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Estate Clean-Up
Sunday 6th November
1pm - 2pm

GRA Newsletter

Enhancing Community Spirit

Welcome

The Autumn edition of your GRA Newsletter is full of useful information to ensure all residents and especially the young kids of our estate, have a safe and fun Halloween.

In addition, find out about the Autumn Estate Clean-Up Day scheduled for early November, how you can do your bit to reduce waste and get some advice on burglary prevention.

Many thanks to residents who displayed their 'NO JUNK MAIL' stickers. A significant reduction in unwanted mail has been achieved so far. Well done!

Also why not log on to greenfieldswaterford.com Where you can stay up to date and informed with what is going on in and around Greenfields.



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Stay Safe This Halloween

It's that time again, a time for trick or treating and scary costumes. However, Halloween can be frightening in many other ways; bonfires can get out of control, dangerous objects can explode from the middle of bonfires and anti-social behaviour can occur. To ensure all residents in Greenfields and especially the little ones have a safe and fun Halloween, the Greenfields Residents Association will be monitoring our estate over the Halloween weekend. Nevertheless, all residents are encouraged to be extra vigilant this Halloween. In particular, residents are encouraged to monitor the estate activity and to watch out for the build up of waste especially on or near green areas. Please note that Waterford City Council (051-849794 or 849563) will happily remove any waste for bonfires that is accumulating on green areas or other public spaces, so please report such activity immediately. Useful contacts for Halloween weekend are below. Residents are also reminded that our Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator is contactable all weekend.

**Waterford
Garda
Station**

051 305339

**Waterford
Fire
Station**

051 875556

**Waterford City
Council
Environmental Office**

051 849794 / 849563

**Greenfields
Neighbourhood Watch
Area Coordinator**

087 9762955

Autumn Street Clean-Up

The Greenfields Residents Association along with Waterford City Council have organised an Autumn Street Clean-up Day for **Sunday November 6th from 1pm - 2pm**. Residents will be meeting at No. 1 Beech Court (near the entrance to Greenfields) where bags, gloves and other supplies will be provided. Residents are 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!



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.

Facebook

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



Energy Saving Tool

Do you want to save energy around the house but you're not sure where to start? Well look no further because the ESB Electric Ireland Energy Saving Wizard can help! It'll cost you nothing, but it could mean a world of savings. The ESB Electric Ireland Energy Saving Wizard will ask you some simple questions about your home, such as what kind of heating system you have, or whether your attic space is insulated. The questions are all very straightforward, and ESB Electric Ireland have made sure to include some handy hints so you find the process as easy as possible. All you need is a few minutes and once it's complete, you'll receive your very own personalised energy saving report. To start saving energy and money go to www.esbenergyswizard.ie

Burglary Prevention Advice

When selecting a target, burglars assess how easily they can enter a house. They look for houses with weakened entry points, where the residents are careless about security and houses with few or no security devices. Burglars know that home owners can often be lax about security. It's good to know that burglars are less likely to gain entry when a house has 2 or more security devices. To help you protect your home below are some top tips:

1. *Lock your doors and windows and turn on your alarm, sounds simple, but the figures indicate that up to 1 in 3 burglaries could have been prevented by this simple action.*
2. *When we are in our homes we should also lock doors and windows which are out of our view.*
3. *Remove obstructions to increase visibility and natural surveillance. Trim trees and shrubs. Use motion activated lighting. Make a would-be burglar visible to a neighbour or passerby.*
4. *Ask a neighbour/ friend to check your house if you are away for longer periods.*
5. *Give the impression someone is home. Leave some lights or the radio on.*
6. *Store valuables in a secure location; use a good quality safe which is secure.*
7. *Do not keep large amounts of cash at home.*

Why not take the home security check list challenge by logging on to www.garda.ie. This guide will give you even more ways to secure your home and help reduce the number of Burglaries throughout the year.

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