

Welcome to the BRA Newsletter

BRA Newsletter replaces a very successful The Beaumont News. This newsletter will be published in June, September and December. It will focus on news and information relevant to BRA Members. BRA has designed and just recently launched a new website; www.beaumontresidents.ie.

The site is updated frequently with information that is of use and of interest to our Members.

Responding to our Members demand for faster and real time communications, BRA has taken a strategic decision to move away from hard copy information and has chosen the web as the preferred platform for communicating with its Members going forward. Our more senior Members some of whom may not have access to the internet will be communicated with via this BRA newsletter. It is envisaged that our website will be the main communications vehicle in the medium term.

Moving to electronic communications via the website brings many advantages for BRA and its Members including: More local and up-to-the-minute news, more useful information, faster response to member's queries and much, much more. Of course all of this costs money and has financial implications for BRA. Luckily we have in our midst, a generous sponsor in the form of Dermot Carew, proprietor of the Beaumont House. Mr Carew has agreed to sponsor both our newsletter and our new website for 2008.

Email and Internet is the communications tool of choice, for most people under fifty years of age these days and for a rapidly growing number of people in the over fifties. We aim is to enhance communications within our community particularly with young people, the non Irish and the many new-comers to our community.

We believe in using the most efficient and effective medium to communicate. Please check out our new website www.beaumontresidents.ie. Register on the site and receive email alerts of the latest happenings in the area.

You can participate in free competitions and win great prizes. Let us know what you think of the site and what additions you would like to see on it.

Des Maguire

Dates for your Diary in 2008

**7th June Kids Sports &
Fun Fest**

**29th Nov: Senior Citizens
Christmas Party**

14th Dec: Santa's Visit

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email: info@beaumontresidents.ie
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Free Competitions on the website

Great Prizes



Section of the crowd attending the BRA annual general meeting, being addressed by Garda Mark O'Connell, in the Pastoral Centre, Beaumont

BIG TURNOUT FOR 2008 AGM

The Annual General Meeting was once again well supported. It's always very encouraging to see a good turnout and it's nice to know the Committee's work is acknowledged and appreciated. In a time of relative calm when there are no major emotive issues or problems threatening the community, the interest of members is more difficult to capture. This Community can rest assured that they are living in a very safe area where there are no major incidents of any kind. In the words of Garda O'Brien "Beaumont is lucky in respect to the low level of crime compared to other areas of Dublin" Our secure safe community is not just a matter of luck, neither does it just happen by accident – it is down to the day to day vigilance and mundane hard graft of the BRA Committee, Neighbourhood Watch, Road Reps and their high level of communications and interactivity with the Community Gardai.

Now you have your opportunity to show your support, solidarity and community spirit regardless of your nationality, colour, religion or race or whether you own or rent your accommodation. Everyone who lives in the community of Beaumont is part of the community of Beaumont and is an equal in BRA. Everyone is welcome to join and benefit from membership of Beaumont Residents Association together we're better, stronger and safer. Subscription envelopes will be delivered to you shortly, please cooperate with your local BRA Road Rep and have the envelope ready when he/she returns to collect it. Road Reps will carry ID when collecting the envelopes. Print your name on the envelope as you wish to see it on your membership card. Membership fee is still only €15 for 2008 as agreed at the AGM.

Please join in! Communicate and integrate. Together let's build a better Beaumont community for everyone, through BRA.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2007

As the day of the Christmas Party approached one could sense the excitement and happiness with many of the seniors. They told me it was the highlight of the year for them. The buses picked up the seniors at various locations around Beaumont. Some came by car and some by the Community Garda Bus. The Band named Solid Gold played some really great music. Our M.C Michael Maher entertained the seniors with spots, raffles, prizes and jollied them along with singing, dancing and a bit of wit.

The Lord Mayor, Cllr Paddy Bourke was guest of honour. The Lord Mayor was generous with his time, he toured the tables and had a hand-shake and good wish for everyone.

Our own Chef Phyllis Redmond and her team of helpers prepared the scrumptious sandwiches on Saturday morning. Therese Ellis made fourteen fruitcakes and these went down a treat with the seniors. Beaumont House provided hot food. Supervalu donated all the ingredients and bread etc. for the sandwiches. Beaumont Market donated a bunch of flowers for every lady at the party. Thanks to Garda Mark, Garda Martin, Garda Cathal and Sergeant Stephen Daly.

We wish to thank the following who helped in so many ways to make the night, go so smoothly and who were a great support to the committee: Michael Maher,

Ciaran O'Donoghue and his friend Daniel, Jenny Nulty, Kay Maguire, Noel Ellis, Stephen Bolton, Laura Ennis, Niamh Coyle, Susan Maher, Sinead Flanagan, Geraldine Gillian, Marcella O'Donoghue. The Scouts from Beaumont, under the supervision of their Scout Master did a great job. Sincere thanks to all our wonderful committee who all worked so hard to make the night a memorable one for all our Senior Citizens. If I omitted any helper's names I apologise.

Thanks to the following who made donations: Lanigan's Funeral Home, Beaumont Market. Outside the area: Mary from The Cremore Clinic, The Goose Tavern. Paper Pieces and The Tolka Egg Stores. Deirdre Higgins and The Maher Family, Plasters Union, Byrnes Butchers, Barry's from Pick of the Crop, Karizma Hairdressers, Beaumont House, Doherty's Pharmacy and the Buckley Family, Supervalu, Murphy's Jewellers, Crumlin Blinds, Kilmardenny Inn, AIB Santry, O'Sullivan's Pharmacy, Comet, Larkhill Credit Union, Airport Take Away, Shays Cost Cutter, EBS Building Society and the Pharmacy, Carey's Men's Wear, Books Unlimited, Hughes and Hughes, Cosgrove Butchers, Hobby crafts, Hairdressers, Drycleaners, Motor Shop, Omniplex and Montrose Jewellers, Tesco, King Jewellers, Hairdressers, Pennys, Unicare, and The Book Shop.

Looking forward to our Tenth Annual Seniors Christmas Party 2008. Until then take card and may God Bless you all. **Noreen Maher**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our Bi Monthly Meeting took place on 29th January. It's great to report that Beaumont has relatively very little crime. Burglaries are down but anti social behaviour is up a wee bit. Thefts from cars are on the increase due to Satellite Navigators, Lap Tops and Mobile phones being left in cars. It's inviting an opportunity for the thief.

Do turn on your house alarms at night and even if you are going down to the local shops. Keep your back

doors locked and don't leave the key in the lock. Remember to report all crime even if it's only your shed that is burgled it's helping the Gardai to build up a profile of the burglar.

Unfortunately Garda Martin O'Brien is leaving us and is taking up a new post in Cork. We say farewell and thank him for all his help and support over the past three years. We wish him well in his new post. **Noreen Maher**

BRA COMMITTEE 2008



Seated, L to R: Deirdre Higgins, Noreen Maher, Bernie Bolger and Des Maguire
Back, L to R: Frank O'Driscoll, Phyllis Redmond, Chris Foy, Anne Maher, Joan Ennis and Samuel Bolton.
Missing from photo, Tony King.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 4TH February 2008

The Beaumont Residents Association AGM was held in the Pastoral Centre, Beaumont on 4th February 2008. Just before commencement of the meeting a free raffle for all the attendees was held. Prize winners: Rita Hughes, Marie McCabe, Frank O Driscoll, Joseph Cummins, Pauline Gannon and Bernadette Nugent.

Noreen Maher (Chairperson) opened the meeting @ 8.12 pm

She referred to the minutes of the last AGM which were published in "The Beaumont News" in March 2007. There were no matters arising from the minutes and she asked that they be adopted. Des Maguire, seconded by Anne Maher, proposed the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

Garda Mark O'Connell from Santry Garda Station, Garda Martin O'Brien from Clontarf Garda Station and Inspector Eddie Hyland from Raheny Garda Station attended and addressed meeting.

Garda O'Connell gave an account of crime figures for area. Beaumont continues to enjoy a low rate of crime, with only about 4 burglaries per month recorded. This figure is one third of what it was a few years ago. The main problems experienced are in respect to anti-social behaviour and gangs of youths hanging around.

Marie McCabe asked for assistance with graffiti and shouting in the lane adjacent to Shantalla Drive. Mr. Clancy complained about the faded double yellow lines on Beaumont Crescent, cars parking on the yellow lines near the junction with Beaumont Road and presenting a hazard. John Dolan asked if anything could be done about a bus shelter on Shantalla Road being broken frequently. Garda O'Connell agreed to look into these matters further and stated that a person was caught for vandalising a bus shelter. He said the Department of Justice has funds set aside for the removal of Graffiti. He also urged people to phone the Gardai if they see anyone doing graffiti or anyone acting suspicious.

May Mernagh complained about a hazard a large van parked on Coolatree Park near its junction with Coolgreena Road, is causing for motorists. The van appears to belong to 'Bargaintown'. Garda O'Brien said he would investigate the matter.

Garda Martin O'Brien addressed the meeting. He stressed the importance and usefulness of 'Neighbourhood Watch' in the area and he brought along Neighbourhood Watch Booklets for everyone in the audience. He said Beaumont was very lucky in respect to crime compared with other parts of Dublin. He advised people to ensure they locked their doors - particularly back doors and not leave the keys on the inside of doors. Do not keep money in the house, put it into the Bank, Credit Union or other Financial Institutions. Burglars are primarily interested in money and jewellery.

Inspector Eddie Hyland (Clontarf) addressed meeting. He informed people that they can access www.garda.ie to view the police plan. He said there was an increase in the number of 'break-ins' to cars for equipment such as 'satnavs' and similar gadgets.

Secretary's Report was presented by Deirdre Higgins and adopted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was presented by Bernie Bolger and adopted unanimously.

Noreen Maher paid tribute to Peter Boylan who died recently RIP. Peter was a long serving dedicated BRA Committee member. A minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect. Noreen thanked Laura Ennis who is stepping down as a road rep.

A new Committee for 2008 was elected (see list of names herein)

Trustees; Chris Foy, Anne Maher and Noreen Maher were ratified.

It was decided that the membership subscription would remain at €15 - the same as last year.

OB.A request for signage to be erected in Coolgreena Close Park reminding dog owners to keep their dog on a lead. Currently dogs are let free in the park and chase young children and may pose a danger.

Connie Butler (Coolatree Park) asked Noreen Maher to express her thanks for all the support she received for her fundraising events through the year in aid of St. Francis Hospice. Kay Cahill asked for ramps on Cooleen Avenue to prevent the reoccurrence of a recent traffic accident on the avenue. Chairperson advised her that a survey of all homes on Cooleen Avenue was carried out last year and only 60% were in favour of the ramps, while 40% were against. This is not a sufficient mandate for the introduction of ramps. Coolatree Park residents returned a 90% support for ramps and a BRA request for ramps to Dublin City Council was refused. The speed and volume of traffic on Coolatree Park according to DCC did not warrant ramps. Lorraine O Toole, complained about No 18 Cooleen Avenue. It has become a dumping ground for rubbish and outside 12 Cooleen Avenue is a disgrace and something needs to be done as a matter of urgency.

John Dolan complained about the green bins being left in middle of road after collection. The green bins are collected by a private company; Oxigen and they do not provide the level of service or courtesy we are used to from DCC. Pauline Gannon complained about out of order outside No 13 - 15 Coolgreena Road.

Des O Loughlin complained of grass verges being destroyed by driving cars onto them and parking on the grass verges.

A complaint about a tree on the verge outside number 32 Coolgreena Road; it needs to be trimmed as it shielding the street light and creating a black spot.

Mrs. Carroll, Beaumont Crescent said she has a problem with tree outside her house and it needs to be trimmed.

Derek Doyle, Coolrua Drive requested that Dublin City Council carry out an audit and survey of footpaths in area with a view to having them repaired. He said damage to the footpath on Coolrua Drive outside number 64 needs to be repaired. Des Maguire said he reported this hazard to DCC more than 2 years ago.

Noreen Maher mentioned large holes in the footpath outside 13 Shantalla Road and 69 Shantalla Road. Doris Higgins, Beaumont Crescent complained about activities in 175 Beaumont Road. Deirdre Higgins stated that the Gardai are aware of the situation and are dealing with it.

Derek Doyle thanked the committee for their hard work throughout the year.

Meeting closed

BRA Committee Members & Road Reps. 2008.

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Bernie Bolger, Treasurer.	62 Coolrua Drive.	Tel: 8371270
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Anne Maher,	52 Coolrua Drive.	Tel: 8373616
Chris Foy,	56 Coolrua Drive.	Tel: 8375301
Samuel Bolton,	19 Coolrua Drive.	Tel: 8374293
Frank O'Driscoll,	67 Dromawling Road.	Tel: 8375919
Tony King,	36 Coolatree Park.	Tel: 8378436

Road Reps. 2008

Marcella O'Donohoe,	33 Shantalla Avenue.	Tel: 8420029
Margaret Doyle,	64 Coolrua Drive.	Tel: 8373058
Aidan Buckley	31 Shantalla Road	Tel: 8372269
Roger Farrell	25 Dromawling Road	Tel: 0000000
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Joe Cummins	107 Elm Mount Park	Tel: 8317321

Committee Members and Road Reps will be happy to assist you.

SANTA'S VISIT TO BEAUMONT 2007

The Children's Christmas party was held in the Lorcan Community Hall on Sunday 16th December 2007 from 2 - 4 pm. The children were very excited when Santa arrived by jeep under Garda escort. Santa spent the next two hours in his Grotto meeting each child with a big smile and having a wee chat. His two lovely helpers; Niamh Coyle and Jenny Nulty presented each child with a present. The children were entertained by Cocoa the Clown, who put in a very big effort to keep them in the party spirit i.e. dancing, playing pass the parcel, doing party pieces and a few tricks. Thanks to Louise and Ciara who helped keep the very small ones amused. Thanks also to our Face Painter Olivia Bolton who did a wonderful job and the children were delighted with the results. Thanks to Dermot Higgins and crew who supplied and set up the sound system for our DJ. Derek Doyle, who did a wonderful job. The Bonny Baby competition, sponsored by Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union, ran very smoothly supervised by Kathleen Maguire. Garda Elaine acted as Judge which proved a difficult job and after considerable soul searching a Bonny Baby was winner was announced; Two weeks old Liam from Shantalla Road, took the honours. Winner for the Toddlers Section were the Denihan Twins from Shanglas Road. Both winners received a cheque for €250 and we thank Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union for their generous sponsorship.

Gardai Fenton and Elaine did security at the door. To each and everyone of you who helped on the day, we say a big 'thank you' to: Ciaran O'Donoghoe, Marcella O'Donoghoe, Michael Maher, Kay Maguire, Olivia Bolton, Derek Doyle and Sam Bolton. Your help is very much appreciated by all the committee. Finally, we say thanks to the Lorcan Committee for the use of their hall and facilities.