: jhannon@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: First elected in 1985 and re-elected at each subsequent election.

With South Dublin County Council since: 1994

Mayor/Méara: Cathaoirleach of South Dublin County Council 1994 – 1995

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Chair Arts, Culture, Gaelige, Education and Libraries SPC
Other: Chairperson, Alternative Entertainments Arts Group and Chairperson of Board, Civic Theatre Tallaght.

Name: Cllr. CÁITRIONA JONES (LAB)

Address: 26 Allenton Drive, Ballycragh, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght South

Contact Details: 087 2034427

Web/Email Address: cjones@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Joined the labour party in 1994

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected as a Member of South Dublin County Council in 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Arts/Culture and Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: An active Member of South Dublin County VEC and a Member of the Tourism Board



Name: Cllr. CATHAL KING (SF)

Address: c/o SDCC, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Electoral Area: Tallaght South

Contact Details: 4149063 (O)

Web/Email Address: cathalking@sdblincoco.ie
www.sinnfein.ie

In Politics since: 2003

With South Dublin County Council since: Was co-opted to SDCC to replace Deputy Seán Crowe in 2003

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Tallaght Area Committee.

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Housing/Social and Environmental SPC's

Other: Cllr. King is a member of Local Traveller Accommodation Consultative Committee, the Dublin Bus Forum and is an appointed member of the Tallaght Partnership.

5 — TERENCE/RATHFARNHAM



Name: Cllr. MÁIRE ARDAGH (FF)

Address: 168 Walkinstown Road, Dublin 12.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

Contact Details: 4568736 (O) or 4904182

Web/Email Address: mardagh@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Member of Fianna Fáil for over 20 years

With South Dublin County Council since: First elected to South Dublin County Council in 1999 and re-elected in 2004

Mayor/Méara: Mayor 2003 – 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Housing and Social and Arts, Culture, Gaelige and Education SPC's

Other: Cllr. Ardagh inaugurated the South Dublin County Tourist Board during her tenure as Mayor and was very involved in the recent "Hallowfest".



Name: Cllr. CÁIT KEANE (PD)

Address: 26 Rushbrook Court, Templeogue, Dublin 6W.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

Contact Details: 4509878 (H)

Web/Email Address: ckeane@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Joined the Progressive Democrats on their formation in 1985.

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected to Dublin County Council in 1991

Mayor/Méara: Cathaoirleach 2001 – 2002

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Transport, Economic Development/ Planning and Arts/Culture SPC's

Other: Cllr. Keane is currently Chairperson of the local Templeogue Sculpture Committee. Member of Dublin Regional Authority and Southern & Eastern Regional Assembly.



Name: Cllr. JOHN LAHART (FF)

Address: 6 Orlagh Grange, Scholarstown Road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

Contact Details: 4939608 (H)

Web/Email Address: jlahart@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: He joined Fianna Fáil in 1983.

With South Dublin County Council since: First elected to the Council for Terenure/Rathfarnham in 1999

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Environment and Arts/Culture SPC's

Other: Cllr. Lahart began his professional life as a post-primary teacher and received his Masters Degree in 1995. He works as Special Advisor to the Government Chief Whip & Minister of State at the Department of An Taoiseach.



Name: Cllr. STANLEY LAING (FG)

Address: 86 Templeville Road, Terenure, Dublin 6W.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

Contact Details: 4905571

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In Politics since: Elected to Dublin County Council in 1979

With Council Since: Have been a member of South Dublin County Council since 1994

Mayor/Méara: Mayor in 2000 – 2001
Deputy Mayor/Leas Méara 1999 - 2000

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Chair of Transportation SPC
Member of Environment SPC

Other: Member of Templeville-Fortfield Residents association and is an active member of the community.



Name: Cllr. TONY McDERMOTT (GP)

Address: 31 Westfield Road, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6W

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

Contact Details: 086 832 7450

Web/Email Address: tmcdermott@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Joined the Green Party in 1989

With South Dublin County Council since: Won a Council seat in Terenure/Rathfarnham in 2004

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Chair of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Chair of Environment SPC; Member of Arts & Culture, An Gaelige, Education and Libraries SPC; Member of Housing SPC

Other: Following a career as IS Manager with Aer Lingus, Tony now runs a software development company developing tools to save fuel for airlines. Married to Eileen and has a teenage son and daughter.



Name: Cllr. EAMONN WALSH (LAB)

Address: 133 Limekiln Green, Walkinstown, Dublin 12.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

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Web/Email Address: ewalsh@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: Joined the Labour Party in 1979.

With South Dublin County Council since: Elected to the Council in June 1991 (Dublin Co Co) 1999 and 2004 (SDCC)

Area Committee – Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee.

Mayor/Méara: Cathaoirleach 1997–1998
Deputy Mayor/Leas Méara: 2004 - 2005

TD/Senator: Elected to Dáil Eireann in November 1992

SPC – Member of Economic Development /Planning and Environment SPC's

Other: Signed Twinning Agreements on behalf of the Council, with Brent Council in London and Kreis Segeburg in Germany. Represented Ireland on the Council of Europe 1996/1997



Name: Cllr. ALEX WHITE (LP)

Address: 1 Main Street, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14.

Electoral Area: Terenure/Rathfarnham

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awhite@sdblincoco.ie

In Politics since: 2004

With South Dublin County Council since: First elected to the Council in June 2004

Deputy Mayor/Leas Méara: Deputy Mayor at the moment

Area Committee – Chair/Member: Member of Terenure/Rathfarnham Area Committee

SPC – Chair/Member: Member of Transportation and Sports/Recreation SPC's

Other: Cllr. White is a practising barrister in Dublin and a member of the Labour Lawyers Group.

WHATS ON IN SOUTH DUBLIN COUNTY

A Great Place to Live, Work and Visit

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR ALL THE FAMILY

• **Tallaght and Proud** — A celebration of creativity and talent in the Tallaght area. Beginning with an Art exhibition by local artists at the Square, 18th to 25th June, this will be followed by a Poetry reading, at St. Maelruains Church, on Wednesday, 20th June and a concert at the Civic Theatre later in the week.

• **Fused South Dublin County Arts Festival — June 28th to July 22nd** — This multicultural festival FUSED has become a hit amongst Irish summer arts festivals. Included in its programme is an adventurous mix of visual arts, dance, literature, and music. Last years highlight, the airborne circus Mobile Homme by Transe Express at County Hall attracted huge audiences. The programme covers a variety of locations throughout the County.

For information email artsofficer@southdublin.ie



• **Family Days throughout the summer months** — A series of Family Days will be held in South Dublin Countys Parks.

These days include music, story telling, games, activities and entertainment. A great day out for the family. Dates for your diary — Griffeen Park, 1st July; Tymon Park, 15th July and Corkagh Park, 22nd July.

• **Funfairs and Carnivals** — across the County are a regular feature of summer in South Dublin County. Upcoming fairs at Griffeen Park in Lucan, August 24th to September 2nd and Tymon Park 6th to 16th September.

Summer Tennis coaching is available in the following parks —

Tymon Area: Greenhills Park, Dodder Valley Park and Beechfield / Cherryfield Park.

Corkagh Area: Kingswood Estate and Clondalkin Sports and Leisure Centre.

Esker Area: Lucan Sports and Leisure Centre and Weston Estate.

Rathcoole

For further information log on to www.parkstennis.com or telephone 8338711



Visit the Country Market at High Street in Tallaght every Friday.



Hallowfest 2007- Sunday 28th & Monday 29th October — A magical celebration at Halloween with Traditional Games, Workshops, Jugglers, Fire Eaters and Escapology. The fun will start at County Hall, on Sunday with face painters, bouncy castles, childrens parade, clowns and stilt walkers, followed by a spectacular Fireworks display, and will end with Childrens Treasure and Scavenger hunt and a variety of guided walks in the Dublin Mountains and to the Hell Fire Club on Monday. For more information visit www.hallowfest.ie or e-mail info@southdublincountytourism.ie.



(Left to right): Michael O Reilly, Paul Murtagh, Daniel Guy, Tomas Early.

Skateboard enthusiasts at Skatepark in Lucan — This state of the art skatepark at Griffeen in Lucan, is one of the many sports and recreational facilities provided for young people and has become very popular since its opening late last year.



In1998 the Grange Castle Golf Course, was opened and continues to be well used with approximately 41,000 rounds of golf being played over the year. Grange Castle Golf Club, affiliated to the Golfing Union of Ireland in 2002, has a club membership of 750.



Lucy enjoying the wildflower meadow at Tymon Park, Greenhills.

The Council has a 5 year programme for provision and maintenance of playgrounds. In 2006, the Tymon Woodland Playground was developed, with Adults as well as children in mind, the purpose is to afford Adults an opportunity to exercise on specially constructed play equipment as part of the Councils initiative to promote healthy and active lifestyles



In 2006, visitors from over 40 countries stayed in the city's only municipal facility for caravan and camping holidays, the Camac Valley Tourist Caravan & Camping Park on the N7, beside Corkagh Park



Corkagh Park Angling facility, the Councils Angling facility continues to attract many anglers/ enthusiasts. In addition to the fishery itself, the facility includes a tackle shop, fishing rod hire, coffee shop, public toilets and an outdoor timber deck and seating area. It is proposed to run the Angling facility as a commercial enterprise that will in time develop into an educational and recreational resource.

For these and many more activities visit www.southdublin.ie

M50 upgrade project N4 — Ballymount

The first phase of the M50 upgrade is progressing well and is on schedule. In April a new phase of the work commenced at the N7 (Red Cow) interchange.

"New local diversions at the N7/Red Cow Interchange will be well signposted as we begin new major works to construct the new freeflow Interchange. We're asking drivers to slow down and follow the new road layout", said Mr Frank Coffey, Director of Transportation, South Dublin County Council at a briefing to announce details of the M50 Upgrade work programme for the coming months on the M50.

Mr. Hugh Creegan, Head of Programme Management, National Roads Authority confirmed the M50 Upgrade project is "on schedule and working well." He asked drivers to keep to the 60km speed limit through the stretch of road currently being upgraded. Speed cameras, monitored by An Garda Síochána, are in operation along the route.



M50 Mainline

When construction work is completed and there is a new traffic lane, each side of the central median area, between N4 and N7, (due to be completed end May 2007) traffic will then transfer onto the newly constructed lanes and construction work will commence in the two outer verges on either side of the motorway.

"When the work on this section of the M50 is completed in 2008, each side of the motorway between the Ballymount and N4 junctions will have three main lanes and a fourth auxiliary lane between major junctions", says Frank Coffey, Director of Transportation, South Dublin County Council. "The interchanges will be upgraded to Free-flow or near Free-flow, eliminating or minimising the need for traffic lights.

The entire 32km M50 motorway between the M1 Interchange and the Sandyford Interchange will be upgraded by 2010. There will be:

- ▶ The capacity of the M50 will double when the upgrade is completed
- ▶ Three lanes in each direction on M50
- ▶ An additional fourth lane linking junctions
- ▶ Barrier-free tolling
- ▶ Freeflowing Interchanges will mean fewer roundabouts and traffic lights so traffic will move faster through junctions. *(no roundabouts or traffic lights)*

Traffic Management

Traffic impact during construction is unavoidable, but proper traffic planning and advanced notice to the general public can minimise the impact.

- ▶ During construction M50 will maintain two lanes during the peak commuting hours of 6:00AM to 10:00PM.
- ▶ During off peak hours between 10:01PM and 5:59AM lane reductions will occur.
- ▶ 60m speed limit will apply for the duration of the works
- ▶ During nighttime hours lane reductions may be necessary but at no time will there be full closure of M50.

All lane reductions details will be announced publicly in advance through national media, local media and the www.m50.ie website.

Third Pharmaceutical company chooses Grange Castle Business Park

Grange Castle Business Park has been promoted and marketed by the Council, in association with IDA Ireland, over the last number of years and in that time the Council has actively sought to attract major inward investment into the Park. Gilead Sciences Limited, which is recognised as one of the leading pharmaceutical companies in the world, with operations in North America, Europe and Australia has now chosen Grange Castle Business Park as its preferred location to develop a purpose built facility to support European manufacturing and development operations.

The proposed new facility, on a site of approximately 20 acres will comprise administration, laboratories, a technology transfer suite, a fill and finish manufacturing facility, a logistical and warehousing support structure and provision for a future tableting facility and financial shared services centre. Gilead intend to lodge for planning before end April with a view to commencing construction in 2007, (subject to planning) commencing operations in Grange Castle by late 2008.

Over 80 jobs will transfer initially to the Grange Castle campus with a new job creation potential of 65 by 2015.

New County Library and Arts Centre under Construction – But we are still open for business

A major extension to the County Library is under construction at present and when completed will effectively mean a completely new Library in Tallaght, double the size of the old one. Situated beside County Hall, to the North of the Square Shopping Centre, it will open onto a new urban plaza of residential and retail units with a street front linking it to the LUAS terminal. Library users and customers of the Council will have noticed that hoardings surrounding the development are in place, but even though a large area has been closed off, we are still open for business as usual, although services such as Local Studies, Reference, Self Learning and Exhibitions have been curtailed because of lack of space during the construction period which is expected to last about 15 months. The new Library will focus on being a centre of lifelong learning, with even better facilities such as meeting and conference rooms, a dedicated Local Studies library, children's learning facilities as well as Cyber skills space providing access to Information Technology for all.

The New Arts Centre development has commenced also, adjacent to County Hall, beside the new Library building, facing the Civic Theatre, when completed it will provide facilities for Arts Workspace, performance and rehearsal rooms for music and drama, Exhibition areas, dance studios, music tuition rooms and a Café rest area. Designed to serve the whole County, it will complement existing cultural facilities, give opportunities for organisations of diverse artistic disciplines and support access to arts activities in participation based programmes to enhance the development of talent and creativity in the County.



The staircase in new library building.

UPDATE ON PROGRESS — OUTER RING ROAD

The main section of the Outer Ring road **Phase 1** stretching from the Naas Road to Adamstown, was officially opened in 2005. The opening of this particular section facilitated access to Grange Castle Business Park and Adamstown SDZ.

Work is ongoing on **Phase 2**, the link from Adamstown to Woodies in Lucan and the link road to Fonthill Road, this is expected to be completed in May 2007.

Phase 3, the section from the Naas Road to Tallaght Bypass is under construction and is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2008.

When this project is completed, it will provide a high quality road network linking the towns of Lucan, Clondalkin and Tallaght, that will include a bus corridor and cycle lanes along the entire length.

The total cost of the project is approximately 80 million euro, It has been built by South Dublin County Council with the assistance of grants from DoEHLG the NRA, DTO and from the Councils own resources.



The new railway station at Adamstown which is now open.

Adamstown Station Now Open

The new Adamstown station is now open. The station will run a service of 15 trains a day and is expected to transport about 3,000 commuters an hour between Dublin Heuston and Portlaoise stations. A Park N Ride facility is not yet in place but should be available in the coming months.

Adamstown is a new urban district on a greenfield site adjoining the main Dublin-Kildare railway line, 10 miles (16km) west of Dublin City Centre. It will be developed over 10 or more years, and is based on an approved planning permission. Adamstown will provide up to 10,000 new homes along with a range of shopping, employment, leisure, civic & cultural facilities.

Post Primary School for Adamstown

Details of 22 new post primary school building projects that are soon to proceed to tender and construction have recently been announced. Adamstown Community school project is one of the 22. These school building projects are due to proceed to tender and construction over the next 12 -18 months. Over 17,000 students will benefit from new and better facilities as these high quality projects get underway in their schools. The Adamstown Project Team has undergone detailed consultation with the developers, Department of Education and the Architectural design team of the post primary school over the past number of months. This has been done as a part of the fulfilment of the Adamstown Planning Scheme requiring such infrastructure in line with residential development in the SDZ.

The aim of this comprehensive consultation and negotiation in the case of the strategic development zone is to produce an integrated solution to education and community facilities that match the delivery of new housing, Under SDZ arrangements there is a requirement that that schools are in a position ahead of or in line with demands. An application for the post primary school is due to be lodged with South Dublin County Council immediately.



Adamstown



The launch of The Grange Framework Study.

New Vibrant Neighbourhood for Clondalkin – Affordable Housing Opportunities

The Grange is a new development proposed for Clondalkin with over 1,600 high quality homes, of which approx. 600 units will be affordable, alongside new retail/commercial facilities, community and childcare facilities, and recreational areas. With a site reserved for a primary school, this promises to be one of the most exciting developments in Clondalkin in many years.

The location of the development offers many key advantages

Well served by transport infrastructure

The site is located at the junction of the New Nangor Road and the recently completed Outer Ring Road which connects the N7 to the N4 at Lucan. It will also be served by the a proposed new Railway Stations at Kishogue and Fonthill- part of the Kildare Route Project as well as the proposed Metro which will provide a direct link to Tallaght to the South and Liffey Valley, D.C.U. and Dublin Airport to the North.

Quality employment opportunities locally

The development is adjacent to Grange Castle Business Park. This is a high quality business location providing employment in a range of sectors particularly in the fields of Information Technology and Bio-Pharma. Major multi national companies presently located there include Wyeth International, Takeda Inc. and I.A.W.S.

Broad range of local sporting and leisure facilities

The Grange adjoins the Corkagh Regional Park, which includes 10 playing pitches for Gaelic games and soccer. In addition, the park is an immensely popular walking area with its dense patches of mixed woodlands, landscape areas including a walled rose garden, and fishpond. It also includes the local Community/Leisure facility. Notwithstanding the above, this 400-acre open space has substantial capacity for the expansion of a wide range of passive, active and recreational activities.

The Grange Castle Golf Course adjoins the development. This is an 18-hole course set in mature grounds with proposals for a 4-Star Hotel, Leisure Centre, new Clubhouse and a broad range of high-end housing options and a golf course extension to 27 holes. Also within close range of the new development is a newly refurbished swimming pool.

Enquiries can be made by calling into the Project Office located in the Clondalkin Civic Centre between the hours of 10am and 12noon, Monday to Friday or by phoning 4149364. The Framework Plan can be viewed at www.ahi.southdublin.ie where an on-line query facility is provided.

Palmerstown Village Renewal

Following a selection process Cunnane Stratton Reynolds Town Planners and Landscape Architects have been appointed as consultants to work on an urban and Village Improvement Scheme for Palmerstown Village.

Since the Palmerstown by-pass was constructed the village has seen a reduction in the amount of through traffic but the potential benefits of this in terms of urban renewal have not yet been fully realised. On the positive side Palmerston is in a unique position in that it still retains much of its traditional character and village feeling. It has a large number of old houses and buildings, which add character to the village. It also has a number of mature trees, which add to the amenity value of the area. Cunnane Stratton Reynolds will be responsible for consulting with local people and developing and overseeing a scheme for improvement works in the village. They are very experienced in such projects and have a very good reputation for urban improvement works. They have previously worked on the Charleville Environmental improvements and the Clones Regeneration Project. The aim of the proposed improvement scheme is to enhance the visual environment of the village, make it a safer place for pedestrians and improve the neighbourhood generally.

New Recycling Facility to Benefit Dublin Householders

Construction work on one of the largest and most sophisticated Materials Recovery Facilities in Europe commenced in April. The facility is located at Ballymount in South Dublin County and is designed to cater for the processing of Green Bin materials in the Dublin Region for the next 20 years, using the most modern electronic and mechanical equipment on the market. When completed in the early part of next year, it will have the capacity to process in excess of 100,000 tonnes of materials per annum.

The extra capacity being provided by the new facility will enable plastic bottles to be collected in the Green Bin and the Dublin local authorities have given a commitment to introduce a fortnightly collection service. The roll-out of this new service will start this year.

The Department of the Environment is providing significant funding for the project which is a partnership arrangement between the four Dublin Authorities.

In 2006, around 130,000 tonnes of household waste was recycled, of which 67,000 tonnes came through the Green Bin service. This represents close to 30% of the amount of household waste generated in the region and is a tremendous tribute to the environmental awareness of residents and their commitment to recycling. The provision of this new facility at Ballymount, in South Dublin County, together with the

collection of plastic bottles in the Green Bin and a more frequent collection service will enable that recycling figure to be significantly increased over the coming years.

The Director of Environmental Services for South Dublin County Council said that the Dublin Local Authorities have set a recycling target of 59% in their Waste Management Plan and are delighted with the progress being made towards reaching that highly ambitious objective. She also gave details of the roll out of the new Green Bin service.

The new service will be extended to 200,000 households before the end of 2007 and to all 400,000 households in the Region by the middle of 2008. All households receiving the enhanced service will be notified well in advanced and given their new collection calendar.

Full information on recycling services in the Dublin Region is available on www.dublinwaste.ie

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CHILDRENS PAGE

Colour the Picture

Here is a chance for you to put your colouring skills to good use. All you have to do is colour in the picture below and you could win a prize. You must be 10 years old or under to enter.



Last editions Colouring Competition prize winners who were presented with their prizes by the Mayor Eamonn Maloney on Thursday 8th March in County Hall. *Front row left to right:* Michael and Andrea Byrne, Oisin Flood, Jessica Mordaunt, Lauren Condon, Aoife Boyde. *Back row left to right:* Micaela Buckley, Mayor Eamonn Maloney, Jessica Tighe, Conor Flynn, Jason Gill.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____ Phone No: _____

Entries to PR Unit, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.
All entries to be marked — Children's Colouring Competition.

Closing date is 15th July 2005. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

How to be a good Neighbour

PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT

Litter — • Keep our streets clean. Put litter into on-street litter bins or take it home and put in your wheelie bin.

- Adopt the public footpath and grass margin in front of your home or business premises. Sweep it clean and cut the grass on a regular basis.

Fly Tipping — • Keep our countryside clean and beautiful by only using registered removal companies to get rid of builders rubble, old fridges, white goods and furniture. You can safely get rid of unwanted appliances at our Civic Amenity Centre in Ballymount. If you have an old car to scrap, just give us a call and for a small charge we will take it away and dispose of it properly.

Recycle — • Reduce, reuse, recycle - Use your green bin and your local Civic Recycling Centres.

Water Supply — • Follow our Tap Tips. Use water sparingly in your home or business and fix leaks promptly.

Rivers and Streams — • Adopt (with your neighbours or work mates) a stretch of river or stream that flows through your estate or business lands. Keep it clean by removing litter and debris on a regular basis.

- Keep our rivers and streams fresh and pure. Don't throw old household items or shopping trolleys into them.

Dogs/Pets — • Keep your pet under control at all times. Don't let your dog or pet wander or stray in public areas. If it fouls the public park, open space or footpath, use your pooper scooper or bag to pick it up and bring it home for safe disposal.

Parks and Open Spaces — • Share the enjoyment of our public parks and open spaces. Don't interfere with the enjoyment of others by being aggressive, playing loud music, drinking alcohol or any activity that will annoy and upset the enjoyment of others.

Trees and Public Planting — • Respect our public planting schemes. They are there for the benefit of everybody. Don't damage or destroy public street planting, trees or flowerbeds.

DRIVE CAREFULLY

Speed — • Respect the speed limits and drive with care especially in built up areas, near schools, play areas, churches or shopping centres.

Drink Driving — • Respect life and Arrive Alive - do not drink and drive

Car Parking — • Do not park on open spaces/grass verges or footpaths. These areas are for pedestrians not vehicles.

Neighbours — • Be a good neighbour. Treat your neighbour, as you would like to be treated yourself.

- Know where your children are at all times and make sure that they understand the need to respect other people and their property.

- Make where you live a better place because of you. Get involved and play your part in the life of your community.



Looking northward from the Grand Canal across the site of the proposed new eco-district.

New Urban Eco District at Balgaddy-Clonburris

Most people have heard of Adamstown, the first Strategic Development Zone in the Country. A planned development of 10,000 residential units, but, one with infrastructure, rail link, bus lanes, schools, play areas, parkland and community facilities central to its development.

On the basis of the success of Adamstown, last year the government designated a new SDZ in South Dublin County, at Balgaddy-Clonburris, an area of Clondalkin zoned for development in the County Development Plan.

The designation of the area, coupled with the government's ambitious transport infrastructure plans published last year in Transport 21, mean that this is the right time to be considering the future development of this area. With the Grand Canal and the Kildare Rail line running through it, two new rail stations planned to open by 2010, as well as a stop on the proposed future Metro line to the airport the site offers great potential for attractive and sustainable development.

To protect and enhance the attractive setting of the Grand Canal and to make the most of access to the planned public transport opportunities will be essential to the success of the project.

The Council strongly believes that development of this area should incorporate the best in current thinking in the areas of sustainable development, energy efficiency, urban design, and community development. The Council's vision for development in this area is one of a new urban Eco-District, a great place to live, work and visit

The planning process commenced last summer, when extensive consultation was held with local community and key groups such as Irish Rail and Waterways Ireland.

The Council is currently preparing a draft Planning Scheme and Local Area Plan for the area with help from consultants. These plans will set out a blue print for future development of the area including the infrastructure that will need to be provided to support the new development.

Public consultation on the draft plans will start in the early part of this summer.

Further information can be found on the planning page of the Council's [website www.southdublin.ie](http://www.southdublin.ie)

Up to €20,320 available to Private Householders

If a member of your family suffers from a disability, South Dublin County Council can provide a grant of 90% towards the cost of provision or adaptation of accommodation for disabled persons up to a maximum €20,320.00. (Disabled Persons Grant Scheme)

Over 65 years of age?

If your house needs essential repairs, there is a grant available to private householders of 100% of the cost of the works up to €9,530.00 available to you. (Essential Repairs Grant Scheme)

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