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The Farmers Market will be held again on **Monday 26th March** in the Civic Centre on Main Street, Ballymun. It will be open from 4.30 to 7pm.

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



A panoramic view from Hotel Ballymun

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

From 23rd of March to the 8th of April 2007 the 15th floor of Clarke Tower, one of the last remaining tower blocks in Ballymun, will be transformed into a hotel! That's right, Clarke Tower is going to be a tourist attraction for its last few weeks before being demolished and we anticipate lots of bookings from far and wide. The top floor of Clarke Tower will accommodate nine guest bedrooms as well as a garden room, a common room, a communal kitchen and a reception area.

The project is by the young, award-winning artist, Seamus Nolan and will involve the interiors of the flats being pared back to create the backdrop for a mix of customised and remodelled abandoned furniture, designed and made by people from the Ballymun area during a series of workshops given by Irish design duo 'Sticks' and recent Royal College of Art graduate Jonathan Legge.

A programme of cultural and social events will take place in the Hotel while it is open to the public, including talks, lectures, conferences, exhibitions and music.

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“Hotel Ballymun re-considers the utopian architecture of 1960’s Ballymun and encourages the salvaging of objects, spaces and resources from the past, which can be re-used inventively to meet contemporary needs. The result is one of the most exciting art projects to take place during

the regeneration of Ballymun,” says Aisling Prior, Breaking Ground.

To book your stay at Hotel Ballymun, or to see a detailed programme of events, see www.hotelballymun.com or contact info@hotelballymun.ie

Allocations team

In our continuing look at how BRL is organised, this month we focus on the Allocations Team. This team liaises with residents moving from the flats into the new homes around Ballymun. Moving into a new BRL home is an exciting time and BRL has in place a detailed process to ensure everything goes smoothly.



Denise Doyle (Clerical Officer), Maria Sharpe (Assistant Staff Officer) and Joanne O'Hagan (Staff Officer)

“In Ballymun, like any other neighbourhood, rumours can start very easily and wrong information can upset people waiting to move into their new homes,” says Eileen Dennan, Communications & Allocations Manager, BRL. “We encourage all residents to come in and talk to us, or phone us for accurate up-to-date information about the progress of their new home and move.”

The Allocations team is Eileen Dennan, Manager, Joanne O'Hagan, Staff Officer, Maria Sharpe, Assistant Staff Officer and Denise Doyle, Clerical Officer. They can be reached on 01 222 5660.

1. When a phase is announced the Allocations Team carries out a first stage survey to gather basic information about family size, any medical information that might require special consideration and where they would like to live. This survey helps to identify the number and type of homes to be built.

2. From the announcement of the scheme to the stage when construction starts is usually about 12 – 18 months. This includes the planning process, consultation and tendering.
3. Once the scheme goes on site tenants are surveyed again to gather more specific information such as showing the types of units for each family size, checking if family size has changed, asking if tenants would like a big or small garden, asking what location in the scheme they would prefer, and generally making sure information is correct.
4. Once the second stage survey is complete the allocations team in BRL and DCC allocate everyone a new home in the new scheme. It is important to remember that allocations are primarily based on tenancy and the longest tenancy gets priority.
5. When everyone is allocated the team holds an Allocations Evening in BRL where everyone gets to see plans showing which unit they've been allocated and who their new neighbours will be. Here they will also be introduced to CAFTA, who run the Transition Programme for everyone moving from the flats into new schemes.
6. As the building progresses tenants are again contacted for what we call Tenant's Choice - this is where the tenant chooses their interior features of their new home including the kitchen presses and counter top, paint colours, and fireplace. In some schemes they also get to choose some plants for their garden.
7. When the houses and apartments are nearing completion a site visit is organised where an example of each type of new unit can be seen. This helps people to start thinking about the final move.

The whole process, from the announcement of a phase to the moving into a new home, generally takes between three and four years. During that time the Allocations Team will be on hand to help and give any information they have to residents and we encourage tenants to keep in touch with BRL if they have any questions about their scheme or their move.

BB's Hair & Beauty Salon

In our continued look at new businesses in Ballymun, this month we focus on BB's Hair & Beauty Salon, which opened for business in September 2006 in Coultry Neighbourhood Centre.

BB's is owned and run by John Murtagh and his partner Barbara Ward. John and Barbara employ six staff, who live in and around the Ballymun area, and provide a number of services including hairdressing, tanning, nails, waxing and other beauty treatments.

This is John and Barbara's first business venture together and through the support of their customers and the local community in the area they have been kept very busy.

"It got really good before Christmas and has kept going since. People come in on spec and then keep coming back," says John Murtagh.

John and Barbara say they have an excellent team of staff - Lisa McHugh, Danielle McDonald, Sharon Uzelle, Michelle Doherty, Niamh Ronan, and Natasha O'Byrne.



Staff of BB's Hair & Beauty Salon. From left to right; Barbara Ward, Lisa McHugh, Danielle McDonald, Sharon Uzelle, Michelle Doherty, and John Murtagh

BB's is open 9.30-5.30 Monday to Thursday, 9.30-7.00 Friday, and 9.30-4.00 on Saturday.

Work in progress by artist John Byrne

Artist John Byrne has been commissioned by Breaking Ground, the Ballymun Regeneration Ltd per cent for art programme, to make a bold new work for Ballymun. Byrne, the artist who made *The Last Supper* in Millennium Walk in the city centre, has chosen to make a contemporary bronze equestrian sculpture.



Toni Marie Shields with the wax cast of the Gough Memorial, in London, January 2007.

Byrne is making an exact replica of the magnificent horse sculpted by the Irish sculptor John Henry Foley (1818–1874), *The Gough Memorial*, which was unceremoniously removed from the Phoenix Park in 1957. However, the artist is giving the statue a 21st century twist by placing the figure of a teenage girl as the rider of the horse.

In late 2006 a competition was held for a local teenage girl to be the rider, and Toni Marie Shields was chosen. With John Byrne and Breaking Ground, Toni Marie, also accompanied by her brother Terry, travelled to London at the end of January. Here, Toni Marie was scanned with high-tech 3D scanning equipment at London Metropolitan University, who will now begin to transform the images into a wax model, which will then be merged with the wax cast of the horse.

This project is one of the most innovative and ambitious pieces of public sculpture to be made for Ireland in recent times. The sculpture will be made throughout 2007 and will be permanently sited in Ballymun in 2008.

For further information please contact:

Breaking Ground

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Recycling update

Shangan and Sillogue recycling centres are now collecting small (WEEE) electrical goods, such as toasters, kettles and hairdryers for recycling.

Both recycling centres also collect plastics, paper, tins, cans, tetra pak, cardboard, batteries and mobile phones.

For more information contact Global Action Plan (GAP) 01 862 5846

Opening Hours:

Shangan Recycling Centre

Mon 6pm - 7pm,
Wed 10am - 12pm,
Wed 5pm - 6pm

Sillogue Recycling Centre

Mon 4.45pm - 5.45pm,
Wed 10am - 11am,
Wed 5pm - 6pm

Shangan Court

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre Apartments

Due for completion 2007
Price range from €190,000

Special Features

- Bright & spacious accommodation throughout
- Juliette balcony doors to living area
- Timber-framed windows
- High standard fitted kitchen
- Plumbing for either dishwasher or washing machine provided
- Shared launderette directly underneath
- Fully tiled bathroom
- Secure parking
- Electric storage heating



- Only available for purchase by owner occupiers
- Ideal for first-time buyers on shared ownership
- Great opportunity to buy a reasonably priced home starting from €190,000
- Mixed residential/retail scheme less than 6km from Dublin City centre and close to Dublin Airport and the M50

Lisney

So be quick!

To register your interest please contact Lisney on (01) 884 0700 or BRL Property Unit on (01) 222 5719

Shared Ownership Buyers

The last remaining apartment is selling for €230,000 in The Claremont, Santry Cross. If you are interested please contact Marguerite Staunton, Dublin City Council on 01 222 2065 for further information.

Competition Winner

Congratulations to Linda Kelly, the winner of last month's newsletter competition. She received a €50 voucher courtesy of Pop In Beauty.

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