

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

A.G.M.---Monday 24 April, 2017

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Residents Association takes place on **Monday 24th 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.

The local Garda Community liaison officer has been invited to attend.

News and Developments during the past year.

Clean Up Day

This year's annual **clean-up day** will take place on **Saturday, 29rd 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 would also like to ask householders to look after the area immediately outside your house – with regard to cutting of the grass verges and picking up litter, etc.

Planter Boxes

To enhance the area, the Residents Association propose to place some planter boxes containing flowers/shrubs at difference locations around the area on a pilot basis – this will be done in conjunction with the Clean Up Day. If any resident is interested in helping to maintain a box on their street, please contact the Residents Association. All necessary materials would be provided. In addition the Association would be grateful for any volunteers to give advice on planting (best type of flowers, best time to plant, watering tips etc.).

Photography Competition

The Residents Association is running a photography competition. The theme is 'Our Area'. Photos can be taken in any location within the boundary of the residents association (see website for list of areas). Colour photos are preferable (and should not include identifiable people without their consent). Winning photos will appear on the Residents Association website. The prize will consist of 'one for all voucher' worth €50. **Entries should be emailed before 1 June, 2017** to collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com with your name and contact details and details of where the photo was taken.

Graffiti & Litter

We would ask dog owners to **clean up their pet's waste** from public areas and to dispose of it in a proper manner. 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. It helps if the bin is positioned with the handles facing in the direction of the wind. In addition **please refrain from putting your rubbish in other people's bins** as we have had some reports of this happening in the area.

The Residents Association continue to actively report incidents of **graffiti** and **littering** to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to request removal, as well as taking issues up with local councillors and utility companies. 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. 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**. Any incidents of illegal dumping can be reported to the 24 hour lo-call telephone number 1850 365 121 by email at info@sdblincoco.ie.

Children's Safety

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) has approved the appointment of a school safety warden for College Drive to facilitate the safe crossing of children who use the laneway beside the crèche to get to St. Piux School. We have been advised that the recruitment process is currently underway and we hope to see the school warden in place shortly. We would ask residents to be mindful of the presence of children when driving through the area and in particular when reversing out of driveways.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Since last year's AGM it has been reported that burglaries were low compared to previous years, this is primarily due to increased Garda presence not only throughout the county but also in the area as well. There have been incidents of criminal damage to cars that have been parked along the roadside, so people are encouraged to park their cars in their driveway if space is available.

As always, people continue to call to people's houses unexpectedly either for charity reasons, or trying to sell a service. Should you feel intimidated by anyone calling to your door, feel free to give Terenure Garda Station a call and they would be happy to look into same.

Our thanks to all Street Co-ordinators for their support, and the Gardaí at Terenure Garda station for their continuing interest and support. If you are interested in becoming a Street Co-ordinator, feel free to get in contact with us as volunteers are always needed and meetings only take place twice a year. Should there be an incident, please contact Terenure Garda Station at 6666400 - for emergency calls use 999. Finally we would like to say a big thanks to John Geraghty for his help and dedication in leading the Street Co-ordinators. His service and dedication has been invaluable over the last number of years.

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 sincerely thank the residents who helped out with last year's collection.. If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming involved either to help with subscription collection or on the Committee, please let us know.

Contact the Residents Association

The Residents Association committee 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 website at www.collegeandwainsfort.net. We would also encourage you to let us have your email address so that we can keep you up to date with any 'News Updates' etc. during the year. You can do so through our website or my entering the details on the subscription envelope that will be delivered to you in the coming weeks.