

Contae Átha Cliath Theas Inniu South Dublin County Today

Nollaig 2022 December 2022



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South Dublin County Council Elected Members

Clondalkin

Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF
Councillor Shirley O' Hara	FG
Councillor Kenneth Egan	FG
Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	IND

Rathfarnham – Templeogue

Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Carly Bailey	SD
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor Lynn McCrave	FG
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor David McManus	FG
Councillor Laura Donaghy	Green

Tallaght Central

Tamhlact An Lár

Councillor Kieran Mahon	SOL
Councillor Charlie O'Connor	FF
Councillor Mick Duff	IND
Councillor Teresa Costello	FF
Councillor Cathal King	SF
Councillor Liam Sinclair	IND

Lucan

Leamhcán

Councillor Ed O'Brien	FF
Councillor Vicki Casserly	FG
Councillor Liona O'Toole	IND
Councillor Paul Gogarty	IND
Councillor Joanna Tuffy	LAB

Tallaght South

Tamhlact Theas

Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan	IND
Councillor Leah Whelan	SOL
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Firhouse - Bohernabreena

Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Lyn Hagin Meade	Green
Councillor Deirdre O'Donovan	FF
Councillor Brian Lawlor	FG
Councillor Emma Murphy	FF
Councillor Alan Edge	IND

Palmerstown - Fonthill

Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

Councillor Guss O' Connell	IND
Councillor Derren Ó Brádaigh	SF
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Shane Moynihan	FF



PARTY ABBREVIATIONS

Clr	Councillor
PBP	People Before Profit Alliance
SOL	Solidarity
FF	Fianna Fáil
SF	Sinn Féin
SD	Social Democrats
FG	Fine Gael
LAB	The Labour Party
IND	Independent
Green	The Green Party

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Tower Road in the snow - Courtesy of Ted Keane

Message from the Mayor



A chairde,

I am delighted to welcome you to our Winter Newsletter for 2022 where you will find updates on everything that has been happening in the County over the past number of months, in what has been a very busy period for us here in South Dublin.

It has been a challenging year for so many. In particular, I want to warmly welcome the new members of our community who are living here in South Dublin who have been displaced due to the war in Ukraine and those fleeing conflict situations internationally. You are all very welcome to South Dublin and wish you well for the Christmas period ahead.

I would like to recognise the efforts of Council staff in making our County a better place to live and work. Our County is growing and developing rapidly in the most diverse, inclusive and progressive manner and the work that is done by the team in South Dublin is second to none.

At times when we gather together with family and friends, we ought to take the time to remember those who cannot be with us especially at this time of year.

As Mayor of the County and on behalf of my fellow Councillors and myself, may I wish you and yours Season's Greetings and a pleasant peaceful Christmas.

Nollaig Shona,
Emma Murphy
Mayor of South Dublin County Council

Teachtaireacht ón Méara

A chairde,

Tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur romhat chuig ár Nuachtlitir Gheimhridh 2022 áit a bhfaighidh tú nuashonruithe ar gach rud atá ag tarlú sa Chontae le roinnt míonna anuas, le linn thréimhse an-ghnóthach dúinn anseo i nDeisceart Átha Cliath.

Ba bhliain dhúshlánach í 2022 do go leor daoine. Ba mhaith liom, ach go háirithe, fáilte ó chroí a chur roimh na baill nua dár bpobal atá ina gcónaí anseo i mBaile Átha Cliath Theas atá easáitithe mar gheall ar an gcogadh san Úcráin agus iad siúd atá ag teitheadh ó staideanna coinbhleachta go hidirnáisiúnta. Tá fearadh na fáilte romhaibh go léir go Baile Átha Cliath Theas agus gach rath oraibh do thréimhse na Nollag atá amach romhainn.

Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt d'iarrachtaí fhoireann na Comhairle ár gcontae a dhéanamh mar áit níos fearr le maireachtáil agus le hoibriú ann. Tá ár gContae ag fás agus ag forbairt go tapa ar an mbealach is éagsúil, is cuimsithí agus is forásaí agus is iontach an obair a dhéanann foireann Átha Cliath Theas.

Ag amanna nuair a chruinnímid le chéile le teaghlach agus le cairde, ba chóir dúinn am a ghlacadh chun cuimhneamh orthu siúd nach bhfuil in ann a bheith linn go háirithe ag an am seo den bhliain.

Mar Mhéara an Chontae agus thar ceann mo chomhchomhairleoirí agus mé féin, guím Beannachtaí an tSéasúir agus Beannachtaí an tSéasúir oraibh agus Nollaig shona shíochánta.

Nollaig Shona,
Emma Murphy
Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas



Twelve community-led projects have been selected by the public to be funded in the Rathfarnham Templeogue Electoral Area through South Dublin County Council's landmark €300k Have Your Say participatory budgeting initiative.

Details of all twelve winning projects were announced in June and project updates will be given on each on www.sdcc.ie/haveyoursay.

Forty projects to date have been selected for funding in the Lucan, Clondalkin, Firhouse-Bohernabreena and Tallaght Central Electoral Areas. The Council will run the initiative in every local electoral area in the County with the next area being Tallaght South in 2023.

€300k Have Your Say' is a participatory budgeting initiative that has been run by South Dublin County Council since 2017. €300k Have Your Say allows residents to develop project ideas for their local area and then vote on shortlisted proposals to fund winning projects up to the value of €300,000.

The twelve projects selected for funding are:

- Nature trail in Rathfarnham Castle Park
- Fruit trees for the Rathfarnham Templeogue electoral area
- Green laneways for Rathfarnham
- Christmas lights for Templeogue Village and Rathfarnham Village
- Outdoor nature classrooms on local greens
- Bicycle pump in Templeogue Village
- Run a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) Project for children from the Traveller Community
- Drinking water stations for Rathfarnham
- Place QR code stands near Templeogue Cemetery and the nearby Old Church
- Run a poetry competition in Rathfarnham
- New seating for the Crannagh Road area
- Playground and seating for College Drive / Fortfield Road

Tymon Park wins prestigious Pollinator Award for the Best Town Park

South Dublin County Council (SDCC) is delighted that Tymon Park has won the prestigious 2022 / 2023 Pollinator Award for the Best Town Park in Ireland as part of the Green Flag scheme. The Pollinator Award is jointly run by An Taisce Environmental Education and the National Biodiversity Data Centre. The award assesses the pollinator-friendly management of parks against the recommendations of the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan.

As well as managing the meadows and carrying out survey work to ensure the management is effective Public Realm have been communicating this work to the public using videos highlighting the work that is being undertaken and the importance of these actions. All of the staff involved are delighted to have their hard work recognised with this major national award.



Climate change update

The first South Dublin County Council (SDCC) Climate Change Action Plan was published in 2019, with 130 actions across five action areas. Since the plan was published the wider climate team has:

- Completed 15% of the actions
- Almost 70% of the actions in progress
- Added an additional 24 actions
- Added a number of Citizen Engagement actions.

In 2022 SDCC launched a new climate website, www.southdublinclimate.ie. Citizens can use the website to find practical solutions to reducing carbon emissions at individual and local levels, with tailored information for individuals and families, businesses and for anyone active in the community. The website also aims to inform and educate the citizens of South Dublin on the Climate Change Action Plan 2019 – 2024, providing transparency on the execution of the plan and progress towards achieving our targets.

Dublin Climate Action Week took place in September 2022. Over 50 online and in-person events were held throughout the Week, which was launched by the Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Emma Murphy, in the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Clondalkin.

The week was organised and delivered by the partnership of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council, Codema – Dublin's Energy Agency and the Dublin Climate Action Regional Office (CARO).

If you are interested in finding out more about what South Dublin County Council is doing to address climate change or if you are interested in the issues and would like to be kept up to date, why not sign up for our new Climate Change Newsletter.

Please send your contact details to: climatechange@sdbulincoco.ie.

In addition to this SDCC has been awarded five Green Flag Awards from An Taisce Environment Education Unit. Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park were all awarded Green Flags Awards.

The Green Flag Award scheme aims to encourage the provision of good quality public parks and green spaces that are managed in environmentally sustainable ways. The Green Flag Award Scheme encourages high environmental performance and good management. Parks and green spaces are judged against eight key criteria.

SDCC would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parks staff, the Council's Heritage Officer, community volunteers and residents' groups who played an active role in parks around the County and whose hard work and dedication contributed to these awards.

For further information on our pollinator actions: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/environment/pollinators/>

The energy crisis

The twin crises of climate change and the cost of living are dominating public discourse in Ireland and internationally. Energy is at the centre of both. While the increasing cost of heating our homes is the main concern, understanding how we create and use energy should also be considered.

Most of our homes are still heated using fossil fuels like oil and gas. However, renewable energies such as wind and solar are increasingly being used both by the grid and the private residences to produce energy.

In November 2022 a special edition of the South Dublin County Council Climate Change Newsletter was published with the aim of helping you understand the impact of your energy use. It also identified low and no cost options that will help with both the cost of living and climate crises, as well as higher cost actions that pay you back over time. Visit the SDCC webpage or our Climate Action Webpage to view see the newsletter.



Sustainable energy communities

South Dublin County Council actively supports Sustainable Energy Communities (SEC), a national initiative which helps communities work together to become energy smart and more sustainable. SEC's can include a range of different energy users in the community such as individual households, sports clubs, community centres, local businesses and churches. If you are interested in starting a Sustainable Energy Community please sign up at:

<https://www.seai.ie/community-energy/sustainable-energy-communities/start-an-energy-community/>

or check out: [In the Community - SDCC](#).

Budget

Annual Budget of South Dublin County Council

The annual budget of South Dublin County Council represents the cost of providing an extensive range of public services and supports to our resident population of 300,000, the many commuters who traverse our county daily, business and tourist visitors and over 7,000 business entities.

In addition to current services, it also provides an opportunity to provide funding for future infrastructural needs to support a growing population. The 2023 Budget adopted by the elected members amounts to €306 million. This is funded from a variety of sources including local property tax, rents, government grants and most importantly commercial rates, which amounts to €143 million or 47.5% of total income.

In preparing and adopting the budget, the elected members were conscious of the economic context, which while having moved beyond COVID-19, is nevertheless heavily influenced by residual issues around economic disruption, which have been compounded by the Ukrainian war, the continuing fallout from Brexit and world events. In this context the key facets of the budget include:



Having regard to current challenges for business and households, there are no increases proposed for local property tax, rates, or rents.



The retention and continued investment in front line services to cater for our ever-increasing population and expanding communities. In this regard €10 million additional funding has been provided to underpin frontline services. Among the most recognisable of these include **€111.8 million on housing services**, including €17.6 million to maintain our 10,000 public homes. We will spend **€19.2m on the local road network**, €23.2 million on fire services, €25.3 million on maintaining our parks and public areas, €13.2 million on street cleaning and litter management, €6.2 million on keeping 30,000 public lights maintained and lit, **€14.4 million on water services**, €9.8 million on planning services and **€3.5 million on community grants and support schemes**.



We aim to continue and expand our proactive programme of climate action initiatives with a significant expansion of activity in 2023 provided for, including the preparation of a new Climate Action Plan, the commissioning of the Tallaght District Heating Scheme, a comprehensive study on options for the decarbonisation of our fleet, a pilot study around solar panels on our community buildings, a similar study on a solar project on Arthurstown landfill and the roll out of Phase one of our plans for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.



The economic development of the County is a core objective which we continually progress through projects and programmes funded through our annual budget. In 2023 these include further investment in our Town and Village Programme, most notably an additional €500,000 for Clondalkin village enhancements, €500,000 for the next phase of the N81 landscaping project at the Old Bawn junction, the continuation of the €1 million Business Support Fund, €1.25 million to support tourism projects including the Dublin Mountains Visitor Centre and the Rathfarnham Castle Stables projects, €500,000 towards the completion of Tallaght Stadium and a further €1 million towards the Tallaght Heritage Centre. The 12th Lock Economic Development Strategy will be brought to Council in Quarter one of 2023 and €1.5 million has been provided to underpin "kickstart" projects on Council owned land, with an emphasis on enterprise, innovation and the arts.



Population growth creates demand for new community facilities. The 2023 Budget places a continued emphasis on provision for funding of community infrastructure, including an additional €1.5 million for library development, €1 million for the development of Citywest Community Centre, €500,000 for St Cuthberts Park, €300,000 each to start implementing plans for Jobstown and Quarryvale Parks, an additional €500,000 for Whitestown Stream and €1 million towards the Astro Pitch Programme.



The Council has in recent years taken on vastly increased responsibilities across areas such as planning, housing, climate action, the maintenance of new facilities in addition to the requirement to support an expanding population. In this context and the need to continuously improve service quality, additional financial support has been included to increase staff resources. A comprehensive organisational capacity study and workforce plan was completed to inform future staff investment. In summary, an additional 100 staff are required across the organisation over the next two years. To support the implementation of this workforce plan, an additional €2.9 million has been provided to support additional employment in 2023.



The continued support and voluntary effort of our communities is critical to the wellbeing of the county. As in previous years around €3 million in community grants and financial assistance schemes have been provided, as well as additional supports for sports, community centres, arts, libraries, social inclusion, age friendly initiatives and childhood development. An additional €500,000 has been provided to support community centres, while €300,000 has been provided to support initiatives arising from the planned publication of our first Local Sports Strategy next year.



The Budget as presented is progressive and mindful of the challenges ahead, including resourcing and cost increases associated with inflation. It seeks to protect and enhance service delivery, promote economic development, accelerate community provision with due regard to national priorities and the commitments of our five-year Corporate Plan.



You can find more information on and download a copy of the Annual Budget 2023 on www.sdcc.ie

How to make a Housing Maintenance Repair Request On-line

Tenants of South Dublin County Council should log their maintenance request through **Housing Online**. If you haven't already done so, you can register at **Housing Online** to set up your account.

If your request for works is an emergency, for example, sparking fuse board, or relates to works for a communal area please contact us by telephone on 01 414 9000, our opening hours are Monday to Thursday 9.00am to 5.00pm, Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm. Please make sure that you have your rent account number ready when you call us, as you may be asked to provide it for verification purposes.



Please note only telephone calls in relation to emergency works, communal areas, requests from older tenants, JAM Card holders or persons who require assistance will be taken during office hours. All other requests for maintenance works must be now logged online through **Housing Online**.

If there is a potential risk to human life or significant risk to the property, outside of office opening hours, you can call the emergency line Out of Hours service, after 5.00pm or at the weekend / bank holidays on 01 457 4907.

Online Social Housing Applications

Housing Applications are coming to the Housing Online (HOL) portal as part of the ongoing digital transformation to provide the best possible service to our citizens. The HOL brings many benefits to citizens, customers, staff and the organisation as a whole. Housing Applications Registration will be made online through the Council's Housing Online portal at <https://hol.sdublincoco.ie/>.

This will allow applicants to submit their application details and upload supporting documentation 24/7 from any device. Users will also have the option of saving their application form and returning to complete it at a later stage. This innovation will greatly improve times taken to assess and approve applications.

A video user guide is available on www.sdcc.ie and a social media awareness campaign will accompany the move while staff support will be available to assist customers facing issues using the new technology.



Building The Future of South Dublin

South Dublin County Council tries to sustainably take care of our citizens current needs while also planning for our future population. Our aim is to make South Dublin a vibrant and inclusive place for the people who live, visit, work and do business now and for the future.

Housing:



The Council will:

Public Housing:

Spend close to **€2 billion** over the next 5 years on the delivery of public housing.

Social and Age Friendly:

Will deliver 3,700 social homes including 600 age Friendly Homes.

Affordable Homes:

Will deliver 1,566 affordable sale and cost rental homes.

Tourism:



Dodder Greenway:

is being developed to be on par with the best greenways in the world.

Rathfarnham Castle:

Is progressing an exemplary €5 million retail and hospitality offering at Rathfarnham Castle Park.

Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre:

Following recent approval the Council are progressing the plan to deliver it's €20 million Dublin Mountain Visitor Centre.

Heritage:

a further €2 million has been allocated to the proposed Tallaght Heritage Centre.

Recreation:



Teen Spaces:

A further five Teen Spaces will be provided in the county next year at a cost of **€500,000**.

Tallaght Stadium:

the new **North Stand** will allow for an increase in the spectator capacity to over **10,000**.

Corkagh Park:

A **€5 million** enhancement scheme including café and events area will commence in early 2023.

Cycle Strategy:

A further **€20 million** will be spent in 2023 as part of the delivery of the county's 260 Kilometre Cycle Strategy.



Jobs:



Grange Castle Expansion:

The **500** acre expansion of Grange Castle is targeted to create a further **10,000 jobs** in the years ahead.

Tallaght Innovation Centre:

is set to be completed in 2023. Up to **60 businesses** will be accommodated.

LEO:

Funding of **€650,000** will be available to new and growing businesses. **€697,000** has been awarded to develop training and mentoring programmes.



Climate Action:



Tree Planting:

SDCC will plant **2,500** trees in 2023 adding to its existing stock of 60,000 trees.

District Heating:

Ireland's first publicly owned, **not-for-profit** energy company, to provide low carbon heat to local Civic buildings in Tallaght from 2023.

Wild Flower Meadows:

The area of parks being managed as wildflower meadowlands increased to **151** hectares in 2022.

Public Lighting:

The council has replaced **18,000** public lights with energy efficient fittings to date and are progressing plans for a further **8,000**.



Future Population Expansion:



Clonburris:

Work will commence on the Clonburris SDZ in early 2023 as part of an overall development of **8,700 homes** accommodating **23,000 people**.

City Edge:

The regeneration of **700 hectares** along the Naas Road, east of the M50, is the largest regeneration project in Europe. Ultimately it will accommodate **40,000 homes** and **75,000 jobs**.



Equality and Human Rights Framework

South Dublin County Council has developed an Equality and Human Rights Framework and an associated Action Plan 2022. This fulfils South Dublin County Council's commitment under our Corporate Plan and the legal requirement under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Act 2014, otherwise referred to as the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.

The 'Duty' sets out the responsibilities for all public bodies in Ireland to promote equality, prevent discrimination and protect the human rights of their employees, customers, service users and everyone affected by their policies and plans.

The identified groups, for the Public Sector Duty are those:

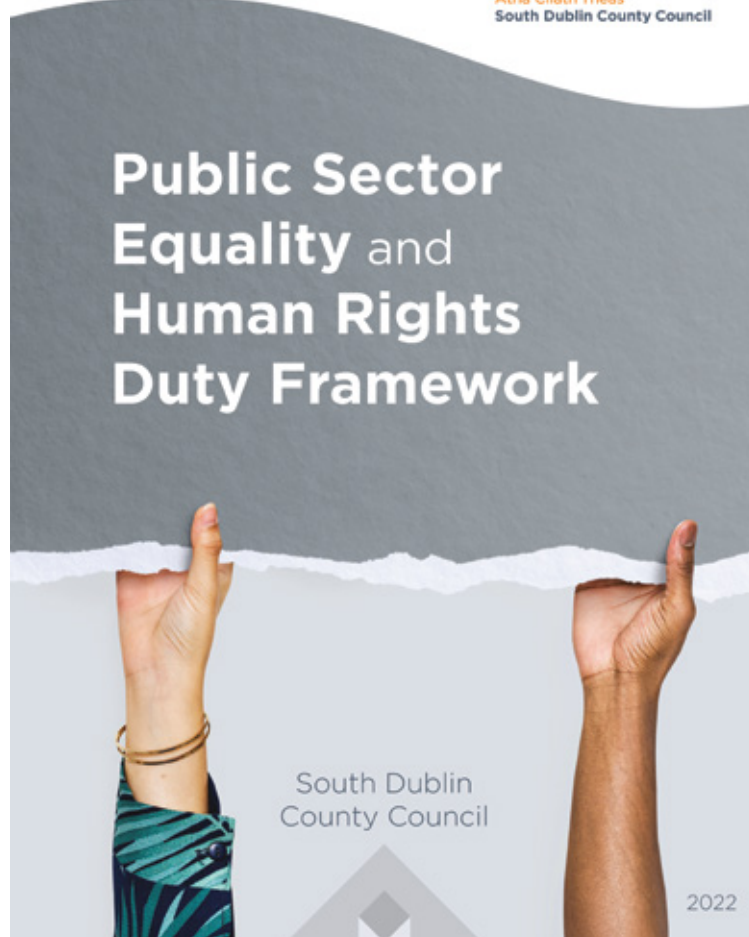
- Covered by the grounds under our equality legislation: gender (including gender identity); civil status; family status (including lone parents and carers); age; disability; sexual orientation; race (encompassing race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins); religion; and membership of the Traveller community; and
- Groups covered by the ground of socio-economic status, who are at risk of or experiencing poverty and social exclusion.

This Equality and Human Rights Framework has been developed as part of our commitment to implementing the Duty and doing so to a high level of ambition and to a high standard. It presents:

- The assessment of human rights and equality issues facing the identified groups and of relevance to the Council's functions and services;
- The SDCC equality and human rights Values Statement, which identifies those values that motivate our shared concern for equality and human rights and provides benchmarks, related to each value, for our ambition in this area and, specifically for the Duty; and
- The actions to be taken to enable our implementation of the Duty, and the key moments for implementing the duty in developing or reviewing our strategies plans, programmes and policies.

We will work together to implement the framework, through annual workplans, and we will report, in a way that is accessible to the public, on the progress that we make in this. We will report on the developments and achievements under this framework in the Council's annual report.

Our Equality and Human Rights Working Group will continue to guide, support and monitor the implementation the Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty.



Fire Safety at Christmas

Christmas time is such a magical time, however, it creates additional fire safety risks in the home. We have some tips below to help you avoid any catastrophes.



Christmas Trees

- An artificial tree is safer than a real tree as it is fire-resistant.
- Check for a genuine CE mark when you are buying.
- If you choose a real tree, use it with a base that allows for watering of the tree. This will keep the tree hydrated, greener, shed less, last longer and more resistant to fire.
- Use low-energy, low-heat LED Christmas tree lights. Never use candles.
- When you are ready to dispose of your Christmas Tree dispose of it in a recycling centre, or drop-off point. Details of these can be found on www.sdcc.ie. Do not burn your tree in a fireplace or stove.

Christmas Lights

- Use low-energy, low-heat LED lights wherever you can. Ensure they have a genuine CE mark.
- Only use outdoor lights outside. They have a better Ingress Protection (IP) rating which makes them resistant to damp and water.
- If you are using outdoor lights make sure all wires and connections are rated for the outdoors. Don't pass wires through windows as this will damage the cable and possibly your window.
- Don't overload sockets and avoid the use of extension leads.
- Unplug lights when you go to bed or go out. Don't use timer switches.

Candles

- Choose reusable LED candles over real candles.
- If you choose to use real candles ensure they are placed in a holder at least one metre from anything flammable and out of reach of children and pets.
- Don't place a candle on a television or other surfaces, such as plastic or fibreglass.
- Never place a real candle in or near a real Christmas Tree.
- Never leave a candle burning when you leave a room. Not even for a moment.

Christmas Cheer

- Plan your Christmas visits and parties. If you are going to have a drink, have a designated driver or leave the car at home. Remember the following morning you could still be under the influence.
- Don't cook if you have had a few drinks or have taken medication that may make you drowsy. Leave the Christmas dinner wine until the cooking is done.

Santa Claus

- Santa Claus loves a clean chimney, have yours cleaned for him.
- Due to cutbacks, Santa may not provide batteries. Check in with him before-hand and have a stock. Never be tempted to remove batteries from Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Alarms.



Part 8 approved for St. Cuthbert's Park

The Part 8 (Planning) Consultation for the proposed upgrade of **St Cuthberts Park** has been approved by the Council. The proposals are shown below and include:

Walking / cycling routes; grassed sports pitches; a multi-use games area; a teenspace; natural play areas, outdoor exercise equipment; performance / events area; seating; bike parking; signage; works to boundaries, accesses and entrances; planting of trees; wildflower grassland and bulbs; dogs off leash area.

The proposals include consideration of St Cuthberts Church, which is within the park as well as a Moated Site and a Graveyard Site.



SDCC would like to thank everyone for their involvement in all the stages of consultation particularly the local community and the High-Level Task Force for park who assisted greatly in the development of the proposals.

The Council have approved just over €1 million in budget for the project and the next stage is to proceed to detailed design and tender for construction, which is expected to occur in 2023.



South Dublin County Council wins Local Authority Innovation Award for the Think Big Space project, in partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) at the 2022 Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards

Mayor of South Dublin County Council (SDCC) Cllr Emma Murphy, SDCC Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin and staff from South Dublin County Council attended the Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Awards which were held in the Crown Plaza on 24 November, where the Council were nominated for an impressive eight awards in eight different categories and were shortlisted for the prestigious Local Authority of the Year Award.

The Council projects nominated included:

- Tallaght District-heating Network in Climate Change
- Women in Local Government in Diversity and Inclusion
- Cycle South Dublin in Health and Wellbeing
- Think Big Space in partnership with AWS in Local Authority Innovation
- Grange Castle Business Park in Promoting Economic Development
- Clondalkin Community Bicycle Hub in Supporting Sustainable Communities
- Sustainable Drainage Guidance Project in Sustainable Environment
- NOISE Music in Sustaining the Arts.



The AWS Think Big Space is a new educational lab located beside the Tallaght Luas stop, which aims to inspire an interest in science, technology, engineering, arts, and maths. It provides a dedicated space for students, educators, and communities to explore innovative and imaginative ideas through interactive hands-on technical education. AWS has opened AWS Think Big Spaces across the world; however, this is the first AWS Think Big Space to launch in Europe.

Library Events

Lucan Library

Saturday 10 December, 10am – 4pm

Winter Craft Fair at Lucan Library

Come along and browse a wonderful selection of items for sale created by local craftspeople in the community. Perfect for those last-minute Christmas gifts and stocking-fillers!

Saturday 17 December, 11am – 1pm

Family Christmas Movie

Take time out from the busy Christmas preparations to enjoy a festive film at Lucan Library. Booking through Lucan Library Eventbrite.

Tuesdays 1 and 8 February, 7pm – 8pm

Financial Well Being Talks by Lucan Credit Union

It has never been more necessary for us to be mindful of our financial well-being. These talks from Lucan Credit Union should prove interesting and useful at this time. More details nearer the time. All welcome.

Tuesday 14 February, 11am – 12noon

Connect Café

Come along to chat with others in this informal coffee morning, an opportunity to meet new people in your area. Bring a friend and introduce them to the library and all we have on offer. The goal of Lucan Library's Connect Cafe is to open conversations with others and with our communities, keeping the library at the heart of it all! All welcome.

Castletymon Library

Mon, 12 December at 3.30pm

Make Your Own Christmas Decorations

Make your own decorations for Christmas! Suitable for ages five years and older, adult participation required. Booking from Monday 5 December @ 10am through castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie

Wednesday 14 December at 6.30pm

Tymon Music Session

Join us for our ever-popular music sessions, the last of 2022! Bring an instrument, sing a song or simply listen to some great music in the cosy atmosphere of the library. Suitable for older adults, no booking necessary

Thursday 15 December at 6.30pm

Christmas Pyjama Storytime

We're having a pyjama party by torchlight! Dress the little ones up in PJs and come to the library for some festive stories and treats! Suitable for ages two years and over, adult supervision required. Booking from Tuesday 6 December at 1.30pm through castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie

Monday, 9 January at 12pm

Mindful Art for Older Adults

Ease yourself into the new year with some relaxing mindful crafts. Please note, this is a two part workshop so you are booking a place for both sessions. For booking, contact the library from Monday 19 December at 10am

Tuesday 17 January at 10.30am

Cooking Made Easy for Parents

This six week course is a practical cookery class aimed at younger parents. Ingredients are provided and each week you will make something healthy and delicious while learning about nutrition and healthy cooking on a budget! You are booking a place for all six weeks. Booking from Monday 28 November at 1.30pm through castletymonlibrary.eventbrite.ie or contact the library.

Tallaght Library

Story time and arts and crafts in Tallaght library for three to six year olds, every Tuesday at 3.30pm, no need to book, all welcome
Sensory Saturdays in Tallaght library, 10.00am – 12.00, 17 December, 21 January and 18 February.

Quiet time at the library with sensory toys, for children of all ages, all welcome, no need to book.

Tallaght Junior Book Club

Taking new members, for ages nine years and older. Join us on the third Thursday of each month at 3.30pm, to book please contact talib@sdblincoco.ie or call 01 462 0073

New Chapters online book club

Monthly video meetings every second Wednesday at 7pm
Contact Tallaght Library on 01 462 0073 or email talib@sdblincoco.ie

Musical Tots

Join Karen Donnellan from Musical Tots on Wednesday 11 January at 10.30am for a fun and lively musical workshop that your little one will love! Children learn tunes and rhymes before they learn to speak. Singing is invaluable for the development of children from a very young age. All welcome! No need to book ahead.

First Fortnight, New Year **Health and Wellbeing for Women** with Siobhán Daffy

Kick-start your healthy new year at this informative talk by natural health and wellbeing practitioner, Siobhán Daffy.

Wednesday 11 January at 6.30pm in Tallaght library, booking from early January at talib.eventbrite.ie

New Book Club!

Books and Places Book Club Wednesday 18 January 6.30pm - 7.30pm.

In 2023 we are launching a new book club for adults, where we will not only read and discuss the book but celebrate the places in them too. The first book is 'The Paris Library' by Janet Skeslien Charles. Join for us for la discussion, café and brioche.

Email talib@sdblincoco.ie or phone **01 462 0073** to join.

Tallaght library Season of Crime festival will be taking place from the last week of January featuring creative writing, author visits, movies and more. Check out our Eventbrite page for more details.

Save the date: Harry Potter Book Night in Tallaght library Wands at the ready for our annual Harry Potter book night and evening of Hogwarts magic, Thursday 2 February.



Recycle more this Christmas

Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo



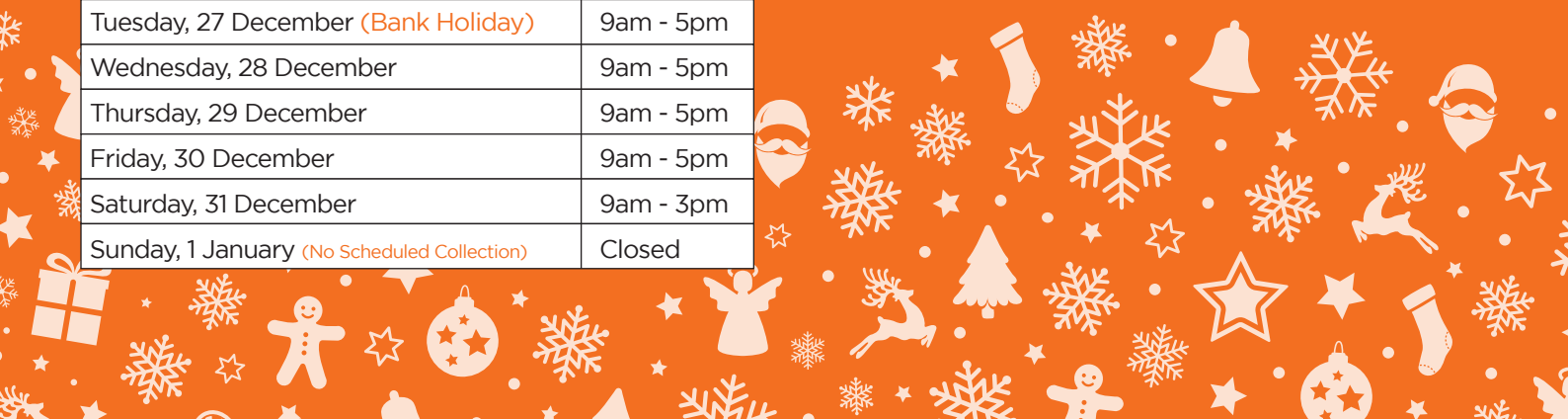
Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit www.sdcc.ie for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

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

Ballymount Civic Amenity Christmas and New Year Opening Hours 2022 / 2023

Monday, 19 December	9am - 5pm
Tuesday, 20 December	9am - 5pm
Wednesday, 21 December	9am - 5pm
Thursday, 22 December	9am - 5pm
Friday, 23 December	9am - 5pm
Saturday, 24 December	9am - 3pm
Sunday, 25 December	Closed
Monday, 26 December (Bank Holiday)	Closed
Tuesday, 27 December (Bank Holiday)	9am - 5pm
Wednesday, 28 December	9am - 5pm
Thursday, 29 December	9am - 5pm
Friday, 30 December	9am - 5pm
Saturday, 31 December	9am - 3pm
Sunday, 1 January (No Scheduled Collection)	Closed

Monday, 2 January (Bank Holiday)	9.30am - 5.00pm
Tuesday, 3 January	9.00am - 5.00pm
Wednesday, 4 January	9.00am - 5.00pm
Thursday, 5 January	9.00am - 5.00pm
Friday, 6 January	9.00am - 5.00pm
Saturday, 7 January	9.00am - 5.30pm
Sunday, 8 January	9.30am - 5.00pm



Be Winter Ready

Helping make you, your home and your business more resilient and prepared for severe weather

Severe weather challenges all of us. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs. However, by taking some simple steps you can reduce the impact of such events. South Dublin County Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Éireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required. South Dublin County Council has under the Major Emergency Management Framework, the following plans:



Major Emergency Plan



Flood Emergency Plan



Severe Weather Plan



Rest Centre Plan.

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:

Status Yellow Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.

Status Orange Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response / action from each department.

Status Red Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and / or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, and so on, depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated by teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the local authority, HSE and An Garda Síochána.

The 2022 - 2023 Winter Maintenance Plan includes information on the seven gritting routes and also on salt barns and the locations and availability of salt bins.

The seven gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at this link. The Council has seven gritting trucks and seven snow ploughs.

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens through weather events on all available social media including our website www.sdcc.ie

The national winter ready website also has very useful information and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/>

<https://twitter.com/sdublincoco>

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCountyCouncil>

Download the Severe Weather Chart at www.met.ie/weather-warnings and pin up your classroom, home or workplace.

You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated:

@emergencyIE
@DubFireBrigade
@ESBNetworks
@MetEireann
@gardainfo
@GardaTraffic
@IrishWater
@IWCare
@opwireland



Severe Weather Chart



Status Yellow
Potentially dangerous on a localised scale.



Status Orange
Infrequent and dangerous weather conditions which may pose a threat.



Status Red
Rare and very dangerous weather conditions.

This winter-ready booklet produced by the Office of Emergency Planning (OEP) gives information on being prepared, providing practical advice for coping during episodes of severe weather, as well as giving contact details of organisations and agencies that can provide guidance and assistance. The main message is simple - be prepared, stay safe and know where to find help should you need it. Download the 2022 / 23 booklet on this page or find out more at:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/aa78b9-be-winter-ready/?referrer=/>


Oifig Fiontair Áitiúil
Local Enterprise Office
 Áth Cliath Theas
 South Dublin



Business Support Funds

Sustaining Business in South Dublin

What is the purpose of the Business Support Funds?

To improve the investment potential of industrial estates or units in which they are resident, in particular those industrial estates experiencing high levels of obsolescence, dereliction, vacancy and abandonment.

There are four types of Business Support Funds available:



So far this year, up to October, LEO has provided the following Supports:

- Mentoring Assignments: 490
- Training Attendees: 1609
- Financial Supports Approved: €713,679
- Jobs Created: 41
- Trading Online Vouchers Grants approved: 78
- Technical Assistance Grant for Micro – Exporters Grants approved: 16

Arrangements will be in place at these locations from Tuesday, 3 January to Saturday, 14 January 2023

Lucan

- Beechpark open space
- Sarsfield Park open space
- Haydens Lane car park in Giffen 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 (Bawnogue and Lockview Roads)

Greenhills

- Tymon Park – Limekiln car park
- Tymon Park – Tymon North Road car park

Old Bawn

- Church car park (beside shopping centre)

Firhouse

- Car park at Cherryfield (off 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

Saggart

- Parks Depot on Mill Lane



CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING
2023

WINTER / SPRING EVENTS COMING UP AT

THE CIVIC

SORCHA FURLONG-FOREVER HITS



MUSIC

Fri 13th Jan // 8pm

JASON BYRNE-UNBLOCKED



COMEDY

Weds 8th & Thurs 9th Feb // 8pm

BEE GEES-NIGHTS ON BROADWAY



MUSIC

Sat 11th Feb // 8pm

THIS IS TOM JONES



MUSIC

Tues 14th Feb // 8pm

PAT & FAYE SHORT "WELL"



COMEDY

Sat 25th Feb // 8pm

MAKE A NIGHT OF IT MEAL DEALS AVAILABLE

BOOK AT CIVICTHEATRE.IE OR CALL 01 4627477

TALLAGHT STADIUM

(Opposite The Square, D24 FNK6)

8th December 2022 - 8th January 2023

BOOK NOW

www.duffycircus.com

Tom Duffy's Circus is proud to present its second annual Christmas Circus production. Our all-new show for the festive season is an enchanting amalgamation of circus and theatre with a pantomime twist suitable for all ages.

Enter the transformed big top as you are immersed in a winter wonderland, the perfect escapes from the hustle and bustle of the festive period, relax and enjoy as you are taken on a winter voyage with Santa's Chief Elf and the ever-helpful Fairy Godmother as they strive to deliver the children's wish lists to Santa on Christmas Eve. Will they find Santa in time for the children to get their presents? Where in the world will Santa be? Travel with our adventurers as they hope to save Christmas for some deserving children.

Join us this Christmas, be welcomed out of the cold winter air into the warmth of the big top and experience the celebration and joy of a theatre style show with the added bonus of the immeasurably talented artists of Tom Duffy's Circus. This all-new show filled with magic and cherished Christmas joy will soften the hearts of even the most hardened Scrooge.

The show caters for all with a range of death-defying stunts, skilled acrobats, our ever-elegant dancers, and a rumoured appearance by the man in red himself!

We are thrilled to now be offering a range of early performances on selected dates for schools and community organisations with greatly discounted ticket prices. A guaranteed fun filled festive favourite. Our Christmas Production will be based at Tallaght Stadium for the duration of the festive period, starting on 8th of December. We cater for schools, community groups, staff parties and families, accessibility seating is available in each of our sections.

For more information and to book please contact Candice on: 083 205 9061 or email: candice@duffycircus.com

