

# Shandon News



**April**

## **Phizzfest - National Spring Clean**

As part of An Taisce national spring clean, the Phizzfest is organising a clean-up of the Phibsborough area on –

**Saturday April 17th @ 1pm-3pm**

The annual Shandon clean-up will coincide with this. So please come out and join us, and let's clean up Phibsborough.

## **Cycling**

Members of Shandon Residents' Association had a site meeting on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March with Ciaran Fallon, the Dublin City Council cycling officer, the Area engineer and traffic personnel, to discuss ways in which the cycle facilities in Phibsborough / Cabra / Royal Canal can be improved. We are lobbying for more cycle lanes, better bike parking and more db stations.

## **Playground in Mount Bernard Park**

Members of the Residents Association have been working closely with Anne O'Brien, Dublin City Council Parks Development Officer, on the design and development of playground facilities in Mount Bernard Park. Anne now plans to convene a committee with involvement from children and youth workers in Cabra, and to organise a half day workshop with local children to design and implement natural play structures for the park. Implementation will involve voluntary input from members of the community.

## **Arts Festival in Phibsborough**

Preparations for the Phibsborough arts festival – the Phizzfest – are now well underway. There is a website at <http://www.phizzfest.ie/index.html> where you can keep up to date over the coming weeks and months.

If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Ger Lardner ([lardnerg@eircom.net](mailto:lardnerg@eircom.net)) or Tina Robinson ([mtinarobinson@gmail.com](mailto:mtinarobinson@gmail.com)).

## **Subs collection**

The annual collection of subs will take place during the week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> April. If you are not at home, we will leave an envelope which you can drop into a member of the Residents' Association. Subs remain at €10 and €5 (unwaged, pensioner).

## **Planning**

**Local Area Plan:** Shandon Resident's Association, along with BLEND, Rathdown and another association have been invited to participate on the Local Area Plan implementation / monitoring committee.

**Draft City Development Plan:** The Residents' Association prepared a submission to track contradictions, convergences and omissions in context of the Phibsborough LAP and is currently preparing a policy amendment to the draft Development Plan stipulating that the provisions of the LAP will apply until a review takes place.

### **Hopping for Haiti**

A group of young Shandon residents and their friends from the wider area, organised a "Hop for Haiti" on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2010. These youngsters raised a total of €188 by hopping on pogo sticks and on one leg. The collection was donated to Oxfam Haiti Earthquake Fund later that day. Many thanks to Fiach O Broin and Nevin Gunning who organised the event, to all the children who took part, to the parents who baked the buns, and to everyone who made a donation.



### **Parking**

24 hour / 7 days per week Disc parking was introduced to Shandon Road at very short notice. This is likely to have a negative impact on parking in Shandon Park and Shandon Drive. Residents are asked to be particularly vigilant about non-residents parking on the grass verges, and to use large plant pots or small bushes to prevent this, where necessary.

### **AGM**

The date for the Shandon Residents' Association Annual General Meeting has not yet been fixed. It will take place in May 2010 in the Pitch-n-Putt Clubhouse – notification of the date and time will follow.

**Wishing everyone a happy and peaceful Easter!**