



Councillor Jane Horgan-Jones

CLONTARF NEWSLETTER

Dear Resident,

As your local Clontarf councillor, I have been working hard on issues that affect our community over the past year. In the New Year, I will be continuing to campaign for improvements to our green spaces, roadways and public areas. We are also entering a very exciting time as we prepare for the millennium celebrations of the Battle of Clontarf in 1014. If you would like more information about any of the topics mentioned in this newsletter, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

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Dublin Bay Windfarm

Irish renewable energy developer Saorgus has recently begun a public consultation on its plan to build an offshore wind farm in Dublin Bay. The wind farm, if approved, will consist of 145 turbines located 10km from the coast.

Copies of a non-technical summary, which explains the project in a simple way, are available from www.dublinarray.com.

Printed copies of the same documents are available from Howth public library during normal opening hours. I have made a formal request to Saorgus that the documents be made available to Clontarf residents at a more convenient location.

I have also made a submission to the developers on behalf of Clontarf residents requesting further information on the visual impact of the turbines and the potential economic benefits of the project.

The project is currently under review by the Department of Environment. Those of you interested in the project or who would like to make a representation can get in touch directly with Saorgus through www.dublinarray.com

I am eager to hear all views on the proposed development at any time – my contact details are on this leaflet.

Clontarf Baths

During the summer, plans to revamp the Clontarf Baths site were approved by An Bord Pleanála.

These included the reinstatement of the seawater swimming pool area, the development of changing cubicles, a lifeguard viewing room and a pavilion restaurant and bar.

2014 is the 150th anniversary of the Clontarf Baths.

"Sutton 2 Sandycove" Cycle Scheme

The Roads and Traffic Planning Division are currently assessing the S2S cycle route to identify locations where users can park their bikes along the cycle track.

The provision of cycle parking will offer cyclists the opportunity to stop off and enjoy the local area, with a positive impact on local business.

Any identified locations will be included in the Roads & Traffic Planning Division's cycle parking programme for 2014.



Cllr Horgan-Jones speaking at the Labour Party Conference in November

Winter 2013

Road and Street maintenance

Many of you have raised issues regarding necessary roadworks and improvements.

How we get around is central to our quality of life. A number of works have been undertaken in the area on foot of queries by residents, including, a review of the availability of off-street parking, resurfacing of speed ramps and cushions and improved street and directional signage.

Uneven and cracked footpaths are an ongoing issue in the area. This damage presents a significant hazard to pedestrians and is caused by a number of factors. I have received numerous safety complaints in relation to footpaths in need of upgrade and repair and I have secured commitments from the Council to carry out improvement works in a number of areas in Clontarf.

However, at present it takes between 10 and 12 weeks from the time of inspection for repair works to be carried out. I am dissatisfied with this timeframe and I will be pursuing this issue.

Litter and dog-fouling

You may have seen my recent comments in the Irish Times on the need for new ways to tackle illegal dumping throughout the city.

Over 3 years nearly 3,000 litter fines went unpaid. I believe the introduction of a 'naming and shaming' mechanism of those who fail to pay fines would be a strong deterrent against illegal dumping.

If you would like a review of the number of public bins in your area, the schedule of emptying these bins or would like me to bring an issue to the attention of the Litter Warden please contact me.

In addition, I have sought an increase in the enforcement of laws against dog fouling and have lobbied for the provision for bins for this purpose.



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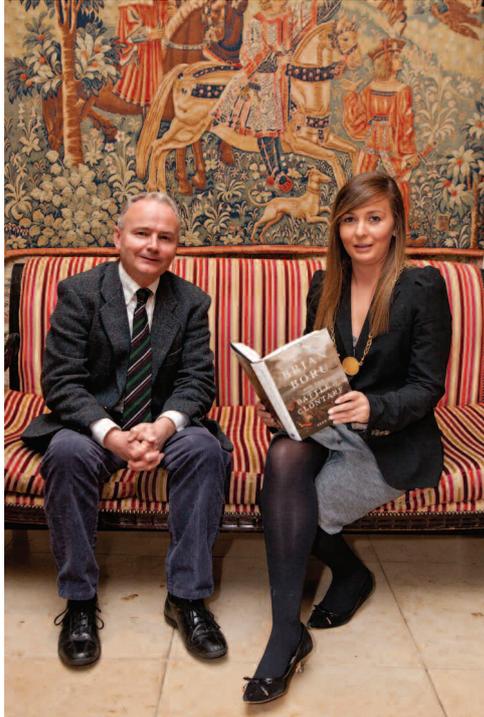
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Christmas Tree Collections

Now that the festivities are over, you can bring your Christmas tree to be recycled to the Dublin City Council collection point on the Clontarf Road (in front of football pitches, beside former Traffic School). Collections run from the 3rd-20th January.

Battle of Clontarf – Commemoration Events



I was delighted to launch 'Brian Boru and the Battle of Clontarf' by Professor Sean Duffy in Clontarf Castle in November.

This book is a wonderful historic research of our local history and indeed the history of the country, and it comes just in time for the millennium commemorations of the Battle of Clontarf.

A huge number of events are planned to showcase the historical heritage and tourism potential of Clontarf - some of which I have listed below.

Selection of Events

- Millenium Art Exhibition, Clontarf Castle (April)
- Local Heritage Trail (April)
- Lunchtime Lectures (February/March)
- Viking Athletics Day (May)
- Kite Surfing Festival (May)

More details can be found on clontarf.ie

Winter Ready

The launch of the annual 'Winter Ready' Campaign is an important reminder of the practical steps we can take to prepare for and stay safe during the winter months.

Dublin City Council have put in place arrangements to ensure they are prepared for severe weather events and throughout winter the Office of Emergency Planning will be tweeting advice on @emergencyIE

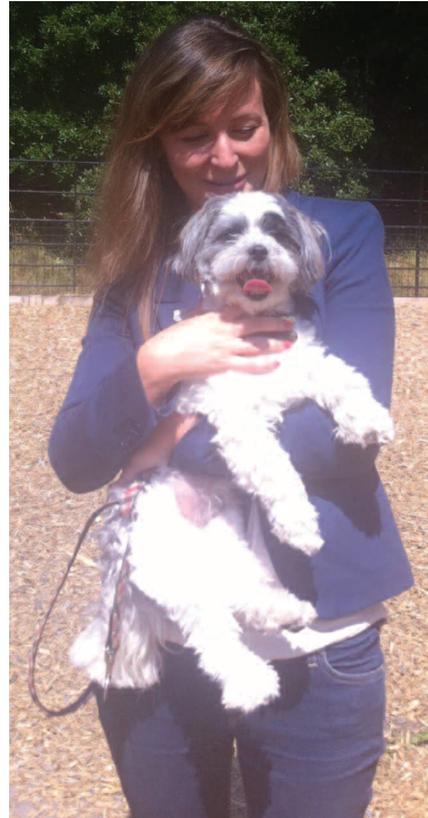
Below is a list of emergency contact number that you can keep to hand just in case

Useful contact information

Dublin City Council	(01) 222 2222 / Out of Hours (01) 679 6186	customerservices@dublincity.ie
Water Services Division	(01) 222 0600	customerservices@dublincity.ie
Roads and Traffic	1800 29 39 49	traffic@dublincity.ie
Waste and Environment	(01) 222 2222	customerservices@dublincity.ie
Dublin Bus	(01) 8734222	
ESB Networks	1850 372 999	
Bord Gáis	1850 20 50 50	

Green Spaces

The preservation of our green areas and open spaces for recreational use is an issue I am particularly passionate about.



On behalf of residents, I have raised issues relating to the sale of public lands, the enforcement of planning regulations where developments have encroached on green areas or failed to maintain their properties and the redesignation of under-utilised land to allotments.

I am also campaigning with Dublin City Council to improve amenities in our parks. I have requested a water fountain near the new dog park in St. Anne's Park and have also secured a commitment to install a basketball hoop in St. Anne's following requests from residents.

Young Women In Politics



Earlier this year myself and my colleagues Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD and Senator Lorraine Higgins were delighted to welcome Transition Year students from Holy Faith Clontarf into Dáil Eireann to discuss young women's participation in politics and public life. Please let me know if your school or another local group would like a tour of the Dáil and we would be happy to arrange it.

Working With



Aodhán Ó Ríordáin TD



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