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Safer, Greener, Cleaner Conference

BALLYMUN A SAFER, GREENER, CLEANER FUTURE

A new three-year Community Safety Strategy launched in Ballymun by Minister Noel Ahern aims to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the area.

Speaking at the launch Minister Ahern said; "This strategy will tackle the greatest problem Ballymun faces, and the greatest threat to its building programme; that of anti-social behaviour."

The Community Safety Strategy came about following the establishment of the Citizen's Jury on Anti-Community Behaviour in 2003, which allowed residents of Ballymun the opportunity to advise decision-makers on local problems. This in turn gave way to the Safer Ballymun Steering Group, comprising key agencies including Dublin City Council, An Garda Síochána, and BRL, who collaborate with the local community to resolve issues raised at public meetings, and report back on a regular basis.

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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There are seven strands to the strategy, which are as follows:

1. TOWARDS A SAFER COMMUNITY

To involve Ballymun's citizens in the provision of a safe pleasant environment where people can live, work and visit

2. TARGETING CRIME

To reduce the levels of crime and disorder in Ballymun

3. PROMOTING PUBLIC ORDER

To reduce the incidents of public disorder and anti-social behaviour in Ballymun

4. TACKLING SUBSTANCE MISUSE

To support existing agencies and community organisations in their work to reduce the levels of substance misuse

5. SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

To make Ballymun a safe place for young people

6. COMMUNICATING POSITIVELY

To nurture a feeling of community safety through the development of an effective communications strategy

7. FACILITATING TRANSITION

To assist the community in Ballymun through the transition period of regeneration in the safest way.

The Managing Director of Ballymun Regeneration Ltd., Ciaran Murray, believes that this strategy can be used as a template for other communities in the future.

He said; "Preventing crime, solving crime and fostering an environment where crime and anti-social behaviour will not flourish are among the key challenges facing any community. The three year plan we are launching in Ballymun is a blueprint for other communities".

The Community Safety Strategy was launched as part of The Safer, Greener, Cleaner Conference which took place in Ballymun on 7th June in association with the Ballymun waste Working Group. The overall aim of the conference was to look at new ways of managing the local environment in the area.

A major challenge in local environmental management is tackling enviro-crimes (graffiti, fly-tipping, dog-fouling, littering and anti-social behaviour). This issue was discussed in the context of working in partnership with the community, Tidy Towns initiatives and Environmental Awareness.

Balcurris Park opens officially

On the 26th May Lord Mayor Cllr. Vincent Jackson and Minister Noel Ahern formally opened Balcurris Park, the second major state of the art park to open in Ballymun.



Lord Mayor Vincent Jackson enjoying the park with local children

"New public parks, with top class amenities overlooked by the new homes are a really important part of the regeneration of Ballymun" said Lord Mayor, Cllr. Vincent

Jackson. "The hopes and needs of Ballymun residents are reflected in every corner of this great park. Its layout and amenities were planned with input from the local community and will be a focus, both visually and socially, for the new residents living around it".

The park features separate play areas for toddlers, young children and teenagers and has a pitch for hurling and gaelic football. It also includes an all weather pitch, a jogging circuit and bowling green.

Carefully chosen rowan, cherry and maple trees border the park. Native deciduous and evergreen shrubs encourage wildlife and are planted to achieve seasonal variety and interest in the environment.

"Balcurris Park was a joint project with the community from the beginning and having such a wide range of facilities located in the heart of the Balcurris community will be a boom for everyone living in the area" said Ciarán Murray, Managing Director, Ballymun Regeneration Limited.

A further phase of Balcurris Park is due to be developed later this year when two flat blocks at the edge of the park are demolished.

New 'Bladez' in Coutry

Bladez barbers, which opened its doors for business at the beginning of June, is fast becoming part of the community in the Coutry Neighbourhood Centre. Since opening, Fran Hughes, who owns and runs



Fran Hughes (owner) gets a short back and sides from Neil Smith

Bladez, says that there has been a really good response and that already he feels like a local in the area.

This is Fran's second barber shop after "Fran's Hairdressing for Men" which he owns in Beaumont. In fact he commented that many of the locals in Ballymun knew him from his shop in Beaumont and were regulars there before the shop in Coutry opened.

Bladez is currently open from 9.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Saturday, however Fran is considering adding a late night opening depending on demand.

The price list is as follows:

Gents wash-cut and blow-dry	€15
Gents dry cut	€10
Youths dry cut	€9
Youths under ten	€8
Senior citizens	€5
Beard trim	€3
Colours from	€35

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



So be quick!

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Owner-Occupiers Only
1 & 2 beds available at very reasonable prices.

Tidy Towns update

The Ballymun Waste Working Group has added a new category to their Tidy Town's competitions this year with the introduction of the **Beautiful Schools Competition**. Working with local schools, Global Action Plan encouraged the children and teachers to get involved, cleaning, tidying and beautifying their schools. The competition was aimed at improving the appearance of schools and encouraging children to look after their school.

The competition was judged by Sarah Miller, Environmental Manager, BRL and Emyln Cullen, An Taisce's National Spring Clean Manager. Speaking to the Aoife Flynn GAP Schools Co-ordinator, Emyln said the competition "was a great opportunity to engage the whole school in improving their grounds". Schools were evaluated on cleanliness and general presentation.

Congratulations to winners, Holy Spirit Girls who received a €300 Homebase voucher for their effort and

to Gael Scoil Bhaile Munna and Virgin Mary Boys School who both received €150 vouchers as Runners-up. Congratulations also to all the other schools who participated in the competition and received €100 worth of plants to further enhance their school grounds.

Discussing the competition at the award ceremony at the Ballymun Farmers Market on June 7th Aoife Flynn said; "young people can spend up to 25% of their day in the schools grounds. These areas are extremely important and can affect their behaviour and their relationship with the natural world - it is great to see the playgrounds looking so well."

The Beautiful Schools competition is the first of its kind to be held in Ireland and was a great success, which produced a visible difference over the past few months. The competition will run again next year so don't forget to keep your schools tidy and clean you never know who might be watching!!

BALLYMUN BEST KEPT AREA AND BEST GARDEN COMPETITION 2007

Tidy Towns initiatives supported by the Ballymun Waste Working Group.



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

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.

Best Garden Competition

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

- Coultrey
- Balcurris
- Poppintree
- Shangan
- 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

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.

Competition winner

We are pleased to announce that the winner of last month's competition of an iPod is **Emily Norris, 270 Coultrey Road, who is eight years old.**

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