

Stadium News

Community Newsletter



Seasons Greetings

We would like to wish compliments of the season to all local residents and hope that you and your family have a safe and Happy Christmas. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this December than in 2010!

We're looking forward to our annual **Senior Citizen Community Christmas Party** coming up on Sunday 18th December and hope you will be able to join us for lunch and some festive fun. The event is run for the local senior community by volunteers from Croke Park in conjunction with Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station who will be issuing invitations again this year.

Following the success of the **Community Christmas Waste Recycling** last Christmas, we are offering the service again this year (details overleaf). We will accept and compost your old Christmas trees and recycle old fairy lights and Christmas gift packaging, so don't forget to hold on to these items and drop them off between January 3rd-19th.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who joined us at our **Public Community Meetings** this year. They are an important forum at which we can update the community on news and events at the stadium and address any issues raised. I have been delighted to chair these meetings and take soundings on issues within the community and would also like to thank representatives of the Gardaí

and Dublin City Council who have joined us at these meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 16th January 2012.

An area we were keen to work on this year was **Community Youth Outreach Initiatives**. We had 185 local young people join the Summer Community Cúl Camp in early July and 75 children join the midterm camp in early November in partnership with Scoil Uí Chonaill and Ballybough Youth Project. We look forward to continued involvement in the coming year.

The number of local people employed at the stadium was increased with Fitzers Catering taking on an additional 81 locals for seasonal work. A local recruitment drive will take place early in 2012 and details will be available on www.crokepark.ie/about/community

Our Community Liaison Officer, Ger Dorgan, has moved from holding advice clinics to going door to door in the area to meet and discuss any areas of concern with residents. This local call campaign will continue in 2012.



The Croke Park Community Fund, established in 2009, continues to work with groups in the area and to date has allocated over €235,000 to local projects. Approved projects in 2011 are detailed overleaf. The Community Fund is continuing into 2012 and we encourage local qualifying groups to contact us in the New Year.

Finally, as this is my final Christmas as Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to members of the local community who have engaged with us over the last 3 years and I hope that the spirit of cooperation will continue into the future. I hope to see you in January.

Best wishes for 2012.

Is Mise,

Críostóir Ó Cuana
Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael / GAA President

Croke Park Community Meeting

Venue: Ash Suite, Level 5, Cusack Stand (entry via St Josephs Avenue)

Date: Monday 16th January 2012

Time: 8.00pm to 10.00pm

Get involved with the Croke Park Community Fund



Projects approved for funding in 2011 are detailed below. Details in relation to the fund are available on www.crokepark.ie/about/community

Pictured above: Presentation of Community Fund Plaque to Five Lamps Festival Committee.

Full details of how to make an application are on the Croke Park website. If you or your group or organizations need any assistance with the application process, email community@crokepark.ie or contact the Community Liaison Officer.

Projects Supported in 2011...

The Five Lamps Art Festival	Arts Festival
North City Centre Action Project	Game Design
Dublin Civic Trust	Mountjoy Square Event
School on Stilts, Lourdes Youth and Community Service	Video/Audio Equipment
Phizzfest	Community Festival
Sean McDermott St Tae Kwon Do School	Structural Upgrades
Community After Schools Project Portland Square	Music Education Programme
Mud Island Community Garden	Community Garden
De Courcey Square Allotment Committee	Garden Water Well
Drumcondra National School	Children's Sensory Garden
St Vincent's Infant Boy School	Sensory Classroom
Rising Stars Dance School	Dance Competition
Peter McVerry Trust	Homeless Lunch Service
Drumcondra Indoor Bowling Club	Bowling Club Uniforms
YPAR (Young People At Risk)	Strengthening Families Programme
St.Vincents Basketball Club	Renovation of Changing Rooms
Brendan Behan Court	Repair Work
Flashdance Dance and Stage Academy	Repair Work
Rutland St National School	Swimming Lessons
Ozanam House Community Resource Centre	Active Retirement Group Transport
Lourdes Day Care Centre	Kitchen Refurbishment
Clonliffe and Croke Park Residents Association	Family Christmas Party

Make it a Green Christmas with the Croke Park Community Waste Recycling Service

What do we recycle?

- Christmas Tree
- WEEE domestic recycling (e.g. fairy lights / batteries)
- Cardboard Recycling

Where?

Croke Park, Cusack Stand (via St. Josephs Ave)

When?

3rd – 19th January 2012

Drop Off Times:

Mon-Fri 8am – 8pm

Sat/Sun 10am – 4pm



Voluntary Stewards Wanted

The next recruitment drive takes place in February 2012.

Applications can be made online at:

www.crokepark.ie/careers/stewarding

Successful applicants will be required to complete a Garda vetting form and must be available to work weekends. Additional information is available from Seamus O' Midheach on:

somidheach@crokepark.ie or call **01 8192308**.

ARE YOU ON THE LOCAL RESIDENTS DATABASE?

Make sure you are on the database to be included in ticket draws for events such as the Eucharistic Congress Closing Ceremony and concerts taking place in June 2012.

You can check details of the qualifying streets online at:

www.crokepark.ie/about/community

For queries contact edoherty@crokepark.ie or call **01 819 2342**.

Croke Park Hosts Community Policing Forum

The stadium hosted the 6th bi-annual conference of the Community Policing Forum in November. The CPF involves Dublin City Council, the Gardai, Public Representatives and most importantly local residents. Its main aims are to co-ordinate a common community/Garda strategy against drug dealing and anti-social behaviour and relevant estate management issues. It works with individuals, residents groups and local agencies in North East Inner City Dublin, Dublin 1 and parts of Dublin 3. CPF groups meet locally and their office is at Unit 3 Killarney Court, Upper Buckingham Street Dublin 1 and is open 10 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday. Contact details are included under Useful Numbers.

Come on you Boys and Girls in Blue!



Croke Park worked in partnership with Scoil Uí Chonail and the Ballybough Youth Project in providing Gaelic Games Week from 1st to 4th November.

With the assistance of Dublin Bus we brought 75 local children, boys and girls from the Ballybough Community Centre to the venue in Clontarf where they joined with the young players from the local club. The weather was varied

during the week but it did not stop play on any day. Much credit is due to all of those who supported the children during the week – from parents to those who trained the children and those who assisted with lunches. This was the first time a winter camp was held and based on the reaction of all of those concerned it will not be the last.

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Provisional Fixtures List 2012

February		
Sat 4th February	National League Opening Game	Evening
Sat 11th February	All Ireland Intermediate, Junior Club Hurling Finals	Evening
Sun 12th February	All Ireland Intermediate Junior Club Football Finals	
March		
Sun 4th March	Camogie Club Finals TBC	
Sun 11th March	GAA National League	
Sat 17th March	GAA All Ireland Football & Hurling All Ireland Senior club championship finals	
Sat 24th March	GAA National League	Evening
April		
Sat 7th April	GAA All Ireland 2nd level Colleges Football Finals.	
Sun 15th April	GAA National League Semi Final TBC	
Sat 28th April	GAA Division 3 & 4 Football League Finals TBC	Evening
Sun 29th April	GAA Division 1 & 2 Football League Finals TBC	
June		
Sun 3rd June	GAA Leinster Football Quarter Finals	
Sat 9th June	GAA Christy Ring Cup, Nicky Rackard Cup, Lory Meagher Cup finals	
Sun 17th June	Eucharistic Congress Mass	
Fri 22nd June	Westlife Concert	Evening
Sat 23rd June	Westlife Concert	Evening
Tue 26th June	Red Hot Chili Peppers Concert	Evening
July		
Sun 1st July	GAA Leinster Football Semi Finals	
Sun 8th July	GAA Leinster Hurling Finals	
Sun 22nd July	GAA Leinster Football Finals	
August		
Sat 4th August	GAA Football All Ireland Senior Championship Quarter Finals	
Sun 5th August	GAA Football All Ireland Senior Championship Quarter Finals	
Mon 6th August	GAA Football All Ireland Senior Championship Quarter Finals	
Sun 12th August	GAA All Ireland Hurling Championship Semi-Final	
Sun 19th August	GAA All Ireland Hurling Championship Semi Final	
Sun 26th August	GAA All Ireland Football Championship Semi-Final	
September		
Sun 2nd September	GAA All Ireland Football Championship Semi-Final	
Sun 9th September	GAA All Ireland Hurling Championship Finals (Replay 30/09/2012)	
Sun 16th September	Camogie All Ireland Finals	
Sun 23rd September	GAA Football All Ireland Championship Finals (Replay 07/10/2012)	

INTERESTED IN GAA SEASON TICKETS?

If you are interested in following Dublin after their impressive displays in both Hurling and Football during 2011, you might be interested in the great value Season Ticket offers available from the GAA.

Check the GAA website: www.gaa.ie, email: tickets@gaa.ie or phone to call: 0818227009.

Useful Contacts

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Dublin City Council
Emergency Numbers
01 222 2222 (daytime),
01 679 6186 (after hours)

Dublin City Council
Waste Collection hotline
Freephone: 1 800 248 348

Dublin City Council
Local Area Office
Sean McDermott Street
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Community Policing Forum (CPF)
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cpfneic@eircom.net

Garda Síochána
Fitzgibbon Street
01 666 8400

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Fixtures and events are subject to change