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from South Dublin
County Council
Elected Members



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for 4,500
new homes



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South Dublin County Council Elected Members

Clondalkin Cluain Dolcáin

Councillor Trevor Gilligan	FF
Councillor Emer Higgins	FG
Councillor Kenneth Egan	FG
Councillor Francis Timmons	IND
Councillor William Joseph Carey	SF
Councillor Peter Kavanagh	Green
Councillor Eoin Ó Broin	IND

Rathfarnham - Templeogue Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

Councillor Carly Bailey	SD
Councillor Yvonne Collins	FF
Councillor Mary Seery Kearney	FG
Councillor Pamela Kearns	LAB
Councillor Ronan McMahon	IND
Councillor David McManus	FG
Councillor William Priestly	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	Green

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	SF
Councillor Sandra Fay	SOL
Councillor Dermot Richardson	SF
Councillor Louise Dunne	SF
Councillor Baby Pereppadan	FG

Firhouse - Bohernabreena Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

Councillor Francis Duffy	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 Mark Ward	SF
Councillor Madeleine Johansson	PBP
Councillor Alan Hayes	IND
Councillor Shane Moynihan	FF



Party Abbreviations

Cllr	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

Season's Greeting from South Dublin County Council Elected Members

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy new year.

Christmas is a time for family and friends. Where we look at the year gone by and our hopes for the year ahead.

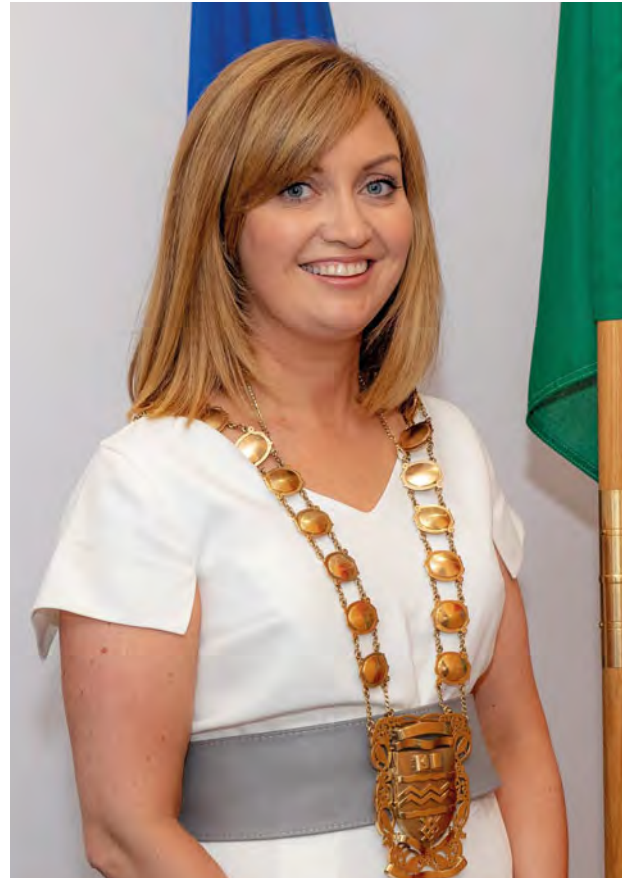
Since being elected as Mayor of this great County in June, I have looked to promote and support Access, Disability and Inclusion in South Dublin. Communities are how we connect with each other, how we grow together and how we meet the needs of our ever-changing society. In my first few months as Mayor, I have sought to ensure that everyone in this County can participate in our society and influence how we shape our Council, our County, our workplaces and our environment.

At this time of year, it is important that we reflect on how we can all help bring the values of community, opportunity, respect and wellbeing into our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Vicki Casserly

Mayor of South Dublin County Council



Beannacht na Féile ó Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun Nollaig Shona agus athbhliain faoi shláintiúil faoi shíocháin a ghuí ort.

Am don teaghlach agus do chairde is ea an Nollaig, tráth ina mbímid ag amharc ar an mbliain a chuaigh thart agus ar an dóchas atá againn don bhliain atá romhainn.

Ó toghadh mé mé mar Mhéara ar an gContae iontach seo i mí an Mheithimh, tá iarracht déanta agam tacú le Rochtain, Míchumas agus Cuimsiú agus a chur chun cinn i mBaile Átha Cliath Theas. Is tríd na pobail a dhéanaimid nasc lena chéile, a fhásfaimid le chéile agus a shásaímid riachtanais ár sochaí atá ag athrú i gcónaí. I mo chéad chúpla mí mar Mhéara, tá iarracht déanta agam a chinntiú go mbeidh gach duine sa Chontae seo in ann páirt a ghlacadh inár sochaí agus tionchar a imirt ar an gcaoi a gcruthóimid ár gComhairle, ár gContae, ár n-ionaid oibre agus ár dtimpeallacht.

Ag an am seo den bhliain, tá sé tábhachtach go ndéanfaimis machnamh ar an dóigh ar féidir linn uile cabhrú le luachanna an phobail, na deiseanna, an mheasa agus na folláine a thabhairt isteach inár saol agus i saol gach duine timpeall orainn.

Guím Nollaig shona duit agus Athbhliain faoi Shíocháin.

Vicki Casserly

Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

Clonburris

In May, An Bord Pleanála approved South Dublin County Council's plan to deliver up to 11,000 new homes at the Clonburris Strategic Development Zone.

The land, comprising approximately 280 hectares, is located between the established communities of Lucan, Clondalkin and Liffey Valley. The lands have been designated by the Government as a Major Urban Housing Development Site and could provide homes for a population of over 21,000.

The approved Planning Scheme will include the provision of three primary and three post-primary schools.

Approximately 72% of housing will be located within 500 metres of schools and about 98% of residents will be able to access a bus stop within 400 metres or train station within 800 metres, thereby significantly reducing dependence on the private car as we also address climate change. The lands will be serviced by

two train stations at Kishoge and Clondalkin/Fonthill, approximately a 15-minute train journey from Dublin City Centre. Three Regional Roads, including the Outer Ring Road, connect the lands to the N4 and N7 National Routes.

South Dublin County Council is confident that Clonburris will have a central role to play in addressing the demand for new housing in Dublin.



Playspace Programme

The Council opened playspaces throughout the County with official openings taking place in Tymon Park, Lucan Demesne, Ballymount Park, Glendown Park and Grifeen Valley Park, among others.

Creating better play environments will bring benefits for the physical and mental health of the

children growing up here and for communities.

Playspaces are designed to adapt to space where they are implemented and utilise the natural setting found there. They provide a space and an environment for play, rather than merely equipment for children to play with, are located where children live, with an emphasis on

natural Playspaces, and focus on the type of play that is most important to early childhood development.

South Dublin County Council's Playspace Programme was also nominated for a Chambers Ireland Excellence in Local Government Award in Supporting Active Communities this year.

Local Elections 2019



Forty councillors were elected at the 2019 Local Elections in May. This includes seventeen newly elected members that joined a returning twenty-three to make up the forty seats in the Council. They will act as the public representatives of the people of South Dublin County over the next five years.

Fianna Fáil was returned as the largest political party in the make-up of the new Council while 35% of the seats, 14 out of 40, were won by women, higher than the national average.

The new Council sat for the first time at the Annual Meeting of South Dublin County Council held on Friday 7 June 2019 in County Hall, Tallaght, where Cllr Vicki Casserly representing the Lucan electoral area was elected Mayor of South Dublin County.

Voter.ie

In the lead up to the Local Elections, South Dublin County Council and the other three Dublin local authorities launched a new web portal that enables over one million Dublin residents to check their electoral details in real-time.

Voter.ie is a joint initiative involving the four Dublin local authorities. It was developed to improve the efficiency and accuracy of the Register of Electors and allow for online registration.

In addition to the basic search functionality, the portal will also allow voters who are registered with mygov.id to:

- Add themselves to the Register of Electors
- Change their address or other details, including citizenship or change of name
- Remove themselves from the Register

Voter.ie is an additional service available to voters in Dublin and it does not replace the existing paper process.



Combat Period Poverty

South Dublin County Council launched a new initiative on Friday, 8 March, that provides free sanitary products in public toilets at Council offices in Tallaght and Clondalkin.

This was in response to a campaign by the Homeless Period Ireland organisation to combat 'Period Poverty' that works to support girls and women

who require sanitary products but are unable to afford them. Period poverty is when a person struggles or is unable to access sanitary products due to financial constraints.

The pilot initiative was launched in County Hall, Tallaght on International Women's Day by then-Mayor of South Dublin County Council, Cllr Mark Ward. Female sanitary products are available in the publicly accessible toilets in both County Hall, Tallaght and Clondalkin Civic Offices. Items can be taken free of charge when needed.

€1 billion investment plan for 4,500 new homes



South Dublin County Council considered housing proposals in July that could deliver up to 4,500 new homes to the area. The total investment envisaged under the ambitious housing plan is in excess of €1 billion.

The lands discussed included:

 2,600 New Homes
at the Clonburriss SDZ Scheme

 1,000 New Homes
at Kilcarbery in Clondalkin

 500 New Homes
in Killinarden, Tallaght

 250 New Homes
in Rathcoole

 150 New Homes
at Belgard Square North

The schemes will be delivered in the coming years. It is expected that over 70% of the 4,500 homes will be delivered as either social or affordable housing. The final breakdown of the five mixed tenure developments will be decided based on the final master plans approved for each site and on the government's affordable housing scheme.

The €1 billion investment is part of the Council's plans for building new homes in South Dublin over the coming years as part of its commitment to the government's overall Rebuilding Ireland programme.

Exceeding Housing Targets

In February, figures released by the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government showed that more than 1,787 additional households were supported by South Dublin County Council through social housing solutions in 2018, representing 115% of the Council's Rebuilding Ireland target set for last year.

Under the Rebuilding Ireland Programme, annual targets are set for each local authority area. Local authorities are responsible for monitoring and delivering on these targets, including through collaboration with Approved Housing Bodies (AHBs). In 2018, 22 local authorities exceeded their overall Rebuilding Ireland targets.

Climate Change Action Plan

The Climate Change Action Plan was approved by Council in May. The plan identifies the main climate risks facing South Dublin County and includes both the Councils' and the current levels of greenhouse gas emissions across the South Dublin County Council area. It includes four targets for the Council to reach in the coming years:



- A 33% improvement in the Council's energy efficiency by 2020,
- A 40% reduction in the Councils' greenhouse gas emissions by 2030,
- To make Dublin a climate-resilient region, by reducing the impacts of future climate change-related events,
- To actively engage and inform citizens on climate change.

Through the Climate Change Action Plan, South Dublin County Council has put forward 130 actions that are either ongoing or planned within the Council, under five key areas - Energy and Buildings, Transport, Flood Resilience, Nature-Based Solutions and Resource Management.

All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

The Council signed up to the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan in November after undertaking a range of projects throughout the year to assist our native pollinating insects like honeybees, bumblebees, hoverflies, and butterflies.

One of these projects involves selecting areas of our public parks and other appropriate roadside verges around the County where a plan for reduced mowing can be implemented for the benefit of biodiversity. These 'pollinator sites' can be identified by the 'Managed for Biodiversity' signage that is being erected in the chosen areas.



Public Water Fountains

In September, South Dublin County Council launched a new public water fountain located at the Civic Plaza, Tallaght, the first of nine public water fountains installed in 2019.

Public water fountains are aimed at supporting wellbeing and healthier lifestyle choices, promoting active travel options and encouraging the use of reusable flasks and bottles over single-use plastics.

Tallaght Stadium Expansion



South Dublin County Council has immediate plans to extend the seating capacity of the Council owned Tallaght Stadium to 10,000, with the building of the North Stand. The Council also plans to develop the West Stand to incorporate a high-quality corporate area. This work follows the expansion of the stadium in March of this year with the opening of the South Stand.

In conjunction with these plans, South Dublin County Council intends to promote Tallaght Stadium as an events venue to include music, festivals and all aspects of community events. With stadium seating and temporary on-field seating, the venue will accommodate up to 20,000 people.

In advance of the building of the North Stand, South Dublin County Council have contracted Core to provide an analysis of advertising and branding opportunities for Tallaght Stadium. The analysis is expected to be completed at the beginning of 2020 and will inform future advertising and marketing plans for Tallaght Stadium.

The development of Tallaght Stadium and the advertising and marketing strategy comes on the ten-year anniversary of the stadium opening in 2009 and following a very successful year.

The opening of the South Stand in March was followed with a new Tallaght Stadium attendance record being set in April for the Shamrock Rovers and Bohemians clash. Tallaght Stadium played host to the UEFA European U17 Championship in May and saw packed stands in October for both the Republic of Ireland Women's National Football Team's win over Ukraine and Stephen Kenny's U-21's side's match with Italy.



School Wardens say ‘STOP! for the LOLLIPOP’ as driver drive through incidents increase.

School Wardens throughout South Dublin County Council are calling for all road users to ‘STOP! for the LOLLIPOP’ as part of a new campaign launched by South Dublin County Council this November. Each morning, and afternoon, School Wardens across the County face many challenges in the delivery of a safe crossing service for primary children. Incident data recorded at school crossings show that, over the last five years, 29% of all recorded incidents at a school crossing is a driver, motorcyclist or cyclist failing to stop.

Not many people know that a School Warden is legally empowered to stop traffic to facilitate a safer crossing for children on the journey to and from school. So, what should you do on approach to a school crossing? All road users should be extra vigilant around schools and near school crossings by reducing their speed and being free from distraction. In accordance with the rules of the road, road users should always observe the instructions of the School Warden and remain stopped until the school warden has safely returned to their position on the footpath. Failure to stop for the School Warden carries the threat of penalty points and a fine for a motorist, and a fixed charge notice for cyclists. However, a fine and penalty points fail in comparison to the damage that can be done when a road user fails to stop at a school crossing.


#stopforthelollipop

STOP!
for the
LOLLIPOP

School Wardens are legally allowed to stop traffic.

Drivers, motorcyclists and cyclists should remain stopped until: children have crossed the road; the sign has been lowered and the School Warden has returned to the footpath.

Failure to stop may lead to penalty points, a fixed charge fine, or might COST A LIFE!

A CAMPAIGN BY:

 South Dublin County Council

As part of the campaign primary schools, serviced by School Wardens, will be sent a campaign pack consisting of a poster, key rings and a #stopforthelollipop campaign sheet to help spread the school crossing safety message throughout the wider school community.

“School wardens provide an excellent service in creating a safer environment to enable children to independently walk, scoot or cycle to school and fellow road users must play their part in observing the instructions of a School Warden to create safer spaces outside our schools.”

**Ally Menary, Road Safety Officer,
South Dublin County Council.**

South Dublin County Council employs school wardens to operate 94 crossings around the County and are employed under the Local Government Act 1955 in order to facilitate a safer crossing of the road for primary school children.

Christmas Tree Recycling 2019/2020

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for you to leave your Christmas Tree for recycling at 21 locations in the county from Thursday 2 January to Saturday 11 January 2020. 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 2019/2020 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)
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
Saggart
Parks Depot on Mill Lane



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

Ballymount Civic Amenity, Christmas and New Years Opening Hours 2019/2020

- Christmas Eve: closing at 3:00pm
- 25 and 26 December: Closed all day
- 27 to 30 December: Open normal hours
- New Year's Eve: Closing at 3:00pm
- 1 January: Cloaall day
- 2 January: Open as normal

Be Winter-Ready

WEATHER WARNINGS

Met Éireann is the National Meteorological Service of Ireland and one of its most important roles is to issue weather forecasts and warnings for Ireland. This Public Weather Service mandate is primarily to protect life and ensure citizen safety. The service also supports the activities of the citizen and other agencies to mitigate damage to property and reduce disturbance to economic activity.

Met Éireann's main suite of warnings are issued between 10am and midday and these are updated as new information becomes available. In general, warnings will not be issued more than 48-hours ahead of the expected adverse weather but advisories on potential hazards can be issued up to a week in advance.

Local authorities are the lead agencies for co-ordinating the response to severe weather emergencies. Where weather emergencies are judged to impact public safety at national level a National Emergency Coordination Group (NECG) is activated by the Office of Emergency Planning on request from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government which is the Lead Government Department for weather emergencies.

Met Éireann provides the weather briefings at the NECG, which brings together all Government Departments and relevant agencies and organisations, to support the locally led response and ensure coordination across the "Whole-of-Government" for the duration of the emergency.

COLOUR CODING EXPLAINED



STATUS YELLOW Weather that does NOT pose a threat to the general population but is potentially dangerous on a localised scale. **Be Aware** about meteorological conditions and check if you are exposed to danger by nature of your activity or your specific location. Do not take any avoidable risks.



STATUS ORANGE Infrequent and dangerous weather conditions which may pose a threat to life and property. **Prepare** yourself in an appropriate way depending on location and activity. All people and property in the affected areas can be significantly impacted. **Check** your activity/event and delay or cancel as appropriate.



STATUS RED Rare and very dangerous weather conditions from intense meteorological phenomena. **Take action** to protect yourself and your property. Follow instructions and advice given by the authorities under ALL circumstances and be prepared for exceptional measures.

USEFUL KNOWLEDGE

Keep yourself informed about the meteorological conditions from Met Éireann with detailed 7-day forecasts available for over 3,000 locations on www.met.ie and mobile App.

Please subscribe to push notifications of Warnings on the Met Éireann App.

You can get more information from:

www.met.ie (weather)
www.iws.ie (water safety)
www.hse.ie (health)
www.rsa.ie (road safety)
www.tii.ie (traffic information)
www.flooding.ie (OPW)
www.emergencyplanning.ie

LoCall OEP: 1890 252 736 or 0761 001 608
 e-mail: oepe@defence.ie

GENTLE REMINDER



CHECK ON YOUR OLDER RELATIVES & NEIGHBOURS

If it's difficult for you to get around it will be impossible for them.

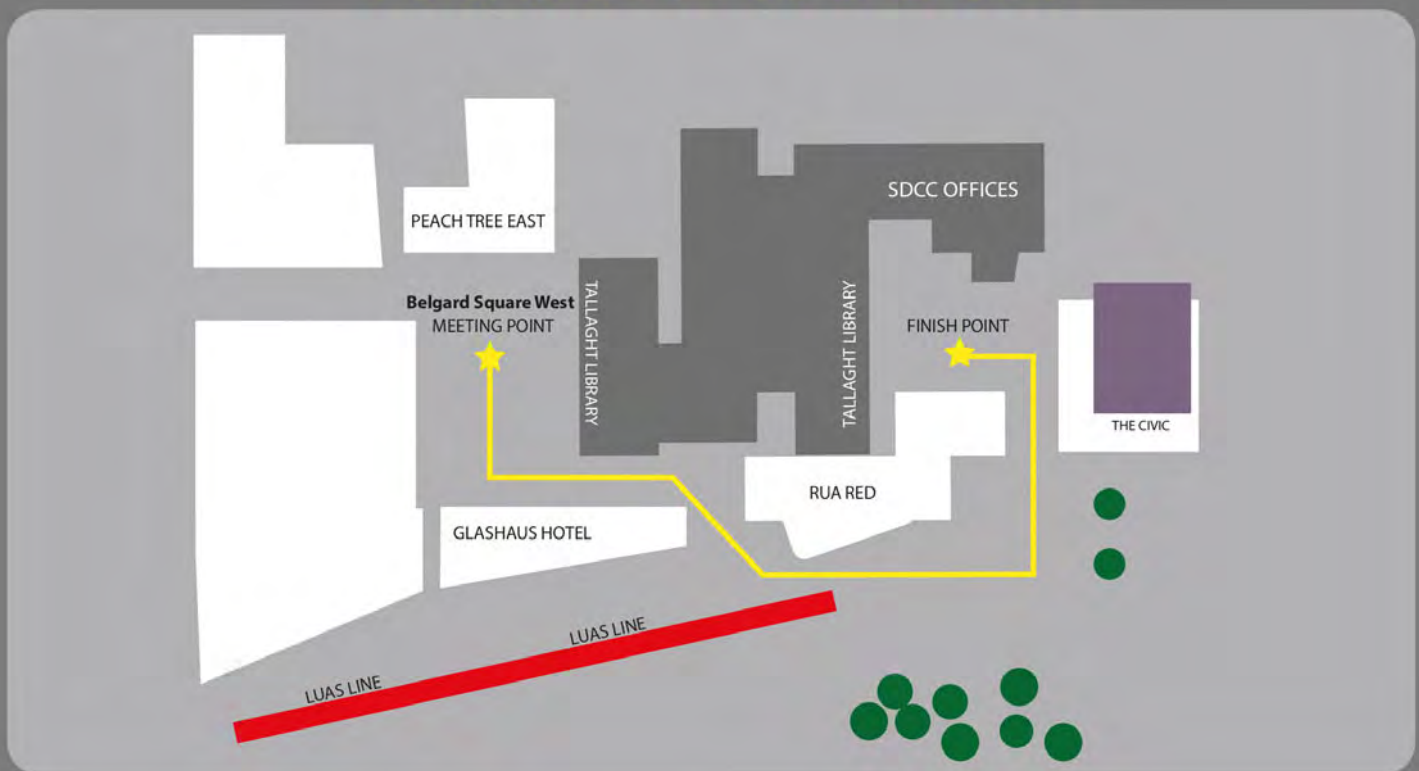
- Do you have their phone number(s)?
- Phone them or call around
- Make sure they have enough fuel, food supplies and necessary medications
- If in doubt call the Gardaí and ask them to check

UNWRAPPED PRESENTS SAFEHAVEN

A WINTER FESTIVAL
FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Sat 7th Dec. 5pm
Parading from Belgard Square West
to Rua Red/ The Civic

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Light it up



The official lighting of the Christmas tree at County Hall, Tallaght will take place after the Unwrapped procession on Saturday 7 December at 6pm. This year, Unwrapped presents 'Safe Haven' – a Winter Festival for all the family. The parade will commence at 5pm and will finish at Chamber Square where all are welcome to join Mayor Vicki Casserly as she lights up our beautiful tree. Remember to wrap up warm as both Unwrapped and the tree lighting take place outdoors.

The official lighting of the Christmas tree at Civic Offices, Clondalkin will take place on Wednesday 11 December at 5pm, with refreshments served afterwards at the Round Tower Visitor Centre, Tower Road.

Team Green



On Friday, 15 November 2019 Deputy Mayor Cllr Trevor Gilligan officially launched the Club Bags Pilot scheme in conjunction with Repak, Team Green Campaign.

The scheme is to encourage and advertise environmental awareness around the recycling of plastic bottles, cans and how to recycle right.

Four local sports clubs were selected to participate in the pilot scheme, to collect recyclables from clubs. For every full bag collected, the club will receive €5. This is a fantastic opportunity for clubs, members and families to get involved with and help highlight the importance of recycling right.

THE CIVIC & ROB MURPHY PRESENT



Lauren Nevin
(Search for Sandy - RTE)
as **The Evil Queen Cruella**



Morgan Crowley
(West End Star)
Returns as
Dame Dottie



Kevin Keeley
(The Voice Ireland)
as
Tickles

Snow White

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THE **CIVIC**

Timear Morrissey
(The Voice) as
The Magic Mirror