

College and Wainsfort Residents Association ***(including The Orchard and Nos. 43—109 Fortfield Road)***

A.G.M.---Monday 20th April 2015.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Residents Association takes place on **Monday 20th April at 8.00 p.m.** in St. Mary's room, St Pius X Church. This room is at the rear of the Church at the right hand side. Entrance is from the car park.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and meet your neighbours and get to know what is happening in the area.

The local Garda Community liaison officer will be in attendance at the meeting.

News and Developments during the past year.

Clean Up Day

A **clean-up day** will take place on **Saturday 25th April** and we are looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours with picking up litter and tidying up the general area. Cleaning equipment will be provided as well as some light refreshments afterwards. If you are interested, please come along to the AGM or email collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com or you can just come along and join us on the day – we meet at **11.00 a.m. outside the Two Sisters pub**. We hope that the day will be a success and that it will become an Annual Event. We would also ask householders to look after the area immediately outside your house – with regard to cutting of the grass verges and picking up litter, etc.

Proposed Rejuvenation of Green Area on Wainsfort Grove/College Drive

Councillor Ronan McMahon has agreed to try and secure some funding from South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to rejuvenate the Green space on Wainsfort Grove/College Drive. We hope that he will be successful and if you have any ideas on how this space could be improved on, for example the provision of seating, landscaping etc. please let us know.

Litter

It has been reported there have been some incidents of dumping of green waste such as lawn cuttings on the green areas. SDCC has advised that the **dumping of green waste on public areas is illegal** and that garden waste should be disposed of in brown bins. Again we would like to remind you that any incidents of dumping should be reported to the litter warden for SDCC by email at info@sdublincoco.ie, by phone at 01 4149000 or the 24 hour lo-call telephone number 1850 365 121. The litter warden will then arrange for the rubbish to be examined with a view to identifying the owner who may then be fined. They will also arrange collection of the litter.

We would also like to remind dog owners of their obligation to clean up their pet's waste from public areas and to dispose of it in a proper manner. This is particularly important with regard to the green open spaces as these are used by children during the summer months.

We would also like to ask residents to **ensure that the lids on green bins are kept securely fastened** especially if they are being left out for collection in windy conditions. There have been a number of incidents in recent months where bins have been left out with the lids facing the wind which has resulted in bins opening and the contents spilling out and littering the surrounding areas.

Graffiti

We continue to have an ongoing problem with graffiti in the area which we understand is a problem that is increasing throughout the city. We have attempted to keep the area as clean as possible but removing graffiti from utility boxes has proven pointless as they are covered again almost immediately. The Residents Association has assisted in removing graffiti from some areas during the year. We are also actively reporting graffiti to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to request removal as well as taking the issue up with local councillors. We are also inquiring with the SDCC to see if we can come to some arrangement where we could remove graffiti ourselves if they provide the materials. Residents are reminded that if they see anyone engaging in this activity they should report the incident immediately to Terenure Garda Station who can be contacted at 01 6666400 or to the Residents Association at collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com. Graffiti, as well as other issues that require attention such as litter removal/broken streetlights etc. can also be reported to SDCC for attention on the website www.fixyourstreet.ie.

Annual Subscription

The annual subscription will remain at €5 for this year. Committee members will begin the collection in the coming weeks. We would encourage all residents to support the Residents Association. We wish to thank sincerely the residents who helped out with last year's collection. We would also welcome some new Committee members. If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming involved, please let us know.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

In the first half of the year, since the last AGM, burglaries in our area, and on the fringes, were low, however they rose in the second half. The stealing of bikes, some costing around €500 is still very prevalent. Owners would be wise to record their bike numbers.

Since last year one Street Co-ordinator has retired, and one new person has come on board. We still need to fill gaps so any volunteers at AGM or afterwards will be very welcome. During the year Josephine Sheerin retired from the position of Hon. Secretary after several years. We thank her very much for her service. Street Co-ordinator Seamus Ryan has taken on the job.

During the year all routine meetings took place. Our thanks to all Street Co-ordinators for their support, and the Gardaí at Terenure Garda station for their continuing interest and support.

For passing on information, the station number is 6666400 - for emergency calls use 999.

Planning

Ballymore Properties applied for, and despite a number of objections from local residents, were granted permission for construction of a number of houses in College Square, backing directly onto houses on Wainsfort Road. The permission was subsequently appealed to An Bord Pleanála.

Contact the Residents Association

The Residents Association Committee meet on a monthly basis (no meetings held in July, August or December) and would be delighted to hear from you with regard to any suggestions or issues that you might want to bring to the attention of the Committee such as public lighting not working, litter, planning issues, anti-social behaviour etc. The committee can be contacted by email at collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com. You can also keep up to date by visiting our new website at www.collegeandwainsfort.net. We hope that this will assist in communicating issues and news to local residents.