



## Success of Intensive Campaign to Prevent Rezoning of Silver Park GAA Grounds to Residential Use

A local councillor, Lettie McCarthy, advised a Tudor Lawns Residents' Association committee member of the proposed councillor motion to have the Silver Park GAA grounds rezoned from open amenity to residential use. We were advised that the vote would be taking place possibly within a week of this notice or at any time within a 3 week period. Immediately the committee put in place an intensive campaign to ensure that this motion was not passed.



The campaign included:

- Drafting a letter and circulating it to all homes in Tudor Lawns for use by the residents to lobby the councillors
- Sustained lobbying of all the councillors in Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown Co. Co. by committee members by email, letter and telephone over a 3 week period
- Engagement with Foxrock Development Committee and the Sunshine Home
- Interview with Southside News
- Lobbying Olivia Mitchell & George Lee, Fine Gael TDs

The motion was finally withdrawn just before the vote was eventually scheduled to take place directly as a result of the lobbying and specific information provided by the Residents' Association Committee.

Tudor Lawns Residents' Committee has now agreed to remain in regular contact with both Foxrock Development Committee and the Sunshine Home Committee to monitor and liaise on any local planning matters that may arise going forward – the first meeting took place on December 10<sup>th</sup> where many new issues of significant concern to us residents in Tudor Lawns were raised and will be reported on in our next newsletter.

## SANTA CLAUSE DUE TO VISIT TUDOR LAWNS

Santa Claus will make his annual stop in Tudor Lawns on **December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm**. If you look out your sitting room window at this time you may catch a glimpse of him going by.

The reindeers will be having a well earned rest in the racecourse at this time.



## **UPKEEP OF GREEN AREAS**

Visitors to Tudor Lawns regularly remark on well kept the estate is and indeed this was proven by the Tidy Districts Award for 2009. The Committee will continue to work hard to ensure that Tudor Lawns is maintained in great condition and will also continue to develop excellent working relationships with the local county council. This has resulted in additional road sweeping, new signage, removal of a dangerous metal spike in the common areas etc.

The gardener is currently undertaking additional work to ensure that the estate remains in tip top condition. This includes bulb planting.

## **Tudor Lawns Website – <http://tudorlawns.webnote.com>**

There have been a very high number of hits to our website since it was launched earlier this year. Visit the website regularly to stay in touch with what is happening.

## **DOG DIRT**

Dog owners should always clean up after their dogs as this is the law. We are aware that people from outside the estate bring their dogs into Tudor Lawns for walks and do not always clean up after them. However, if you see this you are at liberty to point out to the relevant dog owner that they should clean up after their dog to ensure compliance with legislation as well as to protect the children who play in the estate.

The gardener has advised us that dog dirt is being placed in plastic bags which are not waterproof in bins in the common areas. It is therefore impossible to clean these bins and they present a significant health and safety risk.

All dog owners should ensure that they use a waterproof sealed bag for dog dirt and bring it home with them for disposal as the bins in the common areas are not appropriate for this type of waste and are not emptied to a very regular schedule.

## **FEES OUTSTANDING**

A significant number of fees are still outstanding. The Committee wishes to thank those that have already paid their fees and would be most grateful if those who haven't yet paid would do so as quickly as possible.

Fees can be handed in to any of the committee members:-

**Martha - No1: Maureen – No 7; Eileen – No 43: Audrey – No 48: Sean – No 87:  
Louisa – No 98: Michael – No 111**

The Committee has been especially active this year with significant improvements in the common areas, the family fund raising day and on the recent planning issue.

**All fees are urgently needed to continue to improve Tudor Lawns for the benefit of everyone who owns a property or lives in Tudor Lawns. Full payment of fees will ensure that the amount payable will continue to remain as low as possible.**

Wishing you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and thanking you for your support throughout the year, especially in supporting our Family Day, Tidy Towns entry and Award received and the recent support in having the re zoning motion withdraw, as we know a number of you made significant personal efforts in forcing councillors to change their voting plans, so many thanks.

*Happy Christmas from your Chairman and Committee.*