

Welcome

Firstly, I would like to thank all the members of the Greenfields Residents Association (GRA) for their participation and hard work over the past few months. Without the continued efforts of everyone setting up the GRA would not have been possible.

Secondly, I hope you enjoy this edition of the GRA Newsletter. This edition highlights the need for us to be extra vigilant regarding anti-social behaviour in our estate and offers advice as to where we can make environmental complaints.

Finally, I would like to wish all Committee Members and Residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festivities and don't forget to over indulge!

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GRA Chairperson



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Anti-social Behaviour

At a recent Residents Association meeting a number of residents raised concerns about the safety of their children in the estate. In addition, a number of incidents have been reported where cars have been damaged, young children bullied, streetlights and planting vandalized and general loitering of teenagers at the entrance to the estate causing annoyance to residents. Parents and residents alike are kindly asked to report such issues to the Residents Association or the Gardai and to be vigilant with regard to the safety of young in our estate. If you wish to report any such instances to the Residents Association please go to www.greenfieldswaterford.com and use the 'contact us' form.

Environmental Complaints

Are you experiencing water, waster, air or noise pollution?

If so, Waterford City Council now offers an online Environmental Complaints Form for all residents. This service is free to use and Waterford City Council endeavour to investigate your complaint and reply to you within 20 days. To use this service go to www.waterfordcity.ie/contact/environment_form.htm

GRA Activities Update

To date the GRA Committee have been extremely busy setting up and establishing the Residents Association. Below is a list of activities conducted to date:

- Waterford City Council and Frisby Construction have been contacted and the GRA is now a fully recognised Residents Association
- Concerns have been raised and are currently being addressed in relation to the poor condition of the Old Tramore Road, the entrance to and the maintenance of the estate
- A Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is currently in the process of being established with the Gardai
- A Residents Association website has been set up at www.greenfieldswaterford.com



Holiday Safety Tips

The Christmas holidays should be a magical time for everyone. Yet each year hospital emergency rooms treat thousands of people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees.

So with the holidays just around the corner, there are many things to consider when it comes to keeping you and your family healthy, safe and happy.

The Tree

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant"
- If purchasing a live tree, check for freshness, needles should not pull off easily from the branches
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators
- Heated rooms dry live trees rapidly, ensure your live tree stand is filled with water

Lights

- Indoors or outdoors, always use lights that have been tested for safety by a recognised agency
- Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets or loose connections, and discard damaged sets
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, walls etc. to support them from wind damage
- Turn off lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire
- Try not to use extension cords and never overload wall sockets

Candles

- Ensure candles are placed in sturdy containers, away from anything that can burn, including decorations
- Ensure candles are out of reach of small children and pets
- Always extinguish candles prior to leaving the room, going to bed or leaving home

Decorations

- Ensure breakables and decorations are placed at the top of the tree, away from pets and children
- Ensure that natural decorations such as holly berries and mistletoe are also away from young children

General

- Ensure you have working smoke alarms around your home. Test monthly and never disable
- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan
- Have a working fire extinguisher readily available and know how to use it

GRA Christmas Night Out

To mark the great achievements of the Greenfields Residents Association to date it is only fitting to have a night out and get together before Christmas. Therefore all Committee Members and all Residents of Greenfields are invited to meet for a few drinks in the Uluru on **Monday 22nd December at 8.30pm**.

