

College and Wainsfort Residents' Association *(including The Orchard and Nos. 43—109 Fortfield Road)*

A.G.M.---Monday 18 April, 2016.

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Residents Association takes place on **Monday 18th April at 8.00 p.m.** in St. Mary's room, St Pius X Church. This room is at the rear of the Church at the right hand side. Entrance is from the car park.

All residents are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and meet your neighbours and get to know what is happening in the area.

The local Garda Community liaison officer will be in attendance at the meeting.

News and Developments during the past year.

Clean Up Day

This year's annual **clean-up day** will take place on **Saturday, 23rd April** and we are looking for volunteers to help out for a few hours with picking up litter and tidying up the general area. Cleaning equipment will be provided as well as some light refreshments afterwards. If you are interested, please come along to the AGM or email collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com or you can just come along and join us on the day – we meet at **11.00 a.m. outside the Two Sisters pub**. We would also like to ask householders to look after the area immediately outside your house – with regard to cutting of the grass verges and picking up litter, etc.

Annual Subscription

The annual subscription will remain at **€5** for this year. Committee members will begin the collection in the coming weeks. We would encourage all residents to support the Residents Association. We wish to sincerely thank the residents who helped out with last year's collection. We would also welcome some new Committee members. If you have some spare time and are interested in becoming involved, please let us know.

Planning issues during the year

Ballymore Properties applied for, and despite a number of objections from local residents, were granted permission for construction of a **playground in College Square**, backing directly onto houses on Wainsfort Road. An appeal has been submitted to An Bord Pleanála.

Graffiti & Litter

Once again we would ask dog owners to **clean up their pet's waste** from public areas and to dispose of it in a proper manner.

We would also like to ask residents to **ensure that the lids on green bins are kept securely fastened** especially if they are being left out for collection in windy conditions. This is to prevent the contents spilling out and littering the surrounding areas.

Residents should also be mindful of the potential of **blocking the public sewerage system** when disposing of materials down drains. We have had reports from residents of blocked drains on their properties caused by the disposal by their neighbours of items such as grease, cooking oil, baby

wipes, etc. into the sewerage system. This has resulted in costly call out charges to get the drains unblocked.

The Residents Association continue to actively report incidents of **graffiti** and **littering** to South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to request removal, as well as taking issues up with local councillors and utility companies. Attempts were made to remove graffiti from utility boxes during the year with graffiti removal materials, but a practical problem arose in that this also removes legal paint. Residents are reminded that if they see anyone engaging in this activity they should report the incident immediately to Terenure Garda Station who can be contacted at 01 6666400 or to the Residents Association at collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com. Graffiti, as well as other issues that require attention such as litter removal/broken streetlights etc. can also be reported to SDCC for attention on the website www.fixyourstreet.ie. Any incidents of illegal dumping can be reported to the litter warden for SDCC by phone at 01 4149000 or the 24 hour lo-call telephone number 1850 365 121 by email at info@sdblincoco.ie,

Proposed Rejuvenation of Green Area on Wainsfort Grove/College Drive

The Residents Association have secured a promise of funding from South Dublin County Council (SDCC) to rejuvenate the Green space on Wainsfort Grove/College Drive. We hope that work will commence on this project shortly and if you have any ideas on how this space could be improved on, for example the provision of seating, landscaping etc. please let us know. At the request of residents, we have also requested pedestrian crossings for 2 locations – on Wainsfort Road, near the 2 Sisters Pub - and on College Drive, beside the crèche to assist school children crossing the road. These are currently under consideration by SDCC.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

Since last year's AGM it has been reported that burglaries were low in the first 6 months and then rose sharply in the second 6 months i.e. the winter months. This is a familiar pattern. New phone scams continue to appear. Another new development is the use of 'Signal Blockers' which are used by car thieves to prevent drivers locking their cars, particularly in car parks. It is advised that car doors should be tested manually to ensure that they are securely locked. Some issues that arose during the year were the problem of high hedges surrounding houses which can assist burglars. Also the absence of house numbers that can be seen - for emergency services purposes arose during the year.

During the year all routine meetings took place. Our thanks to all Street Co-ordinators for their support, and the Gardaí at Terenure Garda station for their continuing interest and support. We still need Street Co-ordinators so any volunteers at AGM or afterwards will be very welcome. The duties are not very onerous. For passing on information, the station number is 6666400 - for emergency calls use 999.

Contact the Residents Association

The Residents Association committee would be delighted to hear from you with regard to any suggestions or issues that you might want to bring to the attention of the committee such as public lighting not working, litter, planning issues, anti-social behaviour etc. The committee can be contacted by email at collegeandwainsfortresidents@gmail.com. You can also keep up to date by visiting our website at www.collegeandwainsfort.net. We would also encourage you to let us have your email address so that we can keep you up to date with any 'News Updates' etc. during the year. You can do so through our website or by entering the details on the subscription envelope that will be delivered to you in the coming weeks.