Estate Clean-UP Sunday 4th November 12pm - 1pm

# **GRA** Newsletter

**Enhancing Community Spirit** 



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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, especially the little ones, have a safe and fun Halloween, members of the Greenfields Residents Association will be monitoring and patrolling our estate over the Halloween period. Nevertheless, all residents are encouraged to be extra vigilant this Halloween. In particular, residents are encouraged to monitor estate activity and to watch out for the build up of waste, especially on or near green areas. Please note that Waterford City Council will happily remove any waste for bonfires that is accumulating on green areas or other public spaces, so please report such activity immediately. Additional useful contacts and supports for the Halloween period are listed below. Residents are also reminded that our Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator (Brian) is contactable for the duration of the Halloween period.

Waterford Garda Station 051 305339 / 305300

Waterford Fire Station

051 875556

Waterford City Council Environmental Office

051 849794 / 849563

Greenfields Neighbourhood Watch Area Coordinator 087 9762955

## Autumn Estate Clean-Up

The Greenfields Residents Association along with Waterford City Council have organised an Autumn Estate Clean-up Day for **Sunday November 4th from 12pm - 1pm**. 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!

### 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 and how you can do your bit to prevent antisocial behaviour in Greenfields.

Many thanks as always to the Committee Members of the Residents Association. Our estate is looking great! Special thanks to Ellie Lynch and Brian Power who replaced tree ties last month and to Linda Donnelly for looking after all the beautiful wall baskets this summer.

Remember stay up to date and informed with what is going on in and around Greenfields visit:

greenfieldswaterford.com



#### Contact Us

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



#### **Anti-social Behaviour**

Over the last number of weeks there has been a large group of teenagers loitering in and around the Greenfields area. This group have been causing a lot of noise, disruption and partaking in antisocial behaviour i.e. throwing 'bangers' into residents gardens / at houses, breaking in side gates etc. In particular, this group of teenagers seem to gathering near the small green area at the junction of Beech Drive/Beech Park (on the small wall). The majority of the this group do not live in Greenfields nor do they realise they are on CCTV in this area. All residents are encouraged to report such behaviour and this group to the Gardai. Waterford Garda Station can be contacted 24 hours on 051 305300 and will attend to the estate in a patrol car to move this group on and to take necessary action in relation to anti-social behaviour / vandalism.

### **Child Safety**

At a recent Residents Association meeting a number of residents raised concerns about the safety of their children in the estate. Motorists are reminded to drive slowly in and around the estate. Parents are encouraged to ensure children do not to play on roads but instead use the green areas. Bikes, scooters etc. left on roads are hazardous for motorists and may cause a serious crash.

## **Dogs Barking!**

Are you experiencing noise pollution from dogs barking??? If so, Waterford City Council now offer an online Environmental Complaints Form for all residents. This service is FREE to use and Waterford City Council endeavour to investigate your complaint fully and anonymously. To use this service go to http://www.waterfordcity.ie/contact/index.htm or alternatively you can email your complaint to environservices@waterfordcity.ie

## **Neighbourhood Watch**

Should you notice any suspicious activity in or around Greenfields then please report it. Don't assume others will! Simply TEXT 087 9762955 and provide a short description of the incident or activity, the time it took place and the location where it happened. Alternatively, inform your Street Coordinator. Street Coordinator details can be found at http://www.greenfieldswaterford.com/neighbourhood-watch/

## **Community Notices**

#### WHELLIE BINS

Don't forget to securely store your Wheelie Bins this Halloween.



You could face a fine or even prosecution if your bin / rubbish is found in a public area. Have you got an

ADVERT or COMMUNITY NOTICE

Would you would like to place here.

If so, contact

greenfieldswaterford@live.com

#### WINDOW CLEANER AVAILABLE

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> CONTACT 087 0953494