

Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inniu **South Dublin County Today**

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December 2018



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Party Abbreviations

Cllr	Cllr
FF	Fianna Fáil
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
SF	Sinn Féin
IND	Independent
I4C	Independents 4 Change
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
Green	The Green Party
SOL	Solidarity - The Left Alternative
RENUA	RENUA Ireland
SD	Social Democrats
NP	Non Party

Front Page image

Image from Unwrapped
2017 celebrations,
Chamber Square, Tallaght

Meet your Mayor Cllr Mark Ward



Season's Greetings from South Dublin County Council

Dear citizens of South Dublin,

A chairde,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

This time of year is a time for family and friends. It is a time of reflection on the year passed and also hope for the year to come.

My theme as Mayor of South Dublin County

is Housing. I want to send out a message of solidarity to all those affected by the current housing crisis. I want to send out a message of hope to all the children who will wake up in temporary accommodation this Christmas and into the New Year.

I have endeavoured to put housing to the top of the agenda and to break the unjustified stigmatisation inflicted to those on the social housing list and also those that are homeless. As public representatives we have a huge role to play in this and the language we use is very powerful and can have both positive and negative implications.

So I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Mark Ward

Mayor of South Dublin County Council

Beannachtaí na Féile ó Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

A shaoránacha Átha Cliath Theas,

A chairde,

Is mian liom an deis seo a thapú chun Beannachtaí na Nollag agus rath agus séan a ghuí oraibh san Athbhliain.

Baineann tábhacht ar leith leis an teaghlach agus le cairde ag an tráth seo den bhliain. Is mithid machnamh ar an mbliain a chuaigh thart agus súil a chaitheamh ar an mbliain amach romhainn freisin.

Is í an tithíocht an téama atá agam mar Mhéara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas. Ba mhaith liom dlúthchomhar a léiriú dóibh siúd atá buailte leis an ngéarchéim tithíochta atá ann faoi láthair. Ba mhaith liom teachtaireacht dóchais a chur amach chuig gach uile leanbh

a dhúiseoidh i lóistín sealadach an Nollaig seo agus amach sa Bhliain Úr.

D'fhéach mé le tús áite a thabhairt do thithíocht agus don náiriú gan chúis a bhriseadh i ndáil leis na daoine sin ar an liosta tithíochta sóisialta agus leo siúd gan dídean freisin. Mar ionadaithe an phobail, feidhmímid ról mór chun tionchar a imirt air seo agus baineann an-chumhacht leis an rogha teanga a úsáidimid, agus is féidir léi impleachtaí dearfacha agus diúltacha araon a imirt.

Mar sin, guím beannachtaí na Nollag agus athbhliain faoi shéan oraibh go léir

Mark Ward

Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

Christmas Opening Hours

South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght and Civic Offices, Clondalkin

The offices will be closed to the public from Monday 24 December at 12pm and will re-open for business on Wednesday 2 January, 2019. In case of emergency please phone 01 4574907.

South Dublin County Libraries

Libraries will close from Saturday 22 December at 4.30pm. Normal hours will resume from Wednesday 2 January, 2019.



MyDoorStep

On Monday 22 October 2018, Mayor of South Dublin County, Mark Ward, officially launched the MyDoorStep walk-in centre and online platform at County Hall, Tallaght.

The purchase of a new home is one of the most significant decisions in a person's lifetime. The recent much-needed growth in new home construction has provided first time buyers, investors and trader uppers with a variety of choices for the first time in a decade. In recognition of this, South Dublin County Council has launched a new service to assist buyers in making this very significant investment in their future.

MyDoorStep is a walk-in service centre at its headquarters at

County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24, which is replicated online at www.mydoorstep.ie. This digital information platform provides buyers with all of the detail needed to make the most informed decision possible when purchasing a home. MyDoorStep combines information on current and planned housing developments in any location in South Dublin County with detail on childcare, education, health, recreation, retail and sporting facilities across the County.

MyDoorStep streamlines this information through one source and allows access from home or at the Council's headquarters, cutting out the potential multiple enquiries a prospective buyer would need to make at present. Visitors to County Hall, Tallaght, will also

be guided through the portal by knowledgeable Council staff from its Land Use, Planning and Transportation department.

Speaking at the launch, Mayor Mark Ward complimented the collaborative nature of the project and welcomed the facility, *"MyDoorStep is a means of access to South Dublin County, not just to housing information but to all of the quality services and amenities that the county has to offer. We look forward to welcoming both potential and existing residents to try out the portal and see what South Dublin County has to offer."*

Waste Management Bye-Laws 2018

The Waste Management (Storage, Presentation and Segregation of Household and Commercial Waste) Bye-Laws 2018 come into force on 3 December 2018.

Here's a quick summary to help householders understand their obligations.

Provisions are made in the Bye-Laws in relation to:



Obligation to Participate in a Waste Collection Service

- Householders must prove that they avail of an authorised waste service.



Maintenance and Management of Waste Containers

- Householders must ensure that bins are maintained in a good state of repair and that they are not a source of litter.



Location for Container Storage

- Make sure that you keep your bins within the confines of your property (except on the day before and on your waste collection day).

Use of Waste Containers on Collection Day

- Make sure that your bin is not overloaded and that the lid is securely closed. Do not place waste on top of the lid or beside the bin.



Collection Times and Container Removal

- You must not present your bin for collection earlier than 8.00pm on the day before your designated waste collection day.
- You must remove your bin and any uncollected waste by 8.00am on the day after your designated waste collection day.



Prohibited Waste Types

- No hazardous waste is allowed
 - Something flammable.
 - Something that can rust or decompose.
 - Something explosive.
 - Something poisonous.

Segregation of Household Waste and Contamination Prevention

- You must segregate waste into residual household waste and recyclable waste and store each separately.



Additional Provisions for Householders not availing of a Kerbside Collection Service

- If you don't have a waste collection service at your doorstep you must arrange to bring your waste to an authorised waste facility.

Interference with Orderly Waste Collection

- You mustn't interfere with authorised waste collectors.

Enforcement Provisions/Fixed Payment Notices

- Failure to abide by the Bye-Laws is an offence subject to an immediate fine of €75

NOTE: The foregoing is not part of the Bye-Laws and does not purport to be a legal interpretation



Christmas Tree Recycling 2018/2019

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for you to leave your Christmas Tree for recycling at 21 locations in the county from Wednesday 2 January 2019 to Friday 11 January 2019. This service is free and is for domestic household trees only. One tree per household / vehicle will be accepted.

Signage will be placed at the various locations indicating that it is an official recycling point. For a list of locations near you please visit www.sdcc.ie

The Christmas Tree recycling locations for 2018/2019 are:

Lucan

- Beechpark open space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Haydens Lane car park in Griffeen Valley Park
- Foxborough open space

Palmerstown

- Glenaulin Park
- Woodfarm Acres

Clondalkin

- Corkagh Park (St Johns Road car park)
- Corkagh Park (Green Isle car park at Caravan Park entrance)
- Collinstown Park
- Quarryvale Park
- Foxdene open space
- Grand Canal open space (junction of Bawnogue and Lockview roads)

Tallaght

- Raheen open space (opposite Raheen Shopping Centre)
- Seán Walsh Park – Storage area (behind Old Bawn Community College) near Parks Depot off Whitestown Way.

Greenhills

- Tymon Park (Limekiln car park)
- Tymon Park (Tymon North Road car park)

Old Bawn

- Church car park (beside shopping centre)

Saggart

- Parks Depot on Mill Lane

Firhouse

- Car park at Cherryfield (off the link road between Firhouse Road and Spawell Roundabout)
- Car park at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road opposite Woodlawn Estate

Rathfarnham

- Rathfarnham Castle Park – car park

Reducing and Recycling at Christmas



Christmas is fast approaching and as we prepare to get festive and celebrate we are asking everyone to think about the environment.

Did you know that every year each household generates a lot of extra packaging waste over the Christmas period, an estimated 54kgs per household. So this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to prevent (as much as possible), reduce and recycle their festive packaging.

Materials can be recycled at the following locations

Bring banks: South Dublin County Council has 68 banks around the County, for locations please visit www.sdcc.ie

Batteries recycling:
www.weeeeireland.ie

WEEE recycling:
Recycle IT, Clondalkin
www.recycleit.ie



Ballymount Civic Amenity, Christmas and New Year's Opening Hours 2018/2019

- **Christmas Eve:**
Closing 3.00 pm
- **Christmas Day:**
Closed all day
- **St Stephens Day:**
Closed all day
- **Thursday 27 December:**
Open all day
- **Friday 28 December:**
Open all day
- **Saturday 29 December:**
Open all day
- **Sunday, 30 December:**
Open all day
- **New Year's Eve:**
Closing 3.00 pm
- **New Year's Day:**
Closed all day
- **Tuesday 2 January:**
Open all day

Operation Transformation 2019

Operation Transformation (OT) will hit the TV screens again at the start of January and groups around the country will be looking to promote community fitness and wellbeing. As in previous years South Dublin County Sports Partnership is once again supporting groups to get involved.



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South Dublin County
Sports Partnership
— SPORT IRELAND —

We are offering:

- **FREE volunteer walk leader training (2.5 hours)**
- **FREE PR materials (banners/posters) and even**
- **FREE equipment (weighing scales) for those who wish to offer a weight loss measurement element to their programme.**

On top of this South Dublin County Sports Partnership are looking to encourage and support sports clubs to be inventive and look at OT as an

opportunity to develop closer community involvement. Can your club offer a free weekly session for new members or past members? Or maybe for the less active population groups in your community? If so perhaps South Dublin County Sports Partnership can help.

If you would like to register your interest in getting involved please email info@sdccsp.ie with details.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas
South Dublin County Council

Recycle more this Christmas Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo

Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit www.sdcc.ie for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

For more information on how these items & more can be recycled go to www.sdcc.ie
Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an athchúrsáil, tabhair cuairt ar www.athcliaththeas.ie



Garda Pat Tarrant, Mairéad Forsythe (Love 30) and pupils from St. Colmcille's J.N.S. monitoring speed within their 30km/h zone

Safer streets with 30km/h

In 2017 South Dublin County Council introduced a blanket 30km/h speed limit for all residential housing estate roads with some additional roads, road sections and laneways added. The introduction of the 30km/h speed limit was largely attributed to a need to make our residential estates safer – speed increases the probability of a road traffic collision and the severity of its consequences.

Residential areas may be viewed as places where people socialise with neighbours, walk their dogs, exercise and, most importantly, where children play, therefore, it could be

argued that a slower speed limit helps facilitate these kind of interactions – as it makes it safer for them to occur. This view is supported by the World Health Organisation suggesting that 'a safe speed on roads with possible conflicts between cars and pedestrians, cyclists or other vulnerable road users is 30 km/h.'

In addition mid-year review data from the RSA tells us that 32% of fatalities, between January and June 2018, occurred on Urban Roads, that is, with speed limits of 30km/h, 50km/h and 60km/h with the 30km/h speed zone having the lowest number

of fatalities across all speed zones and the lowest number of Vulnerable Road User (VRUs) fatalities. VRUs are considered to be those with limited protection when collisions occur such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists whom have no protective shell. They can be further subdivided by age, for example, children and the elderly. Generally speaking residential areas and urban centres have a higher percentage of VRUs on their streets, therefore, a 30km/h speed limit makes sense and is warranted from a safety perspective.

As well as road safety a 30km/h speed zone has many additional benefits - it reduces noise pollution from transport and improves air quality; it encourages people to take up walking and cycling; it reduces CO2 emissions as more people move towards active modes of transport; it combats rising levels of obesity as more people are encouraged to be more active; it transforms our residential estates, urban centres and villages from car dominated through-roads to vibrant liveable spaces and it brings us into line with the rest of Europe where 30km/h has long been the default urban speed limit.

Lastly, the blanket 30km/h speed limit for residential estates, introduced by South Dublin County Council, was the first of its kind in Ireland and is for the benefit of its citizens. Therefore, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind drivers to observe the 30km/h speed limit where it exists and to also remind drivers that 30km/h actually assists in the smooth movement of traffic without significantly reducing journey times.



Christmas at The Round Tower Visitor Centre

Join The Happy Pear Crew at the Round Tower Visitor Centre on Saturday 15 December 2018 from 6pm to 10pm for a Christmas Carol Karaoke evening in support of the Clondalkin Men's Shed.

This is a fun event for the whole family to enjoy. Wear your best Christmas Jumper, Sing a Carol or donate to the cause to nominate someone else to make them sing!

Tickets for the event are €5 and can be purchased on www.eventbrite.ie



Frame Football Pitch at Hermitage Park, Lucan

Friday 14 September 2018 marked the official opening of the Frame Football Pitch at Hermitage Park, Lucan. The delivery of such a significant project means that frame-users can now participate in team sports at a purpose built venue.

This project was funded by South Dublin County Council and the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) and helps to ensure that sport is inclusive for people of all ages and abilities.

The FAI's 'Football for All' Programme is a network of clubs who provide opportunities for children with specific needs who may struggle to excel in the competitive environment of underage football or who need additional supports to develop as footballers. The local club,



Esker Celtic have developed a Football for All programme that is designed to cater for players who require the use of a walker style frame and also to those who feel that they can compete more equally by using these frames.

This pitch is the first of its type in Ireland and was specifically designed to cater for the footballing needs of children who currently travel from all parts of the country to participate in the 'Football for All' programme with Esker Celtic Football Club.



Return to Tír na nÓg

A Winter Festival of Lights for all the family!

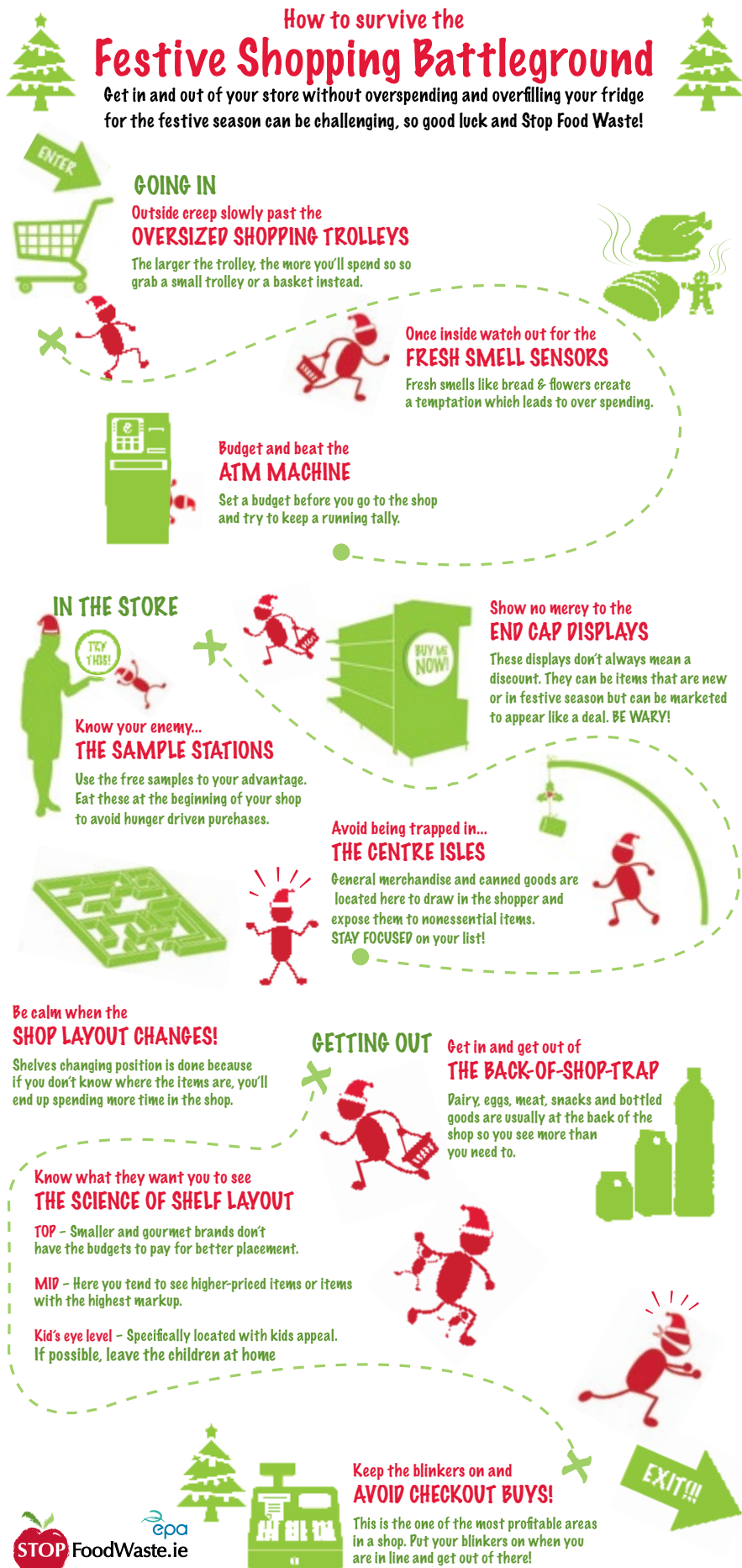
A free Outdoor Lantern Parade

Saturday 1st December 2018 at 4.00pm

From IT Tallaght to Main Street and parading to The Civic/ Rua Red

Celebrate the Lighting of the Christmas Trees





Conscious Cup Campaign



Did you know that most disposable cups are made from paper with a plastic lining to make them waterproof in order to hold hot drinks?

But this makes them unsuitable for recycling in Ireland. With Irish people using in excess of 200 million disposable cups every year this is having a seriously negative impact on our environment.

To further compound the issue, disposable coffee cups have become a major source of on-street litter across Dublin.

The aim of this campaign is to raise awareness among coffee drinkers in the Dublin region that disposable cups are having a detrimental impact on the environment.

So this Christmas why not give the gift of a reusable cup?



Be Winter Ready

Bad weather can happen any time so it is important to be prepared for anything it may bring. Knowing how to prepare for bad weather conditions can save unnecessary stress and cost.

For further information visit <http://winterready.ie/>



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Keep your contact details below
- Keep your contact numbers on display
- In the even of an emergency, dial 999 or 112

Eircode	
Electrician	
Emergency Contact	
Family GP	
Hospital	
Local Authority	
Neighbour	
Pharmacist	
Plumber	
Residents' Association / Community Alert Group	

Gaelforce Dublin 2019

Gaelforce Dublin is an Award-Winning Adventure Race in Ireland's Capital City and it is coming back for its third year on Saturday 23 March 2019. It's hard to believe that such amazing adventures like these can take place in a city, but this is no urban myth!

Now in its third year this event showcases some of the amazing landscapes right on our door step - where urban meets rural. Gaelforce Dublin recently picked up the award for Ireland's Best Sporting Event from the Event Industry Awards.

Trail running on Kippure Mountain, cycling the highways and byways and a kayak on



Bohernabreena reservoir with some of Ireland's most dramatic backdrops along the way.

There are two distances to choose from - 29km or 49km, making this a perfect race for

first timers as well as seasoned adventure racers.

If you are craving adventure then this is the event for you, so bring your bike and let's go!

Budget 2019

On Thursday 15 November 2018 the Members of South Dublin County Council adopted the 2019 Budget. This budget is the fifth and final of this elected Council. The ambitious budget adopted by Council sees the amount to be invested in the County to increase by €10.4m to over €242.8m.

The successful Play Space Programme which has provided many playing areas for the younger citizens of our county will be followed by the investment of €500,000 in Teen Spaces. There will also be an investment of €1m to fund a programme of all-weather astro pitches as well as €500,000 to advance proposals for a fourth stand at Tallaght Stadium.

Progress in the provision of libraries at both Clondalkin and Tymon continue and the 2019 budget provides for the examination of library facilities at the western side of the county.

This increase in expenditure provides for the continuation of the €1m business support grant as well as the provision of €500,000 to advance the Council's plans to provide a new Enterprise Innovation Centre for Central Tallaght, all of which is aimed at encouraging enterprise, supporting business and increasing economic activity within the County.

The Council has made €300,000 available in 2019 to

clear the backlog of 'difficult' tree pruning operations as well as increasing the street cleaning budget with a view to increasing the frequency of cleaning across all routes. Additional resources are also being allocated towards road maintenance and footpath repair. The Council is establishing a Climate Action Fund to support new initiatives addressing climate change. The Council's Housing Programme will also continue with increased provisions for pre let repairs and the Housing Assistance Payment Scheme. The 2019 Budget will continue to fund all the other existing services provided by the Council such as the Fire Service etc.

Where does Your Money Go?

Sources of Income Budget 2019 / 'Where we get our money from'



Commercial Rates & PEL
€128,314,400



Local Property Tax
€5,436,800



Grants
€60,750,200



Fees & Charges
€6,618,800

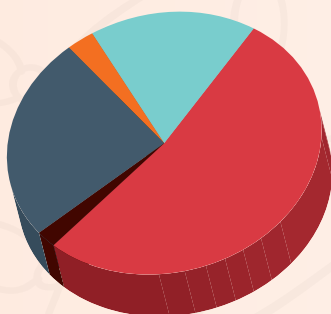


Other
€41,745,400

Total Expenditure
€242,865,600



Council Expenditure per Citizen -
€871



Total Income
€242,865,600

● Commercial Rate	€128,314,400
● Local Property Tax	€5,436,800
● Grants	€60,750,200
● Fees & Charges	€6,618,800
● Other	€41,745,400

Libraries Events

Clondalkin Library

Polar Express Christmas Family Evening – Story time and crafts

Wednesday 12 December
6.30pm–7.30pm

Suitable for ages 5 years plus.

Booking through Eventbrite at www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com from 1 December.

Christmas Carols with the South Dublin County Council Vocal Ensemble

Thursday 13 December
6.00pm–7.00pm

Festive refreshments will be served. All welcome.

No booking needed.

Make a Light-up Christmas card using circuits!

Wednesday 19 December
3.30pm–4.30pm

For ages 8 to 12 years old.

Booking through Eventbrite at www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com from 1 December.

Lucan Library

Story Time

Tuesdays, 3.00pm

For 3–5 year-olds. All welcome.

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 1 December
9.45am–4.30pm

From candles to soaps and everything in between – support local crafts people and pick up some nice presents for Christmas!

All welcome.

Mellow Chords Barbershop Quartet

Saturday 1 December
11.00am–12.00pm

Enjoy the festive cheer with a morning of song and merriment!

All welcome.

Captain HoHo Magic Show

Saturday 1 December
1.00pm–2.00pm

Arrrrrrh you ready to set sail on a voyage of Christmas fun and imagination? Captain Ho-Ho will amaze the kids and grown-ups alike with magic and mirth. See Captain Ho-Ho make water disappear over a child's head, conjure a pirate flag from thin air, and take a playing card out of a sealed orange. During this magic show Captain Ho Ho tells tales of his adventures on the high seas that will have everyone laughing.

All welcome.

Miracle on 34th Street

Thursday 13 December,
6.00pm–8.00pm

A showing of the classic Christmas film.

All welcome.

Sarah's Christmas Sing-Along

Wednesday 19 December,
6.30pm–7.30pm

Join the staff of Lucan Library for a festive sing-along. Some of them might even wear Christmas jumpers... except for Scrooge!

County Library, Tallaght

Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 1 December
9.45am–4.00pm

Free entry – Special Guest at 2.00pm – Over 40 tables

Visit our website at www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Launch of River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme

On October 24 the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme was launched in Tymon Park by Mayor of South Dublin County Council Cllr Mark Ward and Minister of State for the Office of Public Works (OPW) Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD.

A combined initiative of South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council and the OPW, the scheme aims to address both the extensive flooding caused by the Poddle in the past which has cost life and extensive damages to properties along its route and to future threats from climate change. When completed, the scheme will provide protection to over 800 properties in the South Dublin and Dublin City areas. Following the appointment of Nicholas



Pictured at the launch of the River Poddle Flood Alleviation Scheme in Tymon Park. SDCC Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin; Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Mark Ward; Minister of State for the OPW Kevin 'Boxer' Moran TD

O'Dwyer Ltd. in March 2018 as consultants for the scheme, work is currently progressing on both the Preliminary Design and Environmental Studies Reports with a Part 10 planning application to be made to An Bord Pleanála in early 2019.

Construction works on the scheme are scheduled to commence in late 2019/ early 2020 at a cost of €7million. Up to date information on the scheme can be found through the scheme's website www.poddlefas.ie



Light it up

Tallaght

UNWRAPPED marks the beginning of celebrating the winter festive season across South Dublin County. This year's theme is 'Return to Tír na nÓg', a reminder of the part that traditional stories and customs play in celebrations around the world. All are welcome to join Mayor Mark Ward as he lights up our beautiful tree! The afternoon will end with musical entertainment.

Remember to wrap up as both Unwrapped and the tree lighting take place outdoors.

Clondalkin

The official lighting of the Christmas tree at Civic Offices, Clondalkin will take place on Wednesday 5th December at 5pm, with refreshments served afterwards at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Tower Road.

Right to Read

Right to Read is a national programme supporting the development of literacy skills. It is a partnership between local authorities, community organisations and education bodies.

Your local South Dublin library is

a crucial part of this programme, offering a range of services supporting reading and literacy for all ages.

Books for Babies is just one of a number of reading initiatives. It is never too early or too late to start reading with your child.

Studies have shown that when a child is introduced to books and hearing stories, they are more likely to gain reading skills and have a wider range of vocabulary. And of course, reading books together is great fun for parent and child!

There will also be fun baby club sessions for you and your baby in Tallaght Library which you are invited to attend:



Toddler Group at Tallaght Library:
Wednesdays 11.30am



Storytime at Tallaght Library:
Tuesdays 3.30pm



Parenting Talks and Tips



Selection of books including more picture books to read in the library or borrow to read at home!



Children's CDs, DVDs and console Games to borrow!



Free access to Internet and Wi-Fi; printing & photocopying
(small fee)



Online resources via our website www.southdublinlibraries.ie
for example e-books, online magazines, online classes, homework help and lots more, all free of charge!



Joining the library is free of charge. You will need to complete an online registration form and bring along photo ID. You can learn more about our services at our website www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Opening Hours:

Mon-Thurs: 9.45am-8pm
Fri/Sat: 9.45am-4.30pm

Tel: 01 4620 073
Email: talib@sducococo.ie

We hope you'll enjoy reading your books with your baby and the fun sessions at the library.

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A festive poster for Fossett's Christmas Circus. The title 'FOSSETT'S CHRISTMAS CIRCUS' is written in large, stylized, yellow and red letters with a blue outline, set against a dark blue background with white snowflakes. To the right, a clown in a red and white striped shirt and a tall blue pompadour hat is smiling and gesturing. Text on the right side includes 'TALLAGHT STADIUM CAR PARK', 'Dec 13th to Jan 6th', 'BOOK NOW', 'www.fossettsircus.com', and 'TICKETS FROM ONLY €10'. At the bottom, there are three logos: a Facebook logo with 'LIKE US ON facebook', the South Dublin County Council logo with the text 'Comhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas South Dublin County Council', and the Tallaght Stadium logo.

Christmas at Tallaght Stadium

South Dublin on Ice

South Dublin on Ice returns to the grounds of the Tallaght Stadium for the 2018 / 2019 Christmas and New Year season, in conjunction with Dublin's Outdoors, South Dublin County Council and Tallaght Stadium.

Enjoy a fantastic skating experience this Christmas at Tallaght Stadium with friends or family from Friday 16 November 2018 to Sunday 20 January 2019. Adults will have a huge skating surface to skate on, there will be discos on ice and much more!

For further information visit www.southdublinonice.com

Fossett's Christmas Circus

Ireland's National Circus returns to South Dublin County this Christmas at Tallaght Stadium.

This year Fossett's Christmas Circus will again present a fun-filled, magical two hour seasonal show guaranteed to thrill and amaze you. Jugglers, aerialists, acrobats, magicians, knife throwers and clowns are just some performers waiting to entertain you when you join us under our **fully heated Big Top**.

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