



TUDOR LAWNS

Residents Association

Plasoga na dTudarach, Carraig an tSionnaigh, Ath Cliath 18

6.2010

Our new planters were installed 21st May and a range of herbs & vegetables were set by the children. It is for everyone to enjoy and herbs are free to use to spice up Sunday dinners!

Planters were supplied by Niall McAllister from Quickcrop and his number is 087 2628049



We have entered this years TIDY DISTRICT competition and the judges will be going around the estate end of June start of July, their key findings from last year identified dog dirt, litter and poorly maintained grass fronts and poor grass edging as been areas where we scored poorly.

So with this fine weather here is a great chance to get out into your front gardens, meet the neighbours and maybe help out elderly neighbours with their clean up.

You will have all notice the beautiful flowers at the entrance and the other plants beds around the estate and we ask every one to play their part in maintaining the excellent quality of our environment for all of us to enjoy and live in.

24th AGM – Tudor Lawns Residents' Association – 27/4/2010

31 people attended and it started with an information session from the GARDA liaison officer of **Neighbourhood Watch** who gave a presentation on their role in the community and outlined what are the benefits and what is required to re-activate the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Tudor Lawns. The committee will also be completing a survey shortly among the residents to establish if there is enough support to get this up and running.

There are significant benefits in having such a scheme given the current issues with insurance, general security, petty crime and parking etc.

GARDA Key Messages: **Observe** (what is happening), **Monitor** (how often does it happen and record specific details of the issue e.g. car reg number of speeding cars, white vans cruising etc) and **Report** (the activity to the liaison officer – there are monthly phone calls with the assigned Garda to discuss issues.

NW Scheme members get priority access to Garda John Moran who is the Crime Prevention Officer for the area who also attended the AGM.

Crime has dropped by 40% in an estate in Sallynoggin since NW scheme was launched there. Also a **Vacant House Register** is maintained in the local garda station – householders can advise Garda when they are going to be away and provide contact details of key holders to.

Key Highlights of activities undertaken in 2009 included:

- Four new members joined the Committee last year– Michael Kavanagh, Martha Cordial, Louisa English and Maureen O'Driscoll
- Achievement of Tidy Districts Award & Grant of €300 towards a project for 2010 – Herb/Vegetable Planters
- We have now joined with the local area residents associations and the Sunshine Home to meet regularly to discuss and work on areas of common interest – two meetings held so far – key focus was the rezoning but traffic issues and other matters are also on the Agenda
- Three bird boxes have been placed around the estate – we are hoping that some blue tits will nest in them
- Family/Fundraiser Event – Sunshine Home - this was an outstanding success. The costs of running the event were significant and these were borne by committee members and some donations from local businesses
- Launch of Tudor Lawns Website – <http://tudorlawns.webnode.com> – thanks to Joachim Braune for his huge amount of effort in setting it up and its upkeep.
- Bulb planting in the common areas and additional summer bedding at the entrance
- Regular Road Sweeping during the summer months
- Repair of the benches in the common area.
- Increased Yellow Lines and Traffic Signs provided
- Repair to damaged and dangerous footpaths throughout the estate – thanks to local councillor Lettie McCarthy who made a number of representations on our behalf
- Sustained and successful campaign to prevent the re-zoning of Silver Park as residential – this was a very substantial campaign and involved intensive lobbying of all councillors in DLRCoCo as well as local TD's and engaging with the local area residents' associations. This issue will most definitely re-surface so we all need to be vigilant and remain active on this.

Changes - The Committee welcomed Mairead de Butleir to the committee and Michael Kavanagh was appointed to the role of Financial Controller for the committee.

Accounts for 2009 had an expenditure of €13,000 and a balance of €4,400. Subject to the outcome of the recently commissioned Tree Management Report We are expecting to negotiate some joint activity with DLRDCC on the implementation of the plan, subject to its approval.

FEES:

The fees for 2010 are only €100 per house and are now due and enhance the value and pleasure of living here.

The Committee wishes to thank those that have already paid their fees at the AGM and also who already have given them to their nearest committee member. So when you read this, immediately write the cheque and hop out for a walk to drop it into any of the committee members below.

Martha - No1: Maureen – No 7; Mairead – No 24

Eileen – No 43: Audrey – No 48: Sean – No 87: Michael – No 111:

Tudor Lawns Residence Association Management Accounts Year ending 31st December 2009		
	2009	2008
Opening Balance:	3,453.40	4,902.22
Interest	0.31	81.74
Awards & Grant (500+300 see note 4)	800.00	
Accrued budget not spent (negotiations & combining activities)	1,860.00	75.00
Residence fees collected - note 1	11,000.00	10,850.00
	17,113.71	15,908.96
Expenditure:		
Gardeners fees	6,777.00	6,643.20
Removal of grass – note 2	1,500.00	900.00
AGM expenses	108.02	116.00
Bank fees	33.84	41.36
Pruning & Mulching	794.00	800.00
Flowers, cards & wine	62.00	45.00
Plants - note 3	180.00	50.00
	350.00	
Benches	400.00	
Printing		
Key major estate maintenance activities - note 4	2,500.00	3,860.00
Total Cost	12,704.66	12,455.56
Closing Balance	4,409.05	3,453.40
Notes:		
1. Residence fee payment shows 111 houses paid, 1 prepaid in 2008 out of 125 houses.		
2. 10 collections & disposal of grass at €100 fee per trailer load.		
3. Daffodils, flowers & planting around all of the trees at front of estate		
4. Purchase of 4 wooden planter boxes and clearing both over grown shrub beds in main green and resetting.		

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Visit the website regularly to stay in touch with what is happening.