

Welcome

Once again many thanks to all the members of the Greenfields Residents Association for their hard work and time over the past few months.

In this edition of the GRA Newsletter read about Greenfields entry in this years Pride of Place Competition, the upcoming Summer Street Clean-Ups and ways to conserve water in your garden this Summer. In addition, find out about an exciting new initiative being launched by the Greenfields Residents Association to reduce household waste and read our new community notices section of the GRA Newsletter.

Plus, don't forget to visit www.greenfieldswaterford.com to stay up to date and informed with what is going on around Greenfields this Summer.



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Pride of Place Competition 2011

The Mayor of Waterford City, Cllr. Mary Roche recently launched the 2011 Waterford City Pride of Place Environmental Competition. Waterford City Council runs this competition annually to encourage communities, businesses and individuals to improve their local environment. This competition is above all about commitment, contribution and a sense of identity. It is about generating a sense of pride in our own place – whether that place is our home, our community or our city as a whole.

Last year, the Greenfields Residents Association entered this competition for the first time and was honoured with the **Merit Award for Best Small Residential Area**. Our estate was commended on its presentation, the presence of hanging baskets, the lack of rubbish and the overall beauty of our estate. This recognition highlights the successful endeavours of the Residents Association and all the residents of Greenfields. This year the Greenfields Residents Association plan to make an even greater effort by installing planters, holding a number of Clean-Up events and clearing a number of shrub/flower beds. Judging for the event takes place over the Summer months so we would ask all residents to lend a hand and take ownership of the immediate area in front of your house. A combined effort by all residents will ensure we do well in this year's competition.

Summer Street Clean-Up

To kick start our efforts in this year's Pride of Place Competition the Greenfields Residents Association supported by Waterford City Council will hold a number of Street Clean-Up events. We would ask residents living on the particular streets to come out and lend a hand on the day/evening as many hands make light work! Bags, gloves and pickers will be provided.

Wednesday 22nd June

6.30pm to 7.30pm

**BEECH COURT
Area**

Sunday 26th June

1.00pm to 2.00pm

**BEECH PARK
Area**

Wednesday 29th June

6.30pm to 7.30pm

**BEECH DRIVE
Area**

Sunday 3rd July

1.00pm to 2.00pm

**BEECH GROVE
Area**



Water & Your Garden

Did you know that the average daily water consumption per person in Ireland is over 148 litres? That's enough water to fill almost 2 baths. As our country grows and develops, there is a growing demand on our water supply. In order for us all to enjoy our reserves we need to be more aware of water conservation, particularly in our gardens during the summer months. Below are some tips to Conserve Water in your Garden this summer:

1. Don't hose that path
2. Collect rainwater in a water butt fed from your gutters and never use a sprinkler system
3. If you have to water plants do so in the early morning or evening when it is cool
4. Reuse water where possible
5. Mulches such as wood chips, bark or gravel will help prevent water evaporation
6. Grass can survive for long periods without water and will quickly recover when the next rain showers arrive. Raising the lawnmower blades to a higher level will help stop the grass from scorching in warm weather. Leaving the clippings on the lawn will protect the roots and returns nutrients to the soil
7. Spot those leaks by regularly checking your outdoor taps, pipes and plumbing fixtures
8. Plant flowers and shrubs that like warm and dry conditions. Established trees and shrubs do not need to be watered
9. Use compost as it provides valuable nutrients and keeps the soil moist

Reduce Waste Initiative

The Greenfields Residents Association is committed to reducing waste and encouraging all residents to think responsibly about waste. Our first initiative is to reduce the amount of 'junk mail' distributed to all residents in our estate. Over the coming weeks '**NO JUNK MAIL**' self adhesive gold/bronze signs will be distributed to all households in Greenfields. We would ask all residents to place these stickers on your letter box. With a combined effort from all residents this will significantly reduce the amount of unwanted and often unsolicited mail.

Community Notices

DOMESTIC CLEANER REQUIRED

Greenfields Area

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Contact Us

Got a news item or something you want the Residents Association to look into for you? Then let us know today. You can e-mail us at: greenfieldswaterford@live.com or alternatively you can use the contact us form on the website.

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.