



Community News



C R O K E P A R K A R E A

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Dear Resident,

On behalf of everyone in Croke Park I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas. I would also like to thank you for your support and understanding during the year As I said before, we do realise the impact that major events have on the local community and we remain fully committed to doing everything we can to minimise those impacts.

As you will see from the fixture list overleaf next year is a busy year with the advent of both rugby and soccer matches in Croke Park. Much has already been written about those upcoming games and I have no doubt that they will be wonderful spectacles.

For our part the stadium team has already had many meetings with representatives of both the IRFU and the FAI and both bodies are fully committed to working with us to ensure that their supporters will respect the wishes of the local community and that any potential disruption will be minimised.

Since the last issue of this newsletter much has been happening so we felt it important to bring you up-to-date and also to let you have a preliminary fixture list. I would stress that the list is correct at this point in time. There may, of course, be changes as the season unfolds.

Floodlighting

The really big news has been the installation of our new floodlights. These are now in position and work has started on testing them. Unfortunately, this also included work on testing the generators which power the lights and this was somewhat noisy at times.

Happily when the generators are fully commissioned we will be incorporating soundproofing elements so they will never be heard to any great extent in the future. Our apologies for any inconvenience caused.

The new lights really are superb and we are looking forward to seeing them in action in the New Year. They will be 'christened' with a National League game on 3rd February and who better to christen them than the Dubs who will play Tyrone. It should be a wonderful occasion.

Public Transport Initiative

As I reported in a previous issue of the newsletter during 2006 we worked with Dublin City Council, the Gardai, Dublin Bus, LUAS, DART and Iarnrod Eireann to see how we could encourage greater use of public transport.

Our joint campaign was launched in advance of this year's All Ireland Finals in September. We had quite an amount of positive feedback, so much so in fact we will be rolling out the campaign on a much broader basis in 2007.

We have also discussed the campaign with both the IRFU and the FAI and they are very positive about utilising the various elements we have created, to encourage their supporters to maximise use of public transport when coming to Croke Park.

We will also be using the campaign in conjunction with any concerts in 2007.

Consultative Forum

Again as I reported in our last newsletter it is our wish to interact with the entire local community. Setting up our database was an important step towards achieving this. We would urge everyone in the area to register with us if you have not already done so. We will continue to distribute tickets, where appropriate and when available, by means of the database.

This was only a small, albeit important, step for us. We now want to set up a Consultative Forum. Initially the intention is to create a means of letting everyone bring to our attention any continuing issues in relation to areas such as parking, traffic or litter for instance.

We will then have a board which will be representative of all the key stakeholders in the area. That board will deal with all issues. It will also administer the proposed Trust Fund which will be used to fund worthwhile projects in the area.

We would hope to be in a position to launch the Consultative Forum early in 2007. You will receive an invitation to participate.

Happy Christmas

I do hope you have a very happy and peaceful Christmas and that 2007 is a great year for all of us.

Best wishes

PETER McKENNA
Stadium Director

Croke Park Fixtures List 2007

DATE	
Feb 3rd	National Football League: Dublin v Tyrone
Feb 11th	RBS Six Nations: Ireland v France
Feb 24th	RBS Six Nations: Ireland v England
Mar 10th	Intermediate Junior Championship Final
Mar 11th	Intermediate Junior Championship Final
Mar 17th	AIB Club Finals
Mar 24th	UEFA Championship: Republic of Ireland v Wales
Mar 28th	UEFA Championship: Republic of Ireland v Slovakia
Apr 22nd	National Football League Final
May 20th	Leinster Senior Football Championship Louth v Wicklow
June 3rd	Leinster Senior Football Championship Louth/Wicklow v Wexford; Meath/Kildare v Dublin
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June 8th/9th	Proposed concert date
June 15th/17th	Proposed concert date
June 24th	Leinster Senior Football Semi Finals
July 1st	Leinster Senior Hurling Final
July 15th	Leinster Senior Football Final
July 22nd	Guinness Hurling Quarter Finals
July 29th	Guinness Hurling Quarter Finals
Aug 4th	Bank of Ireland Football Championship Quarter Finals
Aug 5th	Guinness Hurling Championship Semi Final
Aug 11th	Bank of Ireland Football Championship Quarter Finals
Aug 12th	Guinness Hurling Championship Semi Final
Aug 19th	Bank of Ireland Football Championship Semi Final
Aug 26th	Bank of Ireland Football Championship Semi Final
Sept 2nd	Guinness All Ireland Hurling Final (Replay on 23 Sept)
Sept 9th	All Ireland Under 21 Hurling Final/ Camogie All Ireland Final
Sept 16th	Bank of Ireland All Ireland Football Final (Replay on 30 Sept)
Sept 30th	All Ireland Ladies Football Final
Oct 13th	UEFA Championship: Republic of Ireland v Germany
Oct 17th	UEFA Championship: Republic of Ireland v Cyprus

Note: List accurate at time of going to print. Changes may occur during the year.



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