



## Chairman's Column

YOU probably don't remember (you may not care) -but it is four years since I wrote my last "Chairman's Column". The good and excellent people on the Residents Committee voted recently to have me back as their Chairman. Barry Doyle stepped down at the last AGM having held the position of Chairman and Editor of Beaumont News. He continues as the latter and is also the current vice-chairman of Beaumont Residents Association (BRA). I feel a song coming on; "I stepped out Barry stepped in, Barry stepped out I stepped in again, learning to dance for the Residents Ball" My sincere thanks to Barry for his dedication and hard work over the years. It's worth noting; Barry is a Committee member of BRA since it was formed in 1996 and long may he continue. It's also worth stating; each Committee Member gives significant amounts of his/her time to the Associations work, absolutely free. In these days when there are so many competing demands on one's time, these people have to be highly commended.

**Membership of B.R.A.:** Envelope subscriptions have been collected from nearly all Residents by this time and the membership numbers appear to be very similar to last year at just under 70% of the total households. This is a very positive and respectable figure. Most Residents Associations would be delighted with such strong support, however, I believe we can and must do better. I would like to know why 30% of the Residents are not Members. Every single Member is important to the Association. I am very anxious that the 30% non members are aware of this. The more Members in the Association the more representative it is, the better it is, the stronger it is and the more it can do for its Members. Our Constitution states; Committee Members of B.R.A. shall not hold membership of any Political Party and the Committee must be

non Party Political. I mention this by way of assurance to anyone out there (and particularly the 30%) who may feel we are doing things for Party Political reasons or for Political self interest. This is the current situation and has been so since they Association was formed in 1996.

It is no coincidence that B.R.A. area has the lowest level of crime in the Garda 'H' district. This is due in no small way to the Committees work through "Neighbourhood Watch" and on-going communications with the Gardai in Santry and Clontarf.

We are in regular communications with Dublin City Council and local Public Representatives on a host of issues including: traffic, litter, safety, water, etc. Most, if not all of the aforementioned, affects each and every Resident in Beaumont. The 30% may not be happy with the current state of affairs -but be assured, things would be a great deal worse if BRA were not in existence.

In addition to the day-to-day activities, BRA hosts three major events every year -free for its Members. "Kids Sports & Fun Day", "Santas visit & Kids Disco" and "Senior Citizens Christmas Party"

All of the aforementioned, together with having fifteen local representatives on your doorstep and a regular Newsletter, for about the cost of a 'couple of drinks' in the local.

I make a direct plea to the non-members; please reconsider your position, be a good neighbour and help maintain community spirit. You may not need us today -but you may need us some day.

**Kids Sports & Fun Day:** Our annual 'kids fun day' scheduled for end of June is being deferred until 7<sup>th</sup> September. This is to avoid clashing with the Special Olympics and other events. The event is for children aged 12 years and under. More details of this event closer to the time.

**New Post Box:** Thanks to Cathal McElerney for allowing us to install a new Post Box in the Post Office on Shantalla Road. There is no longer a post box in SuperValu - it disappeared when work was being carried out and it is not known what happened to it. There continues to be a Post Box in the Shell Petrol Station Shop. Please use these boxes for all your correspondence and subscriptions.

**Tidy Districts:** We have entered three roads in the "Tidy Districts Competition" again this year. They are the same roads as last year; Coolgreena Road, Coolrua Drive and Dromawling area. It would be very nice if everyone on these roads did a little bit to help the effort.. As the old saying goes; 'many hands make light work'.

**New Cycle Lane:** Proposed new Cycle Lane on Beaumont Road, from Shantalla Road to Malahide Road and the safety improvements at Beaumont Woods and Beaumont Hospital junctions, are being delayed yet again. The latest news from the Office of the Director of Traffic is; they are having difficulty getting funding approval for the project. They are however, confident that

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Place entries in B.R.A. Post Boxes.

Closing date; 5.00 pm Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Where is the "Orchard Restaurant" .....

Where are the two BRA Post Boxes .....

On what date does the Children's Sports & Fun Day take place .....

Where is the "Kangaroo Club" .....

Whose phone number is; 6722837 .....

Answers with name and address may be affixed to this entry form.

*Answers can be found in this edition of Beaumont Newsletter*



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construction will start sometime in the summer. It is well worth keeping in mind the 'Local Elections' next year. In any event we will keep up the pressure to have the work carried out A.S.A.P.

**Yellow Box:** Has been requested from DCC on Beaumont Road at its junction with Beaumont Grove. Residents of the Grove are experiencing difficulties exiting and entering, due to the long tail back of traffic from Shantalla Road along Beaumont Road. DCC have also been asked to examine the Shantalla Road junction with a view to reducing tail backs.

**Ramps:** The controversy over road ramps continues unabated. Some Residents want existing ramps increased, some Residents want existing ramps reduced and even removed. Roads that do not have ramps, want ramps installed. Dromawling Road has what could be termed 'Token Ramps'. One can only assume they were put there as a PR exercise by DCC to appease the Residents. The more cynical amongst us believe DCC are happy for Dromawling Road to be used by diverted traffic from the Tunnel works. Most Residents on this road now want the ramps increased. Work on increasing the ramps is promised for later in the year.

The ramps on Coolgreena Road are severe by any standards and they do exactly what they are supposed to do - slow the traffic. The Residents who want these ramps replaced by smoother ramps want in effect to be able to drive faster on this road. An excellent example of 'smooth ramps' are to be seen on the entrance road to Beaumont Woods. It is a 'race track'. In an effort to slow the traffic, large bright coloured signs on the grass verge beam out; 'Beware of Children'. It must now be obvious to everyone that few motorists obey speed limits or signs. Only under the pain of penalty points or broken suspensions and burst tyres will motorists slow down.

**Harassment of the Elderly:** Senior citizens on Coolatree Park have requested our assistance in respect to abuse, harassment and intimidation they are suffering at the hands of kids and young teenagers. Apparently, some of these young people live on Coolatree Park. I can only assume at this time that the harassment is exaggerated and the kids believe their actions are harmless and have no malicious intent. I would however, ask parents on Coolatree Park to have a little chat with their kids and keep a close eye on their activities. It would be reassuring if parents were to drop in and say hello to their elderly neighbours. It is clear to my colleagues, the elderly on Coolatree Park are very upset and intimidated by the behaviour of these young people.

I do hope this is just a 'storm in a tea cup'.

**DCC Contacts:** An up to date list of contact names and phone numbers for the commonly needed services, are included in this Newsletter for your assistance. Please call the relevant numbers for the services you require - and make repeated calls as necessary. Keep a record of your calls; dates, times, persons name, reason for call and results. If you do not get satisfaction within a reasonable time - and your complaint is legitimate, BRA will then take up the matter with DCC on your behalf.

**Finally:** I wish all our Members and readers Happy Holidays. I hope the sun does not forget us this year. Whether you are staying in Ireland or travelling overseas for your holidays, please take care and keep safe. - DES MAGUIRE, Cchairman

#### NOTICE

Would the people who are depositing garden waste in the corner of the lane running between Shantalla and Beaumont Grove please refrain from doing so.—Thank you

#### Dublin County Council—Contact Details -

Road Maintenance: Maintenance of roads, footpaths, laneway; etc.— Martin Jordan, Area Manager; Tel: 6722568

Traffic Office: Traffic control & management, parking control, road safety, etc.— Owen Keegan, Director of Traffic; Tel: 6722837—Paddy Dowling, Enquiries Officer; Tel: 6722528

Public Lighting: Pat Caden, Operations Engineer; Tel: 4114430

Parks: Parks maintenance, grass margins, grass cutting, trees, etc.— Gerry Barry, Parks Superintendent; Tel: 6723305

Eoin Ward, Parks Superintendent -Northside; Tel: 6723436

Waste Management: Willie Ward, Tel: 4114245; Jackie O'Reilly, Tel: 4114243

## CURRENT CORRESPONDENCE

RE: Laneway from Shantalla Drive to Beaumont Grove

I refer to your letter regarding the above. We have received and are currently processing an application for the closure of this laneway. On receipt of site details from the applicant we will forward a report to North Central Area Committee Meeting and following their approval a site notice will be placed at the above and will be advertised in the Irish Independent.

Simultaneously we will initiate service checks with public utilities and Dublin City Council. The right of way to be extinguished is indicated on a map, which may be inspected at the North Central Area Office, Kilbarrack, Greendale Shopping Centre, Dublin 5 for a period of four weeks from the date of advertisement in the paper. Any objections or representations to the proposal must be made in writing to the Executive Manager, North Central Area Office within six weeks of the advertisement.

Subject to all service checks being completed and all accompanying necessary verification of facts regarding the laneway being satisfactory, a second report will go to the North Central Area Committee. Following approval of the Area committee the matter is referred to City Council for final approval.

**Report—** We are currently processing an application for the closure of the laneway at the above address (details supplied). The application will be presented to the June meeting of this Committee recommending that the procedure should commence.—Declan Wallace, Area Manager

- From Alderman Haughey T.D.

#### Hold on a Minute - APOLOGIES to Thomas

Hopper, Beaumont Grove for mistakenly having said in the last newsletter that he had carried out a survey in his neighbourhood on the erection of gates on the lane linking Beaumont Grove and Shantalla Drive. The survey and petition was organised by a resident on Shantalla Drive for gates between number 58 and 59 Shantalla Drive. —Sorry Thomas.

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