



# TUDOR LAWNS

Residents Association

Plasoga na dTudarach, Carraig an tSionnaigh, Ath Cliath 18

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## FAMILY FUN DAY

**in Aid of Sunshine Home -  
SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> September 2 - 5 pm**

The family day last year was a huge success so we are having another one in September. This was discussed and agreed with everyone that attended the AGM. The theme this year is “an old fashioned tea-party” with lots of activities for young and old. We will be issuing more details nearer the date but for now everyone should put the date in their diaries!



**TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION** - We have entered the Tidy Districts competition again this year and the inspectors undertake regular visits during the summer months. We would therefore ask everyone to make a very special effort to pick up litter from the common areas and also to tidy front gardens, keep the grass cut and flower/shrub beds neat and tidy. We lost marks in previous years for litter and untidy paths. Please cut the grass on the path outside your house and if you know that your neighbour is unable to do their patch please help them by cutting their area as well. It would be super to win a prize again this year.

**VEGETABLE BOXES** – These are doing very well and we are delighted to see the residents have been enjoying herbs and other items from the beds. We have two winter veg in one of the boxes – red cabbage and sprouts. We hope the children have been visiting the beds regularly and are learning from the project as this was the intended purpose of the “grow your own” project.

**FLOWERS AT ENTRANCE** – These look great but need regular watering as do the vegetable boxes. The people who do the watering on a very regular basis would welcome more help with this task during dry weather so if you are out for a walk please bring a container of water with you and water the flower beds/vegetable boxes and the rose bed.  
**Help Needed with Watering Please!!!**

**TREES** – The Committee arranged to have a professional tree surgeon’s report completed on the mature trees throughout the common areas as many of them have become very overgrown and some are dying/dangerous. The report has now been submitted to DLCoCo with a request to it to complete the recommended pruning and removals. Only trees that are dangerous or where there are too many of them together are scheduled for removal. Some trees need to be removed where there is a cluster of trees to allow the remaining trees room to grow and mature – this is normal tree management activity. Most of the recommendations in the report are for proper pruning of the trees to allow more light and space. A copy of the report is available on the website.

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO STAY IN TOUCH

## **Overgrown/Very large Trees in the Private Gardens in Tudor Lawns**

The tree surgeon has advised us that some of the trees planted in the front gardens of the houses in Tudor Lawns are unsuitable for such close proximity to the houses and are quite likely damaging the underground drains, cobble lock paving, gutters, roofs, boundary walls and even the foundations. If you wish to have the trees in your own gardens pruned or take out the tree surgeon's contact details are available on the survey report. A better price for this work is always available if the work is co-ordinated and done at the same time given that machinery needs to be brought on site and the rubbish removed for disposal. If you need work done it is best to co-ordinate it with some of your neighbours. The tree surgeon may be able to put people in touch with others who need work done if contacted.

## **CAR PARKING**

There has been a very significant increase in car parking by commuters in the development particularly at the front and along the side of the green in front of houses 1 – 16 which causes problems for the residents there to enter/exit their driveways. We will request the DLRDCoCo to put additional yellow lines in the development but we also have to be careful that residents with second cars and visitors have a place to park. This will be looked at again when the Neighbour Hood Watch scheme gets up and running.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME – More Commitment Needed to Ensure it is Launched**

Thanks to everyone who has already completed the neighbourhood watch survey form and offered to be either a volunteer or as a member. **The response to date has been poor and there are insufficient numbers to get the scheme up and running. We need more houses to sign up to enable the scheme to be launched.**

Given the increase in crime in the development recently and the problems with car parking etc. it is in all our interests to get this scheme up and running. Martha in No 1 is managing the survey so if you haven't already given your form to the committee member who has collected the annual fees perhaps you could drop it in to Martha's house or to any committee member. It is not necessary to have a large number of volunteers just enough people willing to be a member of the scheme. Volunteers will not be required to do any "policing" or anything like that but rather to meet periodically with the other volunteers and the Garda Liaison Officer to discuss problems and issues. The amount of time required is not huge and it's a chance to get to know your neighbours a bit better and hopefully we will have an even better community spirit in Tudor Lawns.

## **ANNUAL FEES**

The annual fee of €100 is due for the current year. If you missed the committee member who called to collect the fees you can drop a cheque or draft to any member of the committee. Cash is also fine but please do not put cash in a letter box without making contact with the committee member. The committee members are: **Martha (No 1), Maureen (No 7), Mairead (No 24) Eileen (No 43), Audrey (No 48), Seán (No 87), Louisa (No 98) and Michael (No 111).** In order to maintain the estate to a consistently high standard and to keep fees as low as possible it is important that everyone contributes. Thanks to the very many people who have paid already.

## **INVITATION to Coffee Morning in 18 Tudor Lawns on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> September - 11am - 3 pm.**

I will be travelling to Calcutta, India to volunteer with the HOPE Foundation from October 2010 to May 2011. The HOPE Foundation was set up in 1999 and works primarily with the street children of Calcutta. The estimated population of street children in Calcutta is 200,000. HOPE provides formal and non-formal education, a nutrition programme and health care for the children and provides many of these children with a home to live and feel safe in. Before my departure I must raise €4,500 which will go directly to the HOPE Foundation. I will be holding a coffee morning in 18 Tudor Lawns, see details above. All are welcome and any donations big or small are greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to the children's lives. Please stop by and enjoy coffee, cakes and a social event for a very worthy cause. – Stephanie