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Ballymun Farmer's Market first Thursday of every month

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The queue outside the Civic Centre Ballymun for the first of the IKEA Recruitment Open Days

IKEA OPEN DAYS

From 8am on Saturday 18th of April, an excited queue began to form outside the Civic Centre in Ballymun for the first of the IKEA Recruitment Open Days. At 10am, a queue of 200 people was welcomed by 30 IKEA co-workers to the sounds of ABBA. People hurriedly proceeded to the stands to find out as much information as they could about working at IKEA.

Media interest was strong and soon after 98FM, Newstalk Radio, RTE News, The Evening Herald and the Sunday Tribune arrived on the scene to talk to visitors and co-workers.

A total of 3,500 people were welcomed over the two days. The atmosphere was fantastic and was further qualified by vox pops on 98FM from visitors, one in particular who said 'If IKEA want to promote themselves as a great place to work, they have done exactly that'.

axis 100,000 ticket sold

Axis Ballymun is celebrating the sale of its 100,000th ticket. Katie Timmons who purchased the 'golden ticket' has been rewarded with two return fare tickets and accommodation for Paris, France. Katie, who works for the local organisation Young Ballymun, is thrilled to have the vacation opportunity. "I've never been to Paris but have always wanted to go. I



Katie Timmons receiving the 'Golden Ticket' from axis staff member Sharon McGuire

am looking forward to seeing the usual; the Eiffel Tower, and maybe Disneyland." Katie typically purchases tickets to community events, and lunchtime performances at axis.

Axis opened its doors just eight short years ago, in 2001, and ticket sales have steadily been on the rise. This can be attributed to consistently low-ticket prices, which make high quality, live entertainment an affordable night out. Keeping ticket prices reasonable, particularly in a time of recession, is important to axis Director and CEO, Ray Yeates. "Now more than ever a local arts centre like axis is a key resource that provides high quality programming and great value for money". Ray Yeates was appointed in 2004.

Axis is dedicated to the creation of high quality arts experiences for not only arts practitioners, but the public of Ballymun and the greater Dublin area as well. Even while budgets are tight, and pennies are pinched axis aims to keep the arts accessible to all. Upcoming performances include 'The Evolution of Lauren Begaun', 'House of Fun with Colin Murphy' and '5 Nights'.

You can find out more information about these performances, and begin planning your visit to the centre on our website www.axis-ballymun.ie

In Memoriam – Frank Dixon

Last month saw the passing of our friend and colleague, Frank Dixon. Over the past 9 years, Frank was involved with all aspects of construction inspection within the regeneration project. His contribution to the regeneration of Ballymun was immense. He will be remembered for providing experience guidance and support to all his colleagues through-out Ballymun and beyond, and was never too busy to help anyone who asked for his advice or expertise. Frank would be known to many families who moved into new homes in Ballymun.

Sadly Frank was diagnosed with cancer in the last two months, and he finally passed away on the evening of the 7th March surrounded by his family. Our thoughts are with his wife, sons and daughters at this time, and his dedication, energy, ability and generosity will be sorely missed.



The Flora Women's Marathon

As some of you may know, the Flora Women's Marathon is happening on Monday 1st June 2009 at 3pm in Dublin City Centre. If you have already registered to run/walk the 10 Kilometers / 6.2 miles or would like to do so, then you might be interested in joining Ballymun Meet & Train Group.

This group will meet every Tuesday (from the 31st March to the 26th May) from 6.30pm - 7.30pm at Ballymun Leisure Centre and train together.

The Meet & Train group is targeting walkers and beginner runners and will provide you with:

- A free weekly training session;
- Tips on warming up, stretching, cooling down
- Motivation to continue with your training

For further information on the Women's Mini Marathon visit <http://www.florawomensminimarathon.ie> or if you are interested, please Contact Antonia Martin Antonia.Martin@dublincity.ie or 01 222 5407

Social regeneration news

Youth and Recreation

Soccer news

Drop-in Futsal

Futsal is a FIFA and UEFA approved indoor 5-a-side football game. It is the simplest easiest way of playing soccer without losing any of the essential ingredients such as the ball, opponents, team mates, space, pressure, rules, time, direction and tactics. A long list of world superstars such as Messi, Ronaldo, Kaka and Ronaldinho acclaim the importance of futsal in helping to develop their ball skills when they were youngsters.

Futsal takes place in Ballymun every Wednesday at the Trinity Comprehensive PE hall.

Time: 4-5pm for 7-12yr olds
5-6pm for 13-15yr olds

Cost: €2

If you would like more information please contact Jamie Wilson FAI, jamie.wilson@fai.ie or text 086 047 2135 or Rosie King, Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL), rosie.king@dublincity.ie 01 222 5617

Rugby news

Magners League Trophy Comes to Ballymun

In another unique occasion for rugby in the Dublin's north inner city, the Magners League Trophy was present at the first inaugural Ballymun National Schools blitz last week. Over one hundred and sixty players from five local national schools competed in a unique rugby tournament organised by the Leinster Branch in conjunction with Unidare RFC and Ballymun Regeneration Ltd. The first ever rugby tournament took place at Trinity Comprehensive School were St Joseph's National School, Holy Spirit National School, Our Lady Of Victory National School, Virgin Mary National School and Sacred Heart National School competed for the title of Ballymun champions. The tournament and the presence of the Magners League trophy naturally generated great excitement amongst the children and the day went down as a great success.

Any players, teachers, youth groups or parents in Ballymun who wish to become involved in the game can contact Conor McNamara of Unidare RFC at 087 203 4342, Leinster Branch's Niall Neville IRFU at 087 263 4757 or BRL, Rosie King 01 222 5617 rosie.king@dublincity.ie

Thank You Note to all Schools in Ballymun

Ballymun Regeneration Limited and Leinster Branch's

Niall Neville would like to thank all the 6th class students and teachers that took part in the tag rugby schools programme. The success of this initiative has led to future plans for similar programmes in Ballymun.

Hope to see you all next year!

Active living news

Active Living April 2009

Take part in our fun activities during the summer months including bowls, art, dance, aerobics & many more.

We need Volunteers, can you help??... We need volunteers to help with the Tai-Chi, Social Walk, Petanque (a type of French boules) in the Albert College Park, and any other outdoor activities during the summer months. If your enthusiastic, enjoy the outdoors and intend on taking up a career in physical training or coaching why don't you come along and volunteer for the active living group.

For further information contact Ellen Redden Active Living: 087 9914876 Rosie King BRL: 01 222 5617 Sinead MacGabhann Quinn DCC: 01 222 5170

GAA news

Players wanted...

Kickhams GAA have recently set up a new u10 boys and girls Gaelic football team and are now looking for players, parents and sponsors to get involved. This is a fun, free way to get your children and even the whole family up and active during the summer months.

Venue: Kickhams GAA club

Monday: 4:45pm

Wednesday: 4.45pm

For more information please contact Francis 086 540556 or Rosie King 222 5617



Local Ballymun school kids with the Magners League Trophy

Ballymun Tidy Towns Competitions 2009

The Ballymun Tidy Towns Committee is pleased to announce that the local Tidy Towns Competitions are once again taking place this summer.

So go on, get out and get into it!

Best Garden Competition

One overall Ballymun winner plus five neighbourhood winners will be selected from all gardens entered into this hugely successful Ballymun competition.

A special additional award will be given to the garden that makes a special contribution to encouraging biological diversity.

Best Kept Area Competition

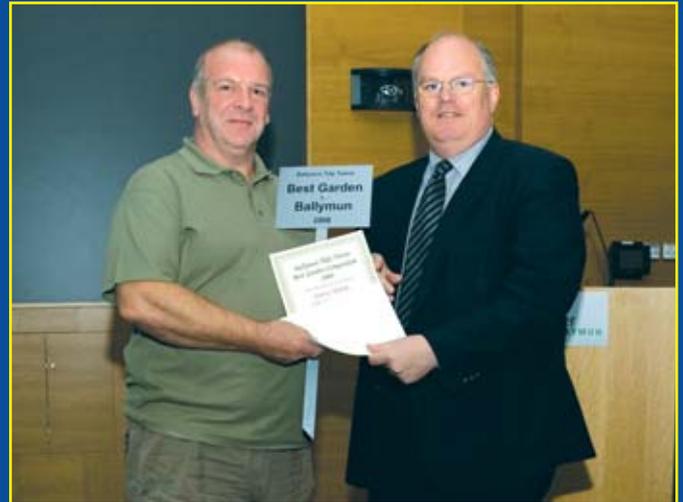
Get together with your friends and neighbours to improve your area and enter in the Best Kept Area competition to win great prizes.

Best Contribution to Ballymun as a Tidy Town

Great prizes are available for groups or individuals that make a significant contribution to the Ballymun Tidy Towns competition but are not eligible for any of the other Ballymun Tidy Towns competitions.

For more information, to enter or to nominate another person for the above competitions contact: Jonathan Ekwe (Ballymun Tidy Towns Administrator) 01 222 5608, email: jonathan.ekwe@dublincity.ie Alternatively, logon to http://www.ballymun-nc.ie/tidy_town.

All entries to be received before 30th June, judging will take place before 31st July. Prize ceremony will be held in the Civic Centre in September 2009.



Last year's overall winner of the Best Garden Competition, Gerry Walsh, receiving his award from Peter Wyse-Jackson, Director of the National Botanic Gardens.

Ballymun Tidy Towns committee would like to acknowledge Ballymun Regeneration Limited and Dublin City Council for sponsoring these competitions.

If you are a local business and would like to sponsor the Tidy Towns Competitions please contact Roger on 01 222 8526



Wilder side of Wild Life in Ballymun

Global Action Plan is hosting a Youth event as part of Biodiversity Day on Saturday 23rd May in the Reco, Ballymun.

The day is for 8 –16 year olds and will include bird and insect hunts, as well as a workshop on how to make bird feeders.

Please call Aoife on 01 862 5846 to book a place.

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