



# BALLYMUN

## REGENERATION NEWS

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*Ballymun Farmers Market every Thursday on the Plaza*

#### HEALTH & SAFETY

If you see anything that you are concerned about on the building sites, outside of working hours, please contact Ballymun Gardaí at 01 666 4400



Dublin City  
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*BRL staff Carmel O'Gorman, Jonathon Ekwe, Eileen Dennan and Eamon Pegley display REGEN+10 St. Patrick's Day banners*

## REGEN+10

**T**hroughout 2008 Ballymun Regeneration Limited will be marking the 10th anniversary of its Masterplan under the name of REGEN+10. A wide range of publications, conferences, events and exhibitions recognising the project's achievements will be taking place in the area.

From Tuesday 3rd June the 'REGENERA+10N: completing the transformation' timeline exhibition will go on display in the Civic Centre Atrium. This exhibition consists of images, artefacts and stories of the changing Ballymun from the start of the regeneration programme, up to today and into the future. Please come along.

Look out for further information on the events taking place over the coming months.

## Shangan crèche

**O**n 19th November 2007 Aunt Sally's Nursery, located in Shangan, opened its doors for the first time to 23 children. The children, who attend the crèche on a daily basis, range in age from three months to five years. The individual age groups are divided over three rooms, each room with programs to suit the age and needs of each individual child. The day to day running of the crèche is handled by the manager, Sarah Dowdall, and six other staff members including one temporary volunteer.

The crèche is equipped with the latest equipment for all ages and the aim is to provide a range of childcare services that are based on the identified requirements of the parents who use the service.

**The programme of activities available to children include:**

- Supervised free play
- Constructive play (building blocks and stickle brick)
- Energetic play (physical education)
- Out door play area
- Access to montessori equipment
- Messy play (sand and water)
- Creative play (painting, play-dough, colouring, collage and junk art)
- Jigsaws (floor and table-top)
- Floor play (ball play, cars, trains, skittles and blocks)
- Music and dance
- Story time (books, storyboard, tapes, puppets and pictures)
- Rest time, tidy-up time and wash-up time.

### Application Procedure

- Application forms are available from the crèche.
- Completed forms should be returned to the crèche manager.
- Parents will be notified when a place becomes available.

### Hours of operation

#### Monday-Thursday

- All day care 9a.m. – 5.00p.m.

#### Friday

- All day care 9a.m. – 4.00p.m.



**If you have any queries regarding the crèche please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Dowdall (manager) on 01 852 7633.**



### St. Pappins Bowling and Social Club

Members of St.Pappins Bowling and Social Club enjoying a well-earned rest with some friends at the Hotel Westport, Mayo, after a very good season competing in the afternoon bowling leagues.

## Cars in Ballymun are changing for the future

On February 11th – 13th GAP (Global Action Plan) held a workshop in car engine conversion from diesel to bio-fuels in the Reco in Ballymun. Participants in the workshop were from Youthreach in Ballymun and were aged between 16–18.

Hans Widmann from Greencar, an expert in the area, facilitated the workshop. Greencar convert agricultural and industrial vehicles, as well as private cars, to run on plain vegetable oil on a daily basis. However, to run a conversion workshop in conjunction with a group of young people was a first for all concerned.

Such was the competence and enthusiasm of the young people involved, the entire conversion project was completed in just two and a half days! “I couldn’t get over how enthusiastic the participants were. If they are representative of the young people from the area then Ballymun has no worries” commented Hans Widmann.

“We had a great time converting the engine!” said Luke Hannigan of Youthreach, “I didn’t know much about bio-fuels before the workshop but now I think it’s a great way for people with diesel cars to cut down on pollution and carbon emissions.”

“The destructive impact of transport on climate change is difficult to deny. By taking small yet significant steps to address this problem, we can all play our part in leaving our children a planet that can still provide for them as it has provided for us. Converting your diesel car to run on vegetable oils is a winner for the environment and your pocket” said Colin O’Byrne Environmental Youth Worker, GAP.

Congratulations to all involved in this unique and successful progressive project.

**For further information please contact Colin O’Byrne at Global Action Plan on 01 862 5846.**

## Ballymun Leisure Centre

### Opening Times

Day	Time
Monday-Thursday	7am – 10pm
Friday	7am – 8pm
Saturday & Sunday	10am – 4pm

### Prices

Gym	€6.40
Adult Swim	€5.00
Child Swim	€2.50
Fitness Class	€6.40
Over 60’s	Free

### Classes Include:

- RepReebok • Step & Tone • Step • B.L.T • Half & Half •
- Body Tone • FitBall • Active Age •

**For further information please call 01 862 3508**



## Local Domestic Violence Support Service

Have you ever felt afraid of someone who is close to you?

If you or someone you know being emotionally, physically or sexually abused Women's Aid can help.



- \*Helpline
- \*One to one Support
- \*Information
- \*Court Accompaniment

**NATIONAL FREEPHONE HELPLINE  
1800 341 900**

## April 08 - BRL news

**Sillogue 5** (behind 4-storeys on Sillogue Road) - 35 homes have been occupied. Expect to see a second batch of people moving in over the coming weeks.

**Poppintree Park** - Phase 1 of the upgrade has started. This should take about a year to complete.

**IKEA** - is on site and management recruitment begun. Ikea hope to have the store built by February 2009 and begin staff recruitment about October/November of this year. Watch this space for more info!

**Demolitions** - Coultry Road (187 – 282); Sillogue Avenue (96 – 128) and Balcurris Road (289 – 416) are all being demolished at the moment.

**If you would like to know more about BRL's activities, email [brl.comms@dublincity.ie](mailto:brl.comms@dublincity.ie) or phone 01 222 7387 (ask for Eileen, Ronan, Eamon or Colm).**

## Pyrite in Ballymun schemes

Pyrite is present in two projects in Ballymun. It was first discovered in the Youth Facility Building (the Reco) after cracking appeared inside. After talking to the contractor it was discovered that hardcore stone from the same quarry had been used for the Sillogue 4 scheme.

The final report from the tests on Sillogue 4 confirms that there is an unacceptable level of pyrite present. BRL have been meeting with the contractor over the last few weeks to find the best way to resolve this issue.

The contractor has been instructed to carry out a test case on one of the units, this will give them a good idea of the level of work, timescale and cost involved in repairing each unit. Once this work has been carried out BRL will be in a position to let everyone know how long it will take to rectify the issue in the whole scheme.

Pyrite has become a major issue on several building sites around North Dublin in recent times. This has never been a problem in Ireland before as pyrite has existed in such small concentrations. It is now believed that the high concentrations of pyrite came from a particular

quarry. This quarry has been operating for several years and it appears that a seam of pyrite was running through a particular section of stone.

Pyrite is a mineral which occurs naturally in the ground - often within stone. When it comes into contact with water and air it can expand and, when contained in the hardcore base of a building, this causes the floor to push upwards and crack. It is important to note that this cracking does not affect the stability of the building, it only causes damage to the ground floor.

We do appreciate that this is a frustrating time for everyone waiting to move into their new homes, but we would assure you that we are doing everything we can to get this problem fixed as quickly as possible, while also doing it properly. We will continue to keep everyone concerned up to date on any new information regarding this matter as we get it.

It must be emphasised that following the discovery of pyrite in the Reco all contractors in the area were contacted and to date there is no evidence of pyrite in any other scheme in Ballymun.

## Ballymun's new Town Centre

As part of the new face of Ballymun the new Town Centre is still a priority. At the moment negotiations are taking place between Dublin City Council, Ballymun Regeneration and Treasury Holdings to ensure the project progresses.

The layout of the new centre will give easy access to the Town Centre Plaza, the proposed Metro station and essentially from the north, south, east and west.

With the demolition of Clarke Tower now complete and a large part of Balcurris now detenanted and scheduled for demolition, we can now start to see the change and modern new look to Main Street Ballymun, where the main focus point will be the new Town Centre in the not too distant future.



## Parking in Ballymun

Over the last ten years BRL have ensured that as many parking spaces as possible are provided while not allowing parking to overtake other necessary facilities such as footpaths, leisure facilities and green areas.

Encouraging people out of their cars and onto public transport is one of the main driving forces behind the Dublin City Development Plan. BRL, as an agent of Dublin City Council, are obliged to keep in line with this plan and therefore aim to provide 1.25 parking spaces for every new unit. This means that in a scheme of 40 units the aim is to provide 60 car-parking spaces.

Parking is generally in the form of on-street parking, this ensures that the largest number of people can use the

spaces and if one household does not have a car the space is not wasted. In addition, this parking is unallocated which means that anyone can park in any space as long as it is the public area.

Illegal parking is causing big problems in Ballymun - this includes parking on footpaths, parking on double yellow lines, and double parking. As well as being illegal, this type of activity is highly dangerous especially for children, elderly people and disabled people trying to move around the area.

Illegally parked cars may be clamped or towed away and the owners fined as is the case throughout the city. All residents of the area should be aware that it is their responsibility to ensure that their car is parked legally at all times.

## We want to hear what you have to say!

If you have something you would like to say to us about the regeneration just send it into **The Communications Team, Ballymun Regeneration Limited, Civic Offices, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9.**

One letter will be published every month and that letter writer will receive a **€50 voucher to spend in any shop in Ballymun.**

## A taste of university

**H**ave you ever thought about taking your education further? Have you ever wished that you had not left school when you were so young? Now is your opportunity to have a second chance at education. Phase 1 of our Taste of University course has just started and is taking place three mornings a week for eight weeks covering areas such as;

- Computer applications
- Communications
- Personal effectiveness
- Introduction to nursing
- Design your own website

As well as being a fun, enjoyable way to improve your education, this course also carries certification. Full support will be given by the tutors/teachers and DCU in the Community staff to help you complete course work.

For more information on the above, or to find out what other courses are being delivered in the future, please drop by the centre and meet Cathy & Catherine, or phone 087 742 3041 to speak to them. The office is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-5pm.



## DCU in the Community

DCU has now opened a new outreach office in Shangan Neighbourhood Centre. They are offering a variety of courses from Spanish lessons to introductory courses for third level education.

### Put your leftover paint to good use! Community Re-Paint is now up and running in Ballymun.

Community Re-Paint operates in many locations throughout England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. In 2006 the Community Re-Paint network of 65 schemes collected 235,000 litres of paint that would have otherwise have gone to landfill and redistributed 208,000 litres to individuals, local charities and community organisations.

Community Re-Paint works by collecting, sorting and making ready for reuse paint that is normally sent to landfill by households and traders. Paint can be dropped off in Shangan and Sillogue recycling centres. Not all types of paint can be accepted so please contact 01 842 2078 for more information.



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