

Welcome

Once again I would like to thank all the members of the Greenfields Residents Association for their hard work and time over the past few months.

In the Autumn edition of the GRA Newsletter residents are asked to be vigilant this Halloween to ensure it is a safe time for all. Read about the delays to the Old Tramore Road realignment and find out how you can get involved in the next Estate Clean-up Day.

You will be aware that speed ramps have recently been added to the estate to reduce motorists speed. I urge all residents to park in car spaces (not on footpaths or junctions), and I ask parents to remind children not to play on the roads, to ensure our estate remains safe for everyone.

John Power

GRA Chairperson



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Stay Safe This Halloween

Halloween is just around the corner, a time for trick or treating and scary costumes. But Halloween can be frightening in many other ways; bonfires can get out of control, dangerous objects can explode from the middle of bonfires, anti-social behavior can occur etc. Residents are reminded that Waterford City Council will be removing any waste for bonfires that is accumulating on green areas or other public spaces. This will continue into Halloween night.

However residents are asked to follow the following tips for a safe Halloween:

- Report the storage or collection of bonfire materials to Waterford City Council on 051-849563
- Act responsibly and dispose of your waste legally by availing of Waterford City Council's Bulky Goods Collection (051-309900)
- Do not leave your wheelie bins or other material out overnight as they may be used in bonfires

Waterford City Council is not against fun and festivity. In fact, it supports it whole-heartedly but instead is against the endangerment of young people's lives and the damage to the environment and local areas. In an effort to promote the positive side of Halloween, a number of measures have been put in place this year. A Spookfest has been organised by Waterford Chamber, Waterford City Centre Retailers Association and Waterford City Council. This includes a mask hunt, a children's parade and stories. Further information about Spookfest can be obtained by visiting www.waterfordchamber.com.

If you are concerned about waste being stored in a nearby area, please report it anonymously to the Waterford City Council Enforcement Team on 051-849563.

Noise Pollution & Pet Control

Noise Pollution is noise that is so loud and continuous/repeated and at times of the day, that gives you reasonable cause for annoyance. Neighbourhood noise is the main type of noise problem reported to Waterford City Council i.e. continuous noise from houses, local businesses or animals.

The Greenfields Residents Association have been contacted by a number of residents in relation to animal noise late at night. In addition, there have been a number of complaints about dogs roaming around the estate freely. Residents are encouraged to keep pets restrained and to bring pets in at night to alleviate noise pollution.

Affected residents who wish to report a complaint may call the Waterford City Environmental Officer on 051-849938 or the Waterford City Dog Pound on 051-872247. For further information please visit www.waterfordcity.ie/environment



Contact Us

Got a news item or something you want the Residents Association to look into for you? Then let us know today.

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New Members

New members are always welcome to come and join the Residents Association. If you are interested in coming along to our next meeting then keep a look out on the website for the next meeting date or contact a member of the Residents Association for more information.

Facebook

Join us today on Facebook and stay up to date with what's going on in Greenfields.



Date for Your Diary: Estate Clean-up Day November 1st

The Greenfields Residents Association along with Waterford City Council have organised a Clean-up Day for our estate on **Sunday November 1st from 12 - 2pm**. To support this initiative bags, gloves and other supplies are kindly being sponsored by Waterford City Council.

On the day residents will be meeting at 1 Beech Court (near the entrance to Greenfields) where you can pick up bags, gloves etc. Residents are actively encouraged to take time and participate in this event. Clean up outside your house, weed some shrubs or pick up some rubbish... after all many hands make light work!

Estate Maintenance

Noel Frisby Construction have informed the Greenfields Residents Association of on-going maintenance throughout October/November in Greenfields:

- Additional speed ramps will be located throughout the estate
- A palisade fence will be erected between the end of Greenfields and Avondale
- Landscaping (replacement of trees/shrubs) will take place

Old Tramore Road Delayed

The Greenfields Residents Association have been informed by Waterford City Council that the realignment and upgrade of the Old Tramore Road has been delayed once more. The Council is very conscious of our issues regarding the Old Tramore Road and the realignment and upgrading of this road is a high priority for the Council. The Council had intended going on site with the realignment of the Old Tramore Road earlier this year. In February 2009 the Council tendered the works and were due to appoint a contractor when the Department of Transport instructed this be halted until a national road budget review was conducted. The Old Tramore Road scheme is being funded jointly by the Department of Transport and the Council on a 60/40 basis and the Council cannot afford to undertake the work without Department grant aid.

Since May 2009 the Council have undertaken a full review of the scheme and altered the scope of work to make it fit the reduced budget available. The Council have recently re-tendered the work and have received revised prices which are currently being evaluated. Pending the evaluation, the Council should be applying to the Department shortly for approval to award the contract.

However, works to the Old Tramore Road will be further delayed as the Council has the flood alleviation works on the main Tramore Road to consider. This scheme is at a more advanced stage than the Old Tramore Road and will get underway earlier. The Council are not in a position, from a traffic management perspective, to have two of the City's adjoining access roads disrupted at the same time. The plan is to commence work on the main Tramore Road within the next couple of weeks and to have at least full time 2 way traffic flowing from the Outer Ring to the Superquinn roundabout completed before starting any substantial works on the Old Tramore Road.

A traffic management plan will be put in place for the duration of the Tramore Road works. The Greenfields Residents Association have proposed two options of traffic management to the Council, who have noted them and will review when deciding how to best manage traffic. In terms of timescale, this means that work could not commence on the Old Tramore Road until late February / March 2010. In the interim the Council are closing out on land acquisitions along the Old Tramore Road and will be advancing the approvals through the Department of Transport.