

North & East Housing Association

Newsletter

With Heartfelt Sympathy

There is much sadness at the passing of Tony Gilmore, one of the original founders of North & East Housing Association and the first Chairperson, a position he held for 20 years. He performed his obligations as Chair with enthusiasm and commitment.

Another founding member Pat Lennon spoke of Tony's commitment to North and East as "unwavering, during his teachers holidays every summer I joked with him that he had resumed his proper job, looking after the affairs of North and East. Tony loved company, good conversation and a good argument during which he often surprised us by the unique positions he espoused, often I'm sure for the reaction he might get. He was a poet, writer, teacher and committed member of the Labour Party. I will remember him most as a decent human being who gave much of his time for the benefit of other people exemplified by his commitment to North & East and the disadvantaged young people of the Dublin's inner city".



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Summer is Here!

A very warm welcome to the summer edition of our newsletter. Halfway through the year, and what a busy time it has been. McArdle Green in Drogheda celebrated its 1st year anniversary. International Neighbour's Day was celebrated and our gardening competition is in full Bloom!!

We have just completed a pre-tenancy day for 18 families moving into their new homes in Ardmore, Bettystown, over the Summer. Very exciting times indeed.

All that and more to come with events planned for An Chearnóg, Blackthorn Grove and Seaview Grove later in the Summer. Check out the Tenant Zone on our website: www.northandeast.ie for the news on upcoming events.

Gardening Tips

We have asked some of our gardening competition winners from last year to give us some of their tricks of the trade.

One of our winners from last year's gardening competition is Gerry.

Gerry's tip – to get the best from your hanging baskets, use a good compost and good quality plant food.

Featured below are Gerry and Mick who give their time and gardening skills very generously. They are currently making up the hanging baskets which will adorn the estate.





Quote from Gerry

"These hanging baskets are better fed than I am"

Keep up the great work lads!

Gerry and Mick are just two of the fantastic volunteers working on our estates, watering hanging baskets, weeding and generally making their communities a more attractive place to live. Let us know if you want to get involved.

Forget me not!!!

Don't forget to send in your pictures for our **gardening competition**. The three categories again are:

Best individual garden -

a prize is available for the most colourful and well maintained garden.

Best garden in a small space for the creative use of a small space, including balconies.

Best hanging basket -

open to tenants who maintain hanging baskets outside their home.

With all this rain, I'm sure the flowers are blooming, so get your entries in as judging begins from the end of August 2016. If you need some inspiration take a look at some of last year's entries on this page!

ALWAYS use your ACCOUNT NUMBER

as a reference on all payments to North & East Housing Association, 287, Block G, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 2, D15, P229.



International Neighbour's Day 2016







North & East Housing Association, in conjunction with the local Connect Family Resource Centre, hosted a fun filled International Neighbour's Day on May 27th. The residents of McArdle Green and the surrounding community in Moneymore came out in force to take part in the sports day and family picnic. The children were all very enthusiastic and everyone was a winner on the day, with all children receiving medals.

The "**Neighbour of the Year**" competition was very closely fought, with the award going to a very deserving Lindsey O'Rourke. This competition is judged by the residents on the estate so, well done Lindsey!!

The day was also a chance to celebrate the 1st year anniversary of the North & East residents moving to their new homes. It was the perfect opportunity for them to share this day with their newly made friends and neighbours. Luckily the cake was big enough for everyone to enjoy the celebration together!

The sun shone brightly as the fun continued with a bouncy castle and face painting, giving the adults time to set up their picnic blankets on the green.

The Neighbour's Day was a great success and brought the community together with lots of fun had by all.







The Noel McArdle Education Bursary

Is it time to kick-start your career? Let North & East help you.

Eligibility

This is a means tested bursary and your circumstances will be assessed when you apply for the bursary; at the time of your application, you should provide the same information as is now required for rent reviews, i.e. social welfare receipts, bank statements and payslips and a P60 for those in employment. If your rent review has been submitted in the past 3 months, we will be able to use the information provided in that; please advise this in your application form. Please note that the bursary **cannot be awarded to residents who have arrears on their rent account**. You should have a clear rent account for a minimum of 3 months prior to application.

What the bursary covers

For eligible students, the grant is there to help with the various costs that might be associated with attending the course, including registration, course, exam fees,



books, materials, transport and childcare. The receipts should be made available at the time of applying for the bursary.

Application

The application should be made within 3 months of the start of the course. A resident may avail of the bursary up to 3 times. The amount available is decided on an individual basis, but is up to \leq 500 maximum, per academic year.

If you think you may be eligible for the bursary, you should make the application as soon as possible. Your eligibility can only be confirmed once the full application has been submitted. We process the applications twice a year – once in February and once in September. Application forms are available from your housing officer or on our website: **www.northandeast.ie**

KIDZ CORNER

Summer Word Search Competition



I. Airport 2. Beach

- 5. Heat
- 6. Ice-cream
 - **IO.** Holiday
 - **II.** Lemonade

9. Garden

- **3.** Bucket
- 7. Sunhat
- 4. Camping

- 8. Splash

Q. Where do fish save their money? A. In a river bank!

What's your favourite joke? Tell us at info@neha.ie or send your jokes and suggestions to our new postal address: 287 Block G, Blanchardstown Corporate Park 2, Dublin 15, P229.

Send your completed word search, with your name and age into our new address (see front page). All entries will be entered into a draw and a name selected from the hat for a great prize!

Spot the 8 differences





7. Fox tail. 5. Red bird facing different way. 6. Missing worm. 8. 2 blue birds facing same way Answers: 1. Blue butterfly missing 2. owl missing 3. Missing tusk 4. Worm at end gone.