

# THE BEAUMONT NEWS

## *Official Newsletter of the Beaumont Residents Association*

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### ***BEAUMONT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE 2005***

***(Back row L-R) Samuel Bolton, Tom Darby, Pat Martin, Joan Ennis, Frank O'Driscoll, Deirdre Higgins, Anne Caulfield, Tony King, Phyllis Redmond. (Seated L-R) Anne Maher, Noreen Maher, Des Maguire, Nancy Noone, Chris Foy.***

***Missing from photo are: Bernie Bolger, Peter Boylan, Thomas Hopper, Marcella O'Donohoe, Margaret Doyle, Connie Butler, Sean Mullen***

Welcome to the new look Beaumont News. I hope you like what we have done and I hope you enjoy reading the local news - even more than before. We redesigned the appearance and added a splash of colour to enhance the look and feel of the newsletter. The content remains substantially as before.

The change results from Barry Doyle stepping down from the Committee at the last AGM. Barry was the founder, organiser and editor of Beaumont News going back to 1997. Barry has particular skills and expertise in printing and publishing and his departure left the Committee with a considerable dilemma in respect to the continued publication of the Newsletter. The skills needed to produce the newsletter would need to be bought in as they no longer existed within the Committee. This represented a considerable cost for the Association, a cost that would not be easily sustained going forward. It is important to state that a great deed of gratitude is due to Barry for his Trojan work over the last eight years. His efficiency and effectiveness in producing the Newsletter sometimes resulted in his contribution being undervalued and only fully realised by his departure. What's new about that you may well ask!

Since we did not have the skills and expertise, the alternative would be to have money to buy the service. Sponsorship would be an option - but who would provide the sponsorship. Mr Dermot Carew, Proprietor of Beaumont

House, became aware of our search for Sponsorship. He rose to the challenge and offered to sponsor "THE BEAUMONT NEWS" in its current full colour format throughout 2005. BRA new Committee gratefully accepted Mr Carew's generous offer at its first meeting. It is worth noting that Beaumont House attaches no conditions to the sponsorship and does not exercise any editorial control over this Newsletter.

Our Association has tried over the last few years to increase its membership. It stagnates around 70% of the potential number. There are many reasons one could put forward for the 30% not joining the Residents Association. A very important reason appears to be the considerable number of Tenants in the area. Tenants believe they are not entitled to join as the Association is for 'House Owners' only. This is not the case and we would welcome members who are Tenants in the area. It would be great to have representatives from the many Tenants in Beaumont on our Committee. They would afford us a view from their 'side of the tracks' something I believe we need badly at this time.

In our quest to increase numbers, we decided to offer incentives to members. Local business's (shops, pubs, etc) were canvassed to provide incentives to increase their Customers and our members. "Beaumont House" was again first up to the challenge and seized the opportunity. Mr Carew is offering 10% discount on all 'Carvery Food' to members of Beaumont Residents Association (BRA) on

presentation of current Membership Card. Each card carrying member is entitled to the discount for a family / group of friends of up to six in total. Next to offer incentives is "India Link" the Indian food take-away on Shantalla Road. Gerry Cassidy Proprietor, has kindly offered 10% discount on orders in excess of €10.00 on presentation of current Membership card.

We believe these incentives are very valuable, practical and transparent. We hope our members enjoy the food and the savings. The 30% non-members (including Tenants) should reconsider joining our Association in the light of the very significant incentives available. Just think; a group of four can save a subscription fee in just one visit to each of the aforementioned establishments -and the more often you visit the more you save.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Over the last few weeks, subscription envelopes were delivered to all houses in the area. Many thanks to those who had their subscription ready for collection when our Road Representatives called. Thanks also to those who posted the envelope into the Road Reps houses. However, a number of you have not done either. It is not a nice job knocking on doors looking for money so please have consideration for your neighbours, make a little effort and return your envelope today. We are all busy people, there are plenty demands on our time, we have to make the effort to go out and deliver the envelopes, surely you can have them ready when we call back at the appointed time. The subscription is still only €10.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR OLDER PEOPLE (CSOP PROJECT)

Seventy of our senior citizens will benefit from special grant of €22,793 received from the Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht affairs. A contract for the supply and installation of security equipment was awarded to TASK Community Care at start of March. They are scheduled to carryout the work during March and April 2005.

## BRA COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2005

Des Maguire, <i>Chairman.</i>	101 Coolgreena Road,
Noreen Maher, <i>Vice Chair.</i>	26 Coolgreena Road,
Nancy Noone, <i>Secretary.</i>	95 Coolgreena Road,
Bernie Bolger, <i>Treasurer.</i>	61 Coolrua Drive.
Anne Maher,	52 Coolrua Drive.
Chris Foy,	56 Coolrua Drive.
Margaret Doyle,	64 Coolrua Drive.
Phyllis Redmond,	49 Coolrua Drive.
Samuel Bolton,	19 Coolrua Drive.
Deirdre Higgins,	11 Beaumont Crescent.
Joan Ennis,	47 Beaumont Crescent.
Frank O'Driscoll,	67 Dromawling Road.
Peter Boylan,	4 Dromlee Crescent.
Tom Darby,	128 Beaumont Road.
Pat Martin,	71 Beaumont Road.
Thomas Hopper,	4 Beaumont Grove.
Connie Butler,	22 Coolatree Park.
Tony King,	36 Coolatree Patk.
Anne Caulfield,	4 Shantalla Avenue.
Marcella O'Donohoe,	33 Shantalla Avenue,
Sean Mullen,	13 Shantalla Drive.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE DELIGHTED TO ASSIST

Should satisfaction not be forthcoming from the official Service call our relevant Spokesperson. He/she has relevant expertise in Authority on your behalf and endeavour to expedite a solution. when you have exhausted the normal

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We wish to acknowledge receipt of a file in respect to the 'Old Residents Association' (pre 1997) from Mr John Barlow, husband of the late Hanna Barlow, an untiring Committee Member for many years. The file contains a number of documents including an AIB Current Account showing an amount of €568.67 in credit. Mr Barlow also provided a Death Certificate in respect to Hanna, to facilitate the transfer of the money to the present Residents Association and closure of the account. Our Treasurer and Trustees are endeavouring to conclude this matter. Many thanks to John Barlow.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Beaumont Residents Association AGM held on 25th January 2005 attracted a capacity crowd. Garda Shane Graham from Clontarf was also present. It was so encouraging to see such turnout. Many thanks to all who made the effort to attend. One of our longest serving Committee Members, Barry Doyle stepped down after eight years and received a warm round of applause. Jackie Barron resigned a few months



*Bertie's Babes at the Sr Citizens Christmas Party 2004.*

earlier. All outgoing Committee Members were re-elected. Three new members joined the Committee: Nancy Noone, Joan Ennis and Tom Darby. The Secretary's Report was given by Noreen Maher in the absence of Anne Maher and the Treasurer's Report was given by Bernie Bolger. Both Reports were adopted. Minutes of the AGM are available from the Secretary Nancy Noone, to anyone who attended.

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**OBITUARIES**

The family of Mary Elizabeth Crowley (late of Cooleen Avenue) would like to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad loss, to so many who attended the Funeral Mass and burial, to all who called to the house, to all who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, letters, flowers and enrolments. Thank you to all our relations, neighbours and many friends. As we would be unable to thank everyone individually, please accept this acknowledgment as a token of our appreciation.

Sincere sympathy to Doreen Ryan and her family on the death of her husband Michael. May he rest in peace.

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**Noreen's News**



Thanks to the Halpin Family, Howth and the Martin Family, Beaumont Road for their very generous donations of children's toys and books for Santa's visit. It's very much appreciated. As you know the day was a great success. The children loved the clown namely Michael Maher, who kept them all amused with fun, games, party pieces and dancing, whilst waiting to visit Santa at his Wonderful Grotto. Our D.J. Derek kept the music going for the whole party and done a great job. Thank to both of you for a job well done.

We also wish to thank Garda Fintan Curley and Garda Shane Graham who came along on their day off and helped us in any way they could.

Thanks to all who helped in so many ways to help make this Christmas Party a memorable one for all the children of Beaumont who attended.

Thanks also to Lorcan Residence Association for allowing us to use the Hall.

A past committee member who did great work and gave her time willingly to the Senior Citizens Christmas Party (omitted from the last Newsletter). We apologise and sincerely thank Joyce Moore for her time and help.

*More News in our next newsletter*





**ST. FIACHRA'S JUNIOR SCHOOL CHOIR WITH CHOIR TEACHERS**  
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# Beaumont Convalescent Home



Beaumont Convalescent Home a well known landmark in the area for many years is closing its doors on 20th May this year. Owned by the Sisters of Mercy, closure will mean the loss of more than 40 jobs. It is also sad news for the Patients transferring to wherever spaces are available in other homes. Rumours abound regarding the future use of the home; Hotel, Apartments, Annex to Beaumont Hospital, Nurses Home, etc. Management refused to Comment and

referred the writer to their PR Consultants, Young Communications. Wally Young issued a one-page 'Press Statement' confirming that the home is to close on 20th May 2005. The 'Catherine McAuley Unit' will continue to operate for elderly and infirm Sisters. The decision was taken for health and safety reasons together with financial difficulties. The Sisters of Mercy regret the need to close the facility. The 'Press Statement' contained no mention of job losses or future use of the building.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Our bi-monthly meeting took place on Tuesday 8th February. All the local Residence Associations in the H District attended the meeting. House Robberies and car thieves have happened not too far away. Please be aware that leaving your back door or patio door unlocked and maybe watching T.V. in the front room is one sure way of thieves gaining easy entry into your home and taking car keys or a hand bag.



Never leave the back of your house unlocked! Supervalu and the Pharmacy beside it were robbed recently. A discussion on under age drinking took place.

We also had a meeting for Dublin Neighbourhood Watch at Harcourt Square on 22nd February 2005 where discussions took place on crime and all area problems around the city. We hope to set up a website soon. Our next Newsletter should be out and about around Easter.

**NOREEN MAHER**

A warm welcome to the **Boston Bakery** recently opened new shop on Shantalla Road. We can all looking forward to some homemade fresh cakes and bread.

## Is this puddle your destructive work ?



If you recognise this photo, please take action and stop defacing the grass margins.

## RTE Site



The old RTE site in Collinswood adjacent to Beaumont Road recently changed hands and a Planning Application for its development is currently with Dublin City Council. Planning is being sought for 175 Residential Units comprising of 9 Blocks, varying from 2-storey to 5-storey in height over basements. The main entrance / exit is

via the Beaumont Road. This is a new access between the Pumphouse and No 81 Beaumont Road opposite Beaumont Grove - more traffic on an already gridlocked road !! The Committee are examining the Planning Application and will take a decision shortly on the most effective strategy to pursue in this regard.

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# NOTICE

## *To all Residents of Beaumont*

As a Resident of Beaumont - regardless of whether you own or rent your accommodation, you are entitled and very welcome to join Beaumont Residents Association.

You will enjoy **10% discount** on all Carvery Food in Beaumont House and **10% discount** on all orders (in excess of €10) from India Link, Take-away.

Your needs, views and opinions will be accepted and represented at appropriate forums. Just put your name and address together with €10 into an envelope and drop into any Committee Member or into our Post Box in Shantalla Road Post Office and Shell Shop.

## **THE LORD MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON CRIME AND POLICING**

It recommends some simple, interesting, much needed and easy to implement enhancements to Community Policing and to dealing with low level crime. We are delighted to see that some of our Association's submissions to the Commission are included in the report's recommendations. We can only hope that the Government will implement the report without undue delay. It's well worth reading.

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*An Taoiseach Bertie Ahern,  
congratulates Christina on  
reaching her 100th Birthday.  
Celebrations took place at the  
Beaumont Residents Association  
Sr. Citizens Christmas Party in  
December 2004*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

As a Member of BRA I hope you have objected to the proposed new buildings which are being planned for the Kilmardinny site. Coolgariff Road cannot cope with any more traffic and as you realise 49 new apartments would create a lot more. Only earlier this week there was an accident involving a motor cyclist. Besides the water pressure would be badly effected and it is bad enough already.

Lorcan Residents have already sent their objections and I hope you will do likewise.

Yours faithfully, *Coolgariff Road Resident.*

Sir, Suggestions:

The surfaces of the footpaths are in poor condition throughout the estate. There is a need for a 'General Grocer Shop' in this locality. There is no ATM available from 12 midnight to 10.00am in this area.

Signed: *J.J. O'Driscoll, Dromnanane Park.*

## INVITATION NOTICE

I am delighted to receive your letters and comments of whatever nature. I promise to provide more space in future issues to publish your letters - so please let us have your thoughts, concerns, comments, news, stories, etc. I will withhold your name on request. However, all letters must have an address and signature for them to be published. I would love to receive articles for publication.

Let us know what you think of this Newsletter, what you would like to see in it, etc.

Check out our new web site [www.thebeaumontnews.com](http://www.thebeaumontnews.com) going live very soon. Some parts of the site are 'under construction' and may take some time before it is completed.

We would welcome assistance from the "Techies" out there, to lend their talent and expertise in building the web site. This is a great opportunity for the young guys and girls in the area to demonstrate their skills for the benefit of the local Community. The web site is focused on the younger folk amongst us. Please, give us a 'dig out' on this web site project.

Our email address is: [news@thebeaumontnews.com](mailto:news@thebeaumontnews.com)

Whether its email or snail mail, we will be pleased to hear from you.

**Des Maguire, Editor.**

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