

COULTRY NEWSFLASH

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Coutry Park Football Alliance Pledge to Develop Soccer as a Major Sport in Ballymun

The three soccer Clubs fielding teams in Coutry Park have formed an alliance in a move that will have a very positive impact on soccer in the Area.

Ballymun Regeneration Ltd have welcomed the decision and have already met with representatives of Coutry Schoolboys, Shangan Athletic and Sandyhill Celtic.

The alliance is looking at ways in which they can maximize the potential that exists for local soccer, particularly with work shortly to commence on the new Coutry Park. The fortunes of all three teams have increased greatly since they returned to the Park.

Des Foleys Schoolboys have won the league and are promoted for the second year running. Shangan Athletics Saturday team won their league and Sandyhill Celtic have been promoted to Premier B after finishing runners up. The alliance would like to thank everyone in the area for the great support given to the local football clubs.



Coutry Park football pitch which is now in use by three local teams. This venue is expected to greatly assist the development of soccer in the area.

Realignment of Coutry Road Commences

Work has commenced on the realignment of Coutry Road. Ballymun Regeneration Ltd have met with members of Coutry Forum to give them details of the plans.

The roadwork will be completed in stages and will also involve work on pavements, lighting and landscaping.

The first stage of the realignment is expected to take six to eight weeks.

The road itself does not follow the exact course of the previous road so therefore members of the Forum will be calling to all homes effected by the roadwork's and distributing all relevant information.

Ballymun Regeneration Ltd Summer Activities Programme

Ballymun Regeneration Ltd have informed us that they are running a programme of summer play and sports activities for children aged from 6-14 yr old. The activities will happen during July and August. Places are available during the following dates (Places are limited).

July: 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 28th, 29th and 30th.

August: 5th, 6th and 13th.

Times Monday - Thursday:

**10.00 - 12.00: Sport and play activities.
12.00 - 1.00: Lunch (parent supervision).
1.00 - 4.00: Sport and play activities.**

Freaky Fridays: 12.00 3.00.

Cost: €5 per child per week.

Closing Date for bookings: July 13th.

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Coultry 4&5 site - Still in the Appeals Process

The development of 115 new homes on this site has been held up after an appeal by some residents to the decision granting planning permission to Ballymun Regeneration Ltd (B.R.L).

Although there was a lot of public support for the Development, particularly the addition of a small park, some residents are unhappy with the impact of the development on their homes.

Coultry Forum have been briefed on the plans throughout the

consultancy stage of this development and indeed persuaded B.R.L to take out some parts of the plan, which the forum felt where unnecessarily contentious.

The Forum's role was to make sure all residents effected by the plans where given all relevant information. This was achieved after a number of meetings and the distribution of related materials.

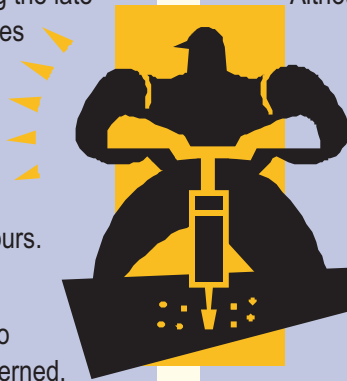
The Forum fully supports the rights of the residents to appeal the decision. It is unfortunate but unavoidable that some residents are affected more than others during the regeneration.

NOISY BUILDING SITES

Coultry Forum has received complaints regarding the late working practices taking place on many of the sites in the Coultry area.

This is an ongoing problem and it is unfortunate that residents have to suffer with the noise from building sites outside of the permitted working hours.

We have again taken the issue up with B.R.L who have said they will speak to the contractors concerned.



Although everyone appreciates some of the projects are behind schedule, it has to be remembered that the residents of Coultry have to endure the prospects of building works for some considerable time.

If you are having problems with any of the building works in Coultry please contact the forum at 8620685 or in an emergency contact David Mangan at 0872762020.

BURGLARIES IN COULTRY

There have been a spate of burglaries in the Coultry area recently. This issue was brought to the attention of Coultry forum by concerned residents. The Forum agreed to seek an update on the issue from the Gardai.

The Garda Liaison Officer for the Coultry area was able to update forum members at their monthly meeting.

The Gardai have worked long & hard on this issue & although the thieves weren't necessarily from the Coultry area, arrests have been made & charges will follow.

The Gardai have also informed the Forum that their bike patrols will be active in the community in a bid to further deter anti-social activities.

Community Plea Fails to Impress Govt.



At a meeting of Forums and politicians to discuss issues that are delaying the opening of a new Ballymun Health Centre, these two tots presented a petition to Minister of State Noel Ahern TD. To date however the plea of the community has been ignored.