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Coutry Park playground

LOCAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS GET OUT AND USE THEM!

With the fine weather and long summer evenings setting in, it is the time of year when we all think of going for a visit to the local park. What better way to spend an hour or two on a warm summers day than in the park. Whether it's to walk the dog, have a picnic, organize a game of rounders to get the kids off the road for awhile or have a kick-about with your friends, the park is the place to be.

We're lucky in Ballymun to have a number of parks on our door-steps – in Coutry, Balcurris, Poppintree and Shangan and to have the parks in Santry Demesne, Albert College and Johnstown only a short stroll away.

It costs a lot of money to provide these facilities and to maintain them, so it is very disappointing to see vandalism of the parks and play equipment in them. If you notice any damaged equipment or vandalism in the parks please contact the wardens who are there to help. You can also get in touch with BRL on 01 222 7387.

So get out there and enjoy yourself!

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



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'The Big Sweep' – cleaning up Ballymun

The Big Sweep', a co-ordinated effort across Ballymun to tackle Litter and Environmental Crime, was launched on the 23rd of April during the An Taisce's National Spring Clean campaign. A range of activities and events involving the whole community were carried out throughout Ballymun by Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and Dublin City Council, co-ordinated by Global Action Plan.

Schools set about cleaning up their school grounds, surveying problem litter areas and sprucing up local parks. The residents of Gateway came out to clean up the Main Street. Businesses made a 'green pledge' committing to managing the area outside their premises, and community groups were encouraged to run anti-litter campaigns with their participants. An education and awareness programme was launched, new litter bins were put in place on the main street, a graffiti removal kit was demonstrated to businesses and special chewing gum recycling bins will soon be introduced to encourage

people not to throw it on the ground. Overall the week was considered a great success. "It was great chance to go outside and get young children actively cleaning up their own locality" said Ray Ó Díomsaigh, Principal Gael Scoil Bhailemunna.

The project will be carried on throughout the year, setting the scene for the annual Tidy Town's competitions. The 2006 Tidy Towns' adjudicators reported to the Ballymun Waste Working Group that "Ballymun has the potential to do extremely well in the competition, providing you watch out for the large problem areas such as litter, weed control and tidiness".

Roger Warburton, Environmental Awareness Officer with GAP said: "Litter is an ongoing problem in Ballymun and a key concern of the Ballymun Waste Working Group. We hope that the big sweep project coupled with the Tidy Towns Best Garden, Best Kept Area and Beautiful School competitions will lead to vast improvements in 2007".

BRL Summer Activities Programme 2007

The BRL Play Activities Programme for 2007 will be run as sessions, therefore parents/guardians are responsible for getting their children to and from activity venues.

Activities will include:
Children's Theatre, Day Trips, Magic Shows, Play sessions, Dance, Juggling and lots more!

Cost
€ 2 per child per activity session.
€ 5 per child for Day Trips.

Special rates for families!
Programme Dates
July 2nd - 28th
August 7th - 18th

Enrolment Dates
Fees must be paid on day of enrolment!

Wednesday 20th June 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Thursday 21th June 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

Friday 22th June 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

If you have any questions or you want to book in to these activities please contact Mary Kinsella at (01) 222 5609, Emma Byrne at (01) 222 5617.

Ballymun Regeneration Limited are running sports summer activity programmes for **children aged 6-15 years** during July and August. Activities will be mainly located in the Ballymun area. Places are limited and are offered on a first come, first served basis for the following dates: **2nd July until the 17th August (7 Weeks)**

Activities will include:
Hip-hop, soccer, tag rugby, swimming, basketball, rowing and day trips
You can enrol in the Ballymun Civic Office on the 3rd floor with Emma, Steve or Rosie.

Cost
€2 per activity
€5 for day trips

Enrolment Dates

Monday 18th June 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Tuesday 19th June 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Wednesday 20th June 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

Fees must be paid on day of enrolment!

If you have any questions or in relation to the activities please contact Emma at (01) 222 5617

BRL Sports activities are run on a session basis therefore parents/guardians are responsible for bringing the children to and from each activity

Drop in service

We would like to remind everyone that a member of the BRL Communications and Allocations Teams will be available in the forum offices one day a month from 10am to 12.30pm;

The schedule is:

- Sillogue/Sandyhill Office
the first Wednesday of the month.

- Poppintree Office
the first Thursday of the month.
- Coultry Office
the first Friday of the month.
- Balcurris/Balbutcher Office
the second Wednesday of the month
- Shangan Office
to be announced.

BALLYMUN BEST KEPT AREA AND BEST GARDEN COMPETITION 2007

Tidy Towns initiatives supported by the Ballymun Waste Working Group.

Best Garden Competition

The best garden will be selected from all gardens in each of the five neighbourhoods

- Coultry
- Shangan
- Poppintree
- Balcurris
- Sillogue

An overall winner will receive a set of garden furniture worth €300.

Each of the four runners up will receive a €100 Homebase voucher

Best Kept Area Competition

Can you get together with your friends and neighbours to improve your local area?

If so why not enter the Best Kept Area competition.

An area must consist of no less than 12 houses. Judges will be looking for the following:

- Neatness and cleanliness of the area
- Edged grass margins
- Lack of litter and graffiti
- Neat appearance of houses and gardens
- Evidence of community co-operation

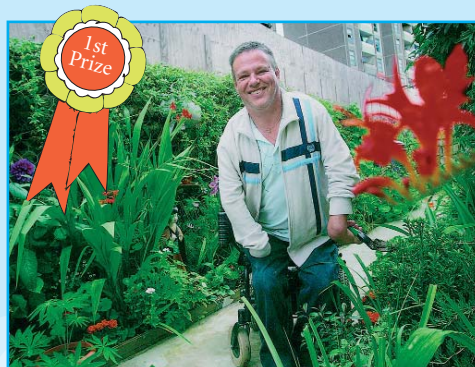
This competition offers you the chance to win some great cash prizes whilst getting to know your neighbours and making your area a better and cleaner place to live.

Prizes will be provided courtesy of Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

So go on, get out and get into it!

If you would like to nominate your area for the Best Kept Area competition or nominate your garden or your neighbours garden for the Best Garden Competition please contact Bernie on 01 222 7362 before July 13th

Judging will take place before July 20th.
Prize ceremony in Civic Centre Atrium in August 2007



Ronnie McConnel, Best Kept Garden Winner 2006



Belclare residents, Best Kept Area winners 2006



TidyTown's

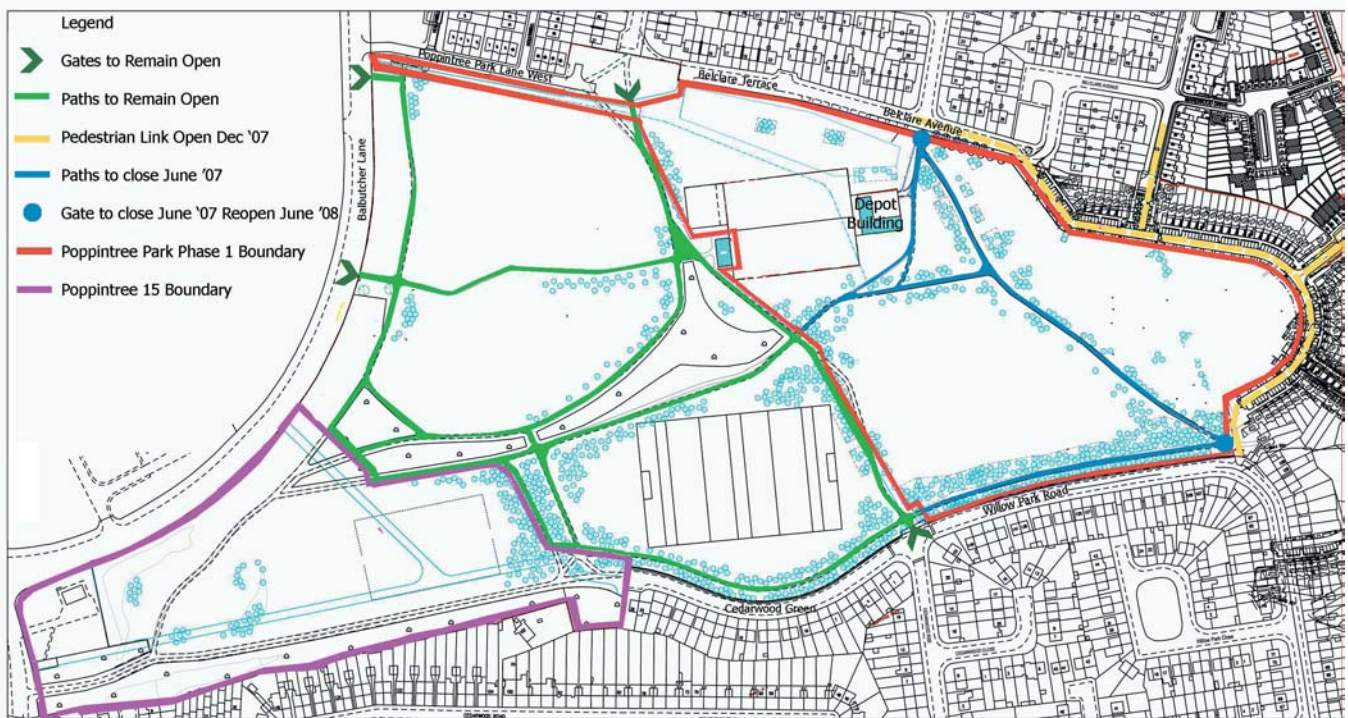
Work to begin in Poppintree Park

BRL are delighted to announce that phase one of the re-development of Poppintree Park is set to begin soon. Contract discussions are nearing completion with the lowest tenderer and work is expected to commence in a month or so. This phase will take approximately one year to complete and once finished

will include a pond, a playground for children aged 3-12, a wetland area, and tennis courts.

During construction the site will be hoarded off and some access routes will be closed off. These can be seen from the map below.

Poppintree Park Regeneration Phase 1



Phase 1 works will require the part of the park outlined in RED to be closed from June 2007-June 2008



- Organic Fruit and Veg
- Homemade Jams
- Homemade Breads
- Homemade Cakes
- Local Ballymun Crafts
- Handmade Crafts
- GAP Plant Sale
- Eco Friendly Products
- Recycled Furniture
- and much much more...

**Ballymun
Civic Centre
11.30am 2.30pm**

**1st Thursday
of Every Month**

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