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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

If you see anything of a criminal nature i.e. vandalism, burglaries or thefts, please contact the Ballymun Gardai at 01 666 4400



A very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011

ANOTHER YEAR OVER

Another year has passed and it's time again for us to celebrate the progress made over the past twelve months and to look forward to what we would like to achieve in 2011.

Physical Improvements:

- BRYR reopened its doors in January
- 51 families moved into the newly opened Balcurris 5 Scheme
- Phase 1 of Poppintree Park officially opened in August
- The construction of Shangan 5A & B housing scheme began in August
- Silloge Neighbourhood Centre opened its doors for the first time in September
- The Ballymun Boiler House was shut down
- Metro North received planning permission
- The initial phases of the demolition started on Silloge Road and Coultrey Road
- 38 Belclare View, Ballymun's first eco house was completed in September

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Social Regeneration

- The new CCTV system and the Safer Ballymun website was launched in October
- Poppintree Early Education Centre opened its doors for the first time in February
- DCU reopened its doors
- The first annual Mun Fun Run took place in March
- Ballymun "People Makes Parks" booklet was launched in June
- Ballymun Regeneration, Leinster Rugby and Unidare RFC came together to co-fund two part-time rugby development officers for the Ballymun area
- The Ballymun Community Alcohol Strategy 2010-2016 was launched
- Beyond Regeneration – Public Consultation took place in November

Environmental Regeneration

- Rediscover Fashion wins the 2010 Arthur Guinness Fund Award

- The EcoStore opened its doors to customers in September
- Ballymun was awarded Green Community of the year award
- Ballymun Tidy Towns committee continued their successful record at the National Tidy Towns competition by becoming the inaugural winners of the National Smarter Travel Award in this year's Tidy Towns awards. Ballymun also won the Regional Notice Nature Biodiversity Award for the second year in a row.

During 2010 Ballymun Regeneration achieved many positive things, and much progress has been made in partnership and with the co-operation of the community and residents. BRL looks forward to next year and the challenges it holds and know that with the continued support of the community we will achieve the Ballymun that everyone believes in.

BRL would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and best wishes for 2011.

Balcurriss Park Nature Trail

On the 7th of October 2010, students from St Joseph's Senior National School Ballymun were the first to venture out on the new Balcurriss Park Winter Nature Trail as they helped launch the trail to celebrate International Tree Day. The focus of the day was to launch Global Action Plan's (GAP's) new Nature Trail in Balcurriss Park. The trail focuses on learning about trees and parks in winter and finding out how tall they are, how old they are and generally getting to know your local park a bit better.

Last year a Summer Nature Trail was created for Coultrey Park. These are available for anyone to use, for more information please contact GAP on info@globalactionplan.ie or 01 862 5846.

Global Action Plan is an Environmental Charity whose work in Ballymun is funded by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL). The development of the trail was supported by the Ballymun Biodiversity Steering Committee.

The Garden Bird Survey (Fun for all the family)

Between December and February each year, Bird Watch Ireland ask members of the public to keep note of the highest number of each bird species visiting their garden every week. We also ask for information on the size of the garden being surveyed, the kinds of food, if any, being offered to the birds. Taking part is fun, easy and an ideal



Pupils from St. Joseph's Senior National School complete the new Balcurriss Park Nature Trail

way to get to know your garden birds better.

There are two ways for you to send Bird Watch Ireland your survey records:

1. Download the Garden Bird Survey Form and fill it out over the course of the winter and return it to Bird Watch Ireland by post or fax on or before 1st April 2009.
2. The survey can also be completed online. Simply go to Bird Watch Ireland Online Surveys section and register your details.

The survey records received back from the public will be

available to both Bird Watch Ireland and the Ballymun Biodiversity Steering Group (BRL, DCC & GAP).

This information will show us how important gardens are for our birds and indicate signs of threats or problems that they may be facing.

This initiative is being included with the Biodiversity Action Plan. For more details on this and other aspects of garden bird care, log onto www.birdwatchireland.ie. If you do not have access to internet please contact Roger Warburton @ 01 0222 8526

Ballymun Framed 2011

Ballymun Framed is a photo calendar competition aimed at engaging young people in Ballymun to think about their local environment in a creative and exciting way. The initiative is run by Global Action Plan (GAP) as part of its Youth Programme and funded by Ballymun Regeneration Limited (BRL). The theme for this year's competition was 'Biodiversity' in celebration of 2010 being designated International Year of Biodiversity. The competition had over 100 entries from people aged under 21 in Ballymun. The photos were judged on three elements, the quality of the photo, environmental message and originality. The judges for the competition were Sinead Kenny, Senior Multimedia Designer with BRL and Mark Finnegan, Environmental Specialist with IKEA. The three most outstanding photos were given a digital camera as their prize and a further nine outstanding photos were selected for the 2011 calendar. All entries

received a certificate of recognition.

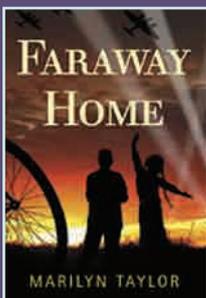
To request a copy of the calendar contact GAP @ 01 862 5846.



One of the top three winners of Ballymun Framed 2011

One Book One Ballymun

One Book One Ballymun' is the name of a reading program that attempts to bring together schools, community groups, libraries and literary groups in Ballymun to read and discuss the same book. The aim of the project is to acknowledge the pleasure of reading and the value of books for leisure, information and social purposes. The book chosen for this project is 'Faraway Home' by Marilyn Taylor (O'Brien Press).



Based on a true story the book tells the plight of Jewish child refugees who escaped from Nazi terror in Europe on a 'Kindertransport' and eventually found haven on a refugee farm at Millisle in Co. Down. Families with

children aged 10 years plus will be encouraged to share their literary experiences and points of view. Participating pupils from local schools have taken home free copies of the book to read with their families. 'Faraway Home' is available in most bookshops and a number of copies are also available from Ballymun Library (Ballymun Road).

The project is part of the continuing work of the Ballymun Home School Liaison Local Committee and will be officially launched across the wider Ballymun community on 2nd of February 2011 by the author, Marilyn Taylor.

Look out for notification of this and other related events from January 2011. For further information you can contact Phil Scanlon @ Ballymun Library - 01 842 1890

Exhibitions

The Shangan 5A & B scheme will be on exhibition in the Atrium from 10th – 21st of January. This scheme consists of 89 units and is expected to be completed in 2012.

Recycabike in Ballymun

The Rediscovery Centre in partnership with Rothar Bikes for the Community have opened a new bicycle reuse workshop in Ballymun called Recycabike. The workshop is currently located in the Ballymun Shopping Centre beside Tesco. A full range of bike services, repairs and parts are available including repairing or replacing broken wheels or chains, fixing punctures and checking brakes and cabling. Recycabike will also have reconditioned quality checked bikes for sale and you can pick your own frame and bike components if you like. For more information please call into the workshop or contact 087 099 8615. Opening hours are Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 5pm



axis

The members of their newly launched FREE loyalty scheme have already been getting early Christmas presents in the form of special offers, discounts and exclusive news. Become an axis friend today online at www.axis-ballymun.ie or call axis on 01 883 2100 to sign up.

Panto

Local theatre group Holding Court are back again to spread the Christmas cheer with this Panto Jack & the Beanstalk.

It's tough times for Mother Magee, Her landlord wants to build a car on her land and it looks like she might be evicted. Grisenda the sorcerer wants to capture Daisy the cow for the Giant. Can Jack and his sister Sadie prevent all of this from happening? Join us for the annual pantomime full of song, comedy, music and dancing.

A great day or night out for all the family

Date: 6th – 23rd of January

Times: Saturday & Sunday – 2.30pm

Thursday & Friday – 7.30 pm

Tickets: €12/8 (All tickets for Thursday are €6)

COMPETITION TIME

Park Arts and Play Project Name & Logo Competition

As part of the 'People Make Parks' programme schedule which was launched in 2010 was a series of open access arts and play activities in Ballymun parks. This was a pilot project which was developed and hosted by both BRYR (Reco) and BRL. We hope to run this project again in 2011, however, as we do not have a permanent name and logo to advertise and promote this project, we are inviting children and young people aged 6 – 18 years from Ballymun to enter the competitions below:

1. Logo Competition

Design a logo that will describe the activities that the project involves.

2. Project Name Competition

Suggest a name that will describe the activities that the project involves.

The entries will be judged from the following age categories:

- 6 years and under
- 7-9 years
- 1-13 years
- 14 years plus

Winners of each category will receive the prize of one Family Pass (2 adults & 4 children) to the Axis Panto 'Jack & the Beanstalk'... Oh yes you will!!

NOTE: Date for winning ticket holders to attend Panto is Thursday 20th January 2011 @ 7.30 p.m.

All of the above competition entries must be submitted on or before Friday 7th January 2011 to:

Debby Clarke, Play Development Officer, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd, Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin, 9. Phone: 01 222 5609

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