



BALLYMUN

REGENERATION NEWS

December 2011 Issue 98

INSIDE

- Regeneration update
- Tenant Purchase Scheme
- Play Streets 2012
- Panto at axis
- Competition time



*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year*

If you see anything of a criminal nature i.e. vandalism, burglaries or thefts, please contact the Ballymun Gardai at 01 666 4400



Dublin City
Baile Átha Cliath



Lord Mayor of Dublin Cllr. Andrew Montague arrives in Santa's sleigh for the Ballymun Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

THE LORD MAYOR VISITS BALLYMUN FOR THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The official switch on of the Ballymun Christmas tree lights took place on Thursday the 8th of December. The lights were officially switched on by the Lord Mayor of Dublin Councillor Andrew Montague who arrived on Santa's sleigh with Santa and his elves.

Entertainment was provided by Trinity Comprehensive Choir, stilt walkers from Poppintree Youth Project and Samba drummers from the Ballymun Regional Youth Resource Centre. During the day the Ballymun Farmers Market which takes place every Thursday in the Shopping Centre provided live music, art and crafts for everyone to enjoy.

Play Streets 2012

Remember how we used to play as children? The street was our playground, where we took part in all kinds of activities and adventures like hop scotch, skipping, hide and go seek, chase, pirates, Ben 10 and cowboys & indians.

Sadly today street play is not viewed as the harmless past time for children that it once was. Why is this? Are children playing games that are much more disruptive? Do we believe the street is not a safe place to play? Are children and young people spending too much time indoors playing computer games and watching television? Or are there other barriers that are impeding on children and young people's freedom to play or 'hang out' in the street?

To acknowledge the child's right to play, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd are initiating a number of street play projects to enable children to play outdoors and bring back the familiar sound of children playing in the street. Street play projects can only take place in partnership with local communities and organisations and their support in promoting play and physical activity for children and young people. This can be done by hosting

street activities such as street parties, games and activities, 'play lounges' (dedicated play space) and supporting the use of bikes and skates on the streets.

If you would like to nominate your street to participate in Play Streets 2012, please contact Debby Clarke, BRL Play and Development Officer @ 01 222 5609 by February 2012.



'Intergenerational Playday 2011' - an activity that can help to activate your street for 'play'!

Panto at axis

Holding Court's annual panto returns to axis for its tenth year running.

Beauty & the Beast

This timeless classic about a very special friendship has been a favourite of children and their parents for generations. Beauty is not only the loveliest girl in town, she is also pure in heart, spreading kindness wherever she goes. Her true love has finally broken the evil spell that turned a prince into a beast years ago. This Pantomime is one of the most beautiful stories ever told and will

Holding Court Theatre Group presents

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

10th ANNIVERSARY PANTOMIME

axis: Ballymun

Dates:
5th - 29th January

Tickets:
€12/8
(All tickets for Thursday performance are €8)

Time:
2.30pm (Sat & Sun)
7.30pm (Thurs & Fri)

Book Now:
01 883 2100 or
www.axis-ballymun.ie

transport your family to a place of magic, enchantment and entertainment.

'The Glee Experience'

THE glee EXPERIENCE



A MUSICAL TRIBUTE TO THE SMASH HIT TV SHOW FEATURING ALL YOUR FAVOURITE CHARACTERS, SONGS & STORYLINES

axis: Theatre
Main Street, Ballymun, D9.

Dates & Times
24th & 25th February
3pm (Sat) & 7pm (Fri & Sat)

Tickets
Matinee - €15
Evening - €16.50

Book Now
(01) 883 2100 or www.axis-ballymun.ie

[/GLEEEXPERIENCE](https://www.facebook.com/gleeexperience)

Calling all Gleeeks! Don't miss the Gleesters perform an unforgettable show jam packed with all your favourite hits. 'The Glee Experience' will feature a brilliant mixture of singing and dancing, and will bring to life many of the much loved hits from the popular TV show.

Regeneration update

Demolitions



Of the 36 original flat blocks in Ballymun, 28 have now been demolished leaving 8 remaining blocks due for demolition by 2014. Three blocks are included



in the current demolitions that are in progress.

A further two blocks will be demolished next year leaving three to be demolished by 2014.

Building projects

Work continues on the construction of 93 housing units in Shangan. The work also includes the completion of the road network and boundaries and upgrades to the public areas in Shangan Gardens. The first phase of the new homes will be ready in the New Year.

Tenders for the Coultrey 6 housing scheme will go out in January 2012 and construction is expected to start in April. The Coultrey 6 scheme is a 15 month contract for



New housing in Shangan

the construction of 26 units and also includes the completion of Coultrey Park and road connection for the Coultrey area.

Remedial works have started on the 122 houses in Silloge (at the north east corner of Poppintree Park) that were affected by the inclusion of pyrite in the original hard core used in construction. The work is scheduled to be completed in April 2013.

Poppintree Park boundary

BRL have been successful in facilitating an agreement with NAMA for funding to complete the Poppintree Park boundary next to Parkview Estate. The work will include the installation of railings, plinth wall, new footpaths, parking bays and a new entrance.

Competition Time

Why not enter our competition and you might be one of the lucky winners of an axis panto family ticket (2 adults & 4 children) for Thursday 12th January 2012. All you have to do is answer the following questions, and drop your entry into the following address before the 5th of January 2012: Debbie Clarke, Play Development Officer, 3rd Floor Ballymun Civic Centre, Main Street, Ballymun, Dublin 9.

Q. Santa brings presents to children all over the world. Can you provide Santa's name in 3 other languages?

A. _____

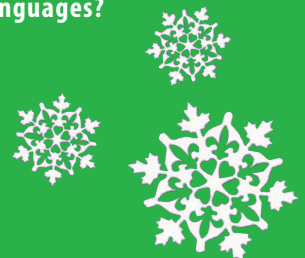
Q. How many reindeer pull Santa's Sleigh?

A. _____

Q. Can you name 3 of Santa's Reindeer?

A. _____

If you don't happen to be one of lucky winners of the panto tickets BRL are offering an alternative day out by providing a limited number of family passes (2 adults & 4 children) for Dublin Zoo at €15 each. The passes are valid until June 2012 and will be available from the 2nd of January so if you wish to avail of this offer contact Debbie @ 01 222 5609.



New Year - New Home

45 % Local Authority Discount Expires at the End of this Month

Don't Delay

Deadline 31st December 2011

Are you interested in purchasing your house?

If you have you been a Dublin City Council tenant for over 10 years you may be eligible for this substantial discount. To qualify you must be:

- Aged between 18 and 70yrs of age
- Employed and earning less than 50k per annum
- Have an indefinite right to remain in Ireland
- Have a minimum deposit of 10% of purchase price

Dublin City Council can offer House Purchase Loans subject to eligibility, criteria and terms and conditions. To qualify for the current 45% discount your application must be made before the 31/12/2011*. After this date the offer returns to standard discount rates until June 2012.

If you would like more information or to find out if you are eligible for 'The House Purchase Loan' please contact:

**Dublin City Council Sales Section,
Housing and Residential Services Department,
Block 1 Ground Floor, Civic Offices,
Wood Quay, Dublin 8.
Tel. 01 222 5449 www.dublincity.ie**

*DCC offices close at 4pm on the 24th of December and re-opens the 3rd of January 2012. Applications received the 1st week of January will be considered provided they are dated prior to closing date 31/12/2011.



Baile Átha Cliath
Dublin City