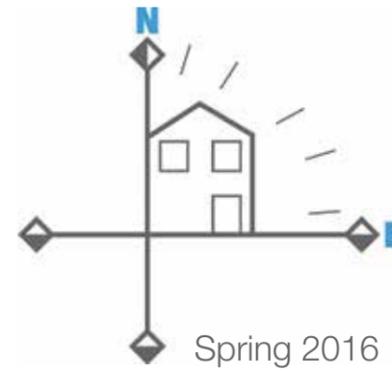




EDUCATION BURSARY

A huge congratulations to John Tynan and Inese Steinberg Ratniece who were beneficiaries of the NEHA Education Bursary earlier this year.

John continues his studies in Animation this year and Inese has commenced studies in Tourism. Wishing you both the best of luck in your upcoming exams and assessments. Please contact your housing officer if you are interested in returning to study. Next applications are September 2016.



North & East Housing Association Newsletter

CYCLICAL & PLANNED MAINTENANCE



During 2015 and continuing into 2016, North and East undertook Stock Condition Surveys of your home which involved our surveyors looking at all parts of your house or apartment to assess the condition and state of repair. North and East can then plan and budget for immediate and future repair works. This information tells us the condition of our stock it also allows us to plan for future works like replacement kitchens, bathrooms, windows, doors etc. so that your home is maintained to the highest possible standard. A notification letter will be sent to all tenants notifying them if works are planned in their area.

ANNUAL BOILER SERVICING

North and East as your landlord are carrying out boiler and heating inspections in your home.

The boiler servicing commenced on 4th April and you will receive a letter to specify when the engineer will be in your area. The contractor will then contact you with an estimated time of arrival.

North and East's annual gas and oil boiler servicing contract has been awarded to On The Level Ltd. It is vitally important that you let our contractors into your home to carry out the safety check. It should take approximately one hour for the engineer to service your boiler. We appreciate your co operation here. The contractor will be fitting CO detectors and other safety equipment.

As part of the boiler servicing contract, North and East will be upgrading the controls of your heating system to make it user friendly and more efficient to use. Refer to www.climote.ie for further information on how the heating control works. The contractor will give you a full demonstration on how to programme your new *climote* heating control.



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Welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. With Easter being so early this year, we have already had lots of events such as litter picking, Easter egg hunts and estate cleanups. More to come on these events later in the newsletter, but first we would like to thank all the residents for their boundless energy and commitment to making your community great.

GARDENING COMPETITION 2016



Do you have a prize winning garden?

We are once again holding our Gardening Competition, which is free and easy to enter. The competition is split into 3 categories, so everybody has a chance to win a prize!

This years categories 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 open, including balconies

Best hanging basket

Open to tenants who maintain hanging baskets outside their home

If you are not a keen gardener yourself you can nominate a NEHA neighbour who has a delightful front garden, balcony or floral display. The Housing officer will take photos of the gardens and a selection will be uploaded to the website. All NEHA residents will be asked to vote on these gardens giving consideration to the visual impact, originality and the surrounding area. Tenants interested in the gardening competition are asked to contact their housing officer.

Opening Times and Contact Details:

Mon-Fri 9am-1pm 2pm-5pm

The office is closed from 1-2pm for Lunch

Phone: 01 820 0002

In Cases of Emergency ONLY please call

053 9374811



Get in Touch!

This is **your** newsletter. Your comments and suggestions are always welcome. Please email your suggestions to info@neha.ie. Thanking you!

NORTH & EAST HOUSING EASTER EVENTS

Adults and children in the communities of Seaview Grove, Moneymore and Kells came out in great numbers in the days leading up to Easter to take part in the annual Easter cleanup. They put on their high vis jackets, grabbed a litter picker, a bag and together showed fantastic teamwork, community pride and enthusiasm as they picked up every piece of the litter in their area. They also planted some Spring bulbs, so they can admire their hard work each year.



Once all of the cleaning up was done it was time for the Easter Egg hunt.



The children gathered together, were split into teams and given a picture showing them which eggs their team had to find to win. The teams of Easter egg hunters, with baskets in hand then went running all over their estates frantically trying to find the eggs they needed to win.

In the end, everyone who took part won and after all the running around was finished the children queued up to get their Easter Egg for a job well done.



NEW STAFF

North & East would like to welcome three new members of staff to the Association.



Ciara Smyth – Housing Officer
A warm welcome to Ciara who has been working in housing sector for over 7 years. Ciara will be out and about with Jackie & Sorcha over the coming weeks and will be looking after our properties in Dublin, Wicklow, Trim & Ashbourne.



David O'Neill – Clerical Officer
We are delighted to welcome David to North & East as our Clerical Officer. It won't be long before you all get to know David as he will be the first point of contact for any queries you might have either by phone, post or email.



Hazel Coulter – Finance Assistant
The Finance Team would like to welcome Hazel to our team. Hazel is also based in our head office.

REMINDER
Recently you received your 1st quarterly statements for 2016. Can we take this opportunity to highlight how important it is to review this statement and make sure all information is correct. Should you find any discrepancy, please contact your housing officer on 01 820 0002. Following your recent rent review, please ensure that you amend your standing order to your new rent.

North & East is delighted to congratulate our tenant Rex Lee on the publication of his memoirs *"Melodies at Eventide – an Irish memoir about overcoming disability."* Housing Officer Jackie Knight attended the launch in Kells library and described it as a very joyous uplifting occasion.

Rex's book is a personal account of somebody who overcame disability, never allowing it to limit his outlook or narrow his horizons. His story is also the story of Ireland as a country striving to assert itself on the world stage, overcoming barriers and obstacles that history had put in the way. His account spans much of period following Independence. Through his own involvement and activism (including work with organisations such as Macra na Feirme and the Irish Farmers' Association) he both witnessed and played a part in the making and shaping of the Irish society that has been handed down to us today.

Reading through Rex's memoirs we are reminded of the lines Seamus Heaney wrote for his brother who had his own struggle with disability

"My dear brother, you have good stamina. You stay on where it happens... you keep old roads open by driving on the new ones."

Further information on Rex's book is available from the Manuscript Publisher E-mail: <http://press@themanuscriptpublisher.com>

