

BRA NEWSLETTER

BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

AUTUMN 2008



Car in Flood

The 9th of August started out as so many days this "Summer" showery and cloudy but all in all not too bad. At least it was a warm day. I had been driving down around Croke Park about 2pm that day and remember thinking how nice it is on match day to see so many families decked out in their county colours teeshirts heading to the match and how at least it did not look like it would be too wet that day. How wrong was !!!

By the time the final whistle had blown parts of Dublin were under water. Normally when we watch floods on the TV we think God help the people who live there but it won't happen in Beaumont. We live on a hill. But this time it did. We watched in both horror and fascination as Cooleen Avenue became impassable in what seemed like a few minutes. What started off as a little puddle quickly turned into a lake and a deep one at that. To see the water steadily creeping up until it covered the wheels of cars and to frantically sweep the water away from the backdoor only for it to creep up to the step again was the order of the day.

At first, cars attempting to travel up and down the road slowed as the drivers decided would they risk it or not, some did and made it through. All that changed when a car just gave up the ghost and stopped in the middle of the flood. We watched with baited breath as a fire brigade (which was heading else where and just happened to come down the road) stopped and had to rescue the occupants and take them to dry land i.e back to the top of Cooleen Avenue. Then we knew this could get really serious. The rain just kept falling and falling with no let up. All we could do was watch and hope the rain would ease off before it actually got in to peoples houses and thankfully that appears to have been the case. Of course as we learnt later, we escaped relatively unscathed compared to unfortunate people in other parts of Dublin.

SANTA'S VISIT Ho, Ho, Ho!!

Sunday 7th December 2008
Santa will visit the Children of BRA Members on Sunday, 7th December, 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. in Lorcan Community Hall (Lorcan Villas, opposite SuperValu)

Children up to 10 years of age only.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entertainment will include:

Disco • Clown • Drinks • Sweets • Face Painting

If you would like your child to visit Santa and receive a Christmas Parcel, please post names and ages into our Post Boxes in the Topaz Shop and Post Office or to any Committee Member by:

Monday, 1st December.

This event is for BRA Members children only.



Accepting their awards from the Lord Mayor, Cllr Eibhlín Byrne are:

Des Maguire, Doreen Folan (Coolgreena Road), Frank O'Driscoll (Dromawling Road) and Tony King (Coolatree Park)

City Neighbourhoods Competition 2008 by Tony King

I am delighted to be able to inform you that Beaumont Residents Association has achieved three 'Merit Awards' in their respective categories of the City Neighbourhoods Competition, run by Dublin City Council. Des Maguire and neighbours won an Award for Coolgreena Road. Frank O'Driscoll won an award for Dromawling Road (and adjacent roads) and 'yours truly' for Coolatree Park and Coolgariff Road. In addition to the Awards, we each received a cheque for €100 (total €300). I would like to acknowledge the efforts put in by the many neighbours on each winning road; it is great to get such cooperation and see neighbours lending a hand concerned. Well done! It is so positive to see people expressing their pride in their area. Let's keep it going by keeping the footpaths clear of leaves this autumn and cutting back any hedges that overhangs the footpaths as they can be a hazard to pedestrians. Every little helps! If everyone in the area

did a little, the cumulative effect would be great. However and unfortunately, there are people amongst us who have little or no respect for the environment or for their neighbours. These individuals insist on littering their immediate area and wherever they go. They continue to throw bottles and other wrappers on the street. I would ask these people to cop themselves on and change their dirty filthy habit – it's just not acceptable anymore. Some dog owners continue to allow their dogs to foul the footpaths, walk away and leave the 'poo' behind for their neighbours to step into. This activity is no longer a joke, it's not fair to your neighbours, it will no longer be accepted in Beaumont and it's breaking the law.

I leave you on a positive note; Beaumont is getting better; it is slower and taking longer than we would like – but it's going in the right direction.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS



Sheila Rock, Coolgreena Road celebrated her 90th Birthday during the summer. Her large family, extended family, neighbours and friends gathered around for the celebrations. Sheila enjoys great health enjoys life to the full and has a great life story

to tell. On behalf of all her friends and neighbours in Beaumont, we wish Sheila many more good and happy years. (Sheila's story is on the BRA website)



Nancy Noone, Coolgreena Road celebrated the big 'Five O' Birthday in July with a party in Wynns Hotel. Surrounded by her extended family, neighbours and friends Nancy did what Nancy does best; 'pary, party, party' - and her rendition of her now famous party piece; "Simply the Best" was equally as good as it was ten years ago. 'Nanna Kay', Nancy's mother who is wheelchair bound was also present, joined in the celebrations and really enjoyed the craic.



Christmas Party Time

FOR OUR SENIOR MEMBERS
On Saturday, November 29th 2008
in Artane Beaumont Recreation Centre.
at 7.30 pm.

Free Party + Free transport
Dance the night away!

Party is for Beaumont Residents Association Members only.
If you would like tickets for the Party, please contact any
BRA Committee Member or drop your name and phone number
into the BRA Post Boxes in the Topaz Shop and in the Post Office.

Your ticket request should arrive not later than Friday 15th November.

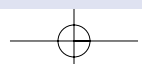




table and chairs, where one can knit and have a cuppa. The proprietors Fran and Teresa are running a 6-week crochet and knitting class. They hope to run longer course after this one. The Shop is tastefully decorated. You are invited to drop in for a cup of tea and knit in Carmel's Garden. Watch the Notice Board inside the shop for more news on their next crochet and knitting classes.

Coolgreena Close Park: The Residents of this Road are hoping that the Students from a local school will bin all their lunch papers, etc. and leave the Park the same way as they found it.

Dangerous Parking at the Entrance of Coolgreena Close: We have noted that there is an increase in traffic parking from the entrance at the Close. This obscures the view of the local neighbours when they are endeavouring to drive out from their driveways. It is dangerous parking.

The Senior Christmas Party 2008: We are holding our Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party on Saturday 29th NOVEMBER 2008 at the usual venue. Please apply in early November for your tickets. This is a big help to the committee when they know the number of people interested in attending. Looking forward to seeing you all then P.G.

Neighbourhood Watch: The Gardai have been busy keeping an eye on the local parks and keeping the anti social behaviour under control. New rules were published recently relating to under-age drinking in the Parks. As we have stated many times, Beaumont is a very good and safe area, where the level of crime is very low. If you have reason to be suspicious of any unusual activity please phone the Gardai and report it. Your continued support is vital in helping to keep our area a safe and secure place for everyone. We will have our first meeting the end of September and if you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to phone me on; 087-9569626, Deirdre Higgins on; 087-6398816 or Phyllis Redmond on; 8375857

Kids Sports & Fun Fest: Our Annual Kids Sports and Fun Fest was held on 7th June last. The weather was beautiful and this helped enormously to make the day very enjoyable and successful for all who came and participated in the many athletic sporting events, Bouncy Castle, slide, obstacle course, etc. The children were allowed to use the Fire Brigade's water hose, which they thoroughly enjoyed and were also given an inspection of the Fire Engine. The Gardai gave the children spins in their jeep around the park and kept them entertained with sirens and flashing lights, much to the children's delight.



Fireman (Charlie Redmond) gets assistance from young 'wan a be' Fire-fighters

Michael Maher kept everyone from the smallest child to the oldest adult entertained with the wheel fortune, which was a resounding success. We ran out of prizes near the end! Phyllis Redmond, P.J. and Beatrice Flanagan kept everyone fed with delicious burgers and hot dogs. They went down a treat. The shop was very busy with Eimear Ellis and Clare Moran managing it excellently. We were honoured with some very special guests all the way from Disney World and they added greatly to the atmosphere of the day. Congratulations to all the winners of the various sports events. Oliva Bolton, our face painter, did marvellous work with the children.

Later on in the afternoon FM 104 arrived and gave the children some refreshments.

Thanks to Anne Maher, Chris Foy, Deirdre Higgins, Phyllis Redmond, Des and Kay Maguire, Noreen and Michael Maher, Joan Ennis, Frank O'Driscoll, Bernie Bolger, Tony King, Aidan Buckley, Lorraine O'Toole, Sinead Foy, Niall McEvoy, Andrew Maher, Martina Foy, Marcella O'Donoghue, Gary O'Donoghue, Laura Ennis, Shane Maguire, Beatrice and P.J. Flanagan, Clare, Joseph and Garret Moran, Noel and Eimear Ellis, Jenny Nulty, Aisling Higgins, and last but not least a very big thank you to Dermot and Mark Higgins, who did a really great job on the day for providing the PA system, a marquee and for doing DJ.

Thanks also to Aidan and Breda Buckley who gave us the use of their electricity we really appreciate your support and help. The Fire Engine Crew, Sergeant Stephen Daly, the Inspector and Garda Stephen Enright.

We acknowledge with thanks the following shops / businesses who donated spot prizes: Shantalla Road; Byrnes Butchers, Pick of the Crop and Mace, Loran; Supervalu and O'Dea's Pharmacy, Omni Park SC; Pizza Hut, Sean Duff, McDonalds, Omniplex Cinema, Lifestyle, The Bag Shop, Unicare, Hughes & Hughes, Books Upstairs, the Art and Hobby Shop, Clothes for Shows and Brendan Brady.

A particular thanks to Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union for their generous sponsorship of our 'Bonny Baby' competition and to Lady Mayoress Margaret Bourke for adjudicating.

Tidy Districts: Congratulations to Tony King, Des Maguire and Frank O'Driscoll on winning prizes in the tidy districts competition. Well done! Many hands make light work. So next year maybe we will have more entries.

Best Wishes: We wish Fr Paddy Staunton O.Carm. A very speedy recovery. Hoping to see him back in the Parish in the very near future.

Sincere Sympathy: We wish to offer our sincere sympathy, to all who have lost a loved one. May they all Rest In Peace.

New Stitch Shop: New Stitch Shop and Garden opened recently on Shantalla Road (between Karizma and Boston Bakery). It boasts a beautiful garden with

BONNY BABY COMPETITION!

The Bonny Baby competition held during the Kids Sports & Fun Fest had two age categories; 0 – 12 months (Babies) and 13 months – 36 months (Toddlers) The competitions were generously sponsored by Donnycarney Beaumont Credit Union and a prize of €250 and trophy was presented to the winner in each category. Beauty was in abundance and the very difficult decisions of choosing winners fell to Lady Mayoress, Margaret Bourke who kindly agreed to be the adjudicator for the event. Lee McDermott, Shantalla Road and Marie Claire, Coolatree Park was chosen as Bonny Baby and Bonny Toddler winners respectively. Congratulations to Lee and Marie.



Lee McDermott, Shantalla Road



Marie Claire, Coolatree Park

NEW-LOOK BEAUMONT HOUSE

Congratulations to Dermot Carew on a fabulous refurbishment job carried out on the Beaumont House. The fresh new look of the exterior greatly enhances the aesthetics of what is the focal point of Beaumont. A major revamp of the interior including new furniture and the introduction of an extravagant supply of lavish plants, adds class, style and elegance to the establishment. Beaumont House is now one of the most luxurious watering holes and eateries in Dublin's north side.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor, Would it be possible for you to ask people to cut back hedges and trees that overhang their garden walls onto footpaths. These overgrown hedges present a hazard for pedestrians on footpaths particularly as the evenings get darker.

I am sure people do not realise these trees and hedges are causing such a nuisance to pedestrians. Two fine examples of this can be seen at the Beaumont Road end of Coolgreena and both have been there for a good number of years. Maybe the owners of these houses would take a few minutes to cut these trees and hedges back and make life a little easier for us pedestrians. (More letters on the BRA website)

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- 3. Doherty's Late Night Pharmacy,** 2 Shantalla Road, Beaumont. Tel: 8371931. Open till 8pm Mon – Fri and till 6pm Sat.
- 4. HANDI-GUYS,** Cooleen Avenue. Tel: 8378558 086-1621948. Painting, Decorating, General Household Repairs. Special low rates for BRA Members.
- 5. DONNYCARNEY BEAUMONT** Credit Union (DBCUC). Artane Castle Tel: 8328360. Special low rates on Loans and Mortgages available for you.

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