



Welcome to the latest bilingual edition of City News. We have undertaken this to comply with provisions of the Language Act 2003 and our undertakings outlined in our own Irish Language Scheme 2007-2010. We hope you enjoy it.

Cork City Council elects new Lord Mayor



At its first Annual Meeting held on 15th June, 2009, Cork City Council elected Councillor Dara Murphy of Fine Gael as Lord Mayor. A Councillor since 2004, the Lord Mayor represents the North East Ward.

Born in Mayfield and now living in St. Luke's Cross area, the Lord Mayor studied Economics in UCC before starting his own business in the catering industry. The Lord Mayor is married to Tanya. They have three children - Isobel (12), Sophie (11) and Nicole (8).

In his election address at the Annual Meeting, the Lord Mayor highlighted the current economic difficulties as posing the biggest single challenge for the Council: *"The adoption of a Budget will be particularly difficult this year"* and he outlined his belief *"that there is a crucial part to be played by all 31 Councillors to try and deliver the best package for Cork"*.

The Lord Mayor also set out his priorities in terms of job creation and the promotion and support of business: *"The Docklands project is vital to our city and is one that I want to progress. The project is vital to Cork's future and particularly if it is to play the Gateway role envisaged by Government in the National Spatial Strategy"*.

The quality of recreation facilities, the heritage and cultural venues, and the festivals hosted by the city were all highlighted by the Lord Mayor as major advantages and attractions: *"The development of a municipal stadium must now also be a priority. This would put Cork on the map for the hosting of large sporting and cultural events - the financial benefits and other spin-offs would be huge. Cork must maintain and strengthen its position as the clear and unrivalled second urban area in Ireland"*.



Cllr. Laura McGonigle (FG) was elected Deputy Lord Mayor at the Annual Meeting on 15th June 2009. Cllr. McGonigle was co-opted onto Cork City Council in June 2007 to replace Deirdre Clune TD and was elected to the South East Electoral Ward at the recent Local Elections. She was educated in Regina Mundi College, Douglas Road and works as a Financial Accountant in Blackrock.

Cork City Council Local Elections 2009

Local Elections took place on 5th June 2009. Denis O'Mahony, as Returning Officer, accepted nominations from 59 candidates for the elections. The Count took place on Saturday and Sunday, 6th & 7th June when the 31 new Councillors were elected to represent the six Local Electoral Areas of the city.

<http://www.corkcity.ie/citycouncil/electedmembers/>



Front Row L to R: Cllrs. Lorraine Kingston, John Kelleher, Ted Tynan, Mick Barry, Patricia Gosch, Lord Mayor Cllr. Dara Murphy, Cllrs. Mary Shields, Terry Shannon, Catherine Clancy, Tony Fitzgerald and Dave McCarthy.

Middle Row L to R: Cllrs. Mick Finn, Chris O'Leary, Emmet O'Halloran, Michael O'Connell, Henry Cremin, Thomas Gould, Jonathan O'Brien, Fiona Kerins, Brian Bermingham, Michael Ahern, Kenneth O'Flynn and John Buttimer.

Back Row L to R: Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr. Laura McGonigle, Cllrs. Ger Gibbons, Des Cahill, Sean Martin, Denis O'Flynn, Tim Brosnan and Jim Corr.

Affordable Housing Schemes

A family home in Banduff ? City living in Bantry Park Road ?

Finding a new home can be a moving experience! Cork City Council currently has a number of Affordable Housing schemes running from the north side of the city to the south side of the city.

To qualify for an affordable home you must:

- Be a first-time buyer (but there are some exceptions, for example if you are separated or divorced)
- Have enough income to meet your mortgage repayments after you have paid all your other costs
- As a guide, earn between €25,000 and €58,000 if you are applying on your own and up to €75,000 between both of you if you are applying with someone else. These are the approximate limits only - lower and higher income limits may be considered.

There are presently a limited number of units available in:

- Coppingers Acre, Bantry Park Road, Fairhill
- Ard Sionnach, Shanakiel
- Hollyhill Heights, Hollyhill

Applications are now being accepted for our three new developments in:

- Ard na Rí, Banduff
 - Mount St. Joseph's, Bakers Road
 - Glentrasna Crescent & Glentrasna Avenue, The Glen
- Prices start at €155,000 for a 2 bed apartment, €165,000 for a 3 bed duplex & €225,000 for a 3 bed townhouse.

Properties are sold with:

Exclusively designed kitchen, fitted wardrobes in master bedroom, painted throughout, private gardens and car parking, where applicable.



Prices at Ard na Rí start at €160,000 for a 2 bed apartment, €220,000 for a 3 bed duplex & €230,000 & €240,000 for a 3 bed semi-detached house.

Properties are sold with:

- Beautifully designed kitchen, fully tiled bathroom, private gardens and car parking where applicable, painted throughout

Affordable Housing application forms can be downloaded from the Cork City Council website, www.corkcity.ie or are also available from:

Housing & Community Directorate, City Hall, Cork.
Tel: 4924512 / 4924015 / 4924243 / 4924169.

Further information on our current schemes can be found on www.affordablehome.ie

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Civic Amenity Site at Kinsale Road

Landfilling of waste at the Kinsale Road Landfill Site ceased on 16th July 2009. However Cork City Council wishes to assure that its facilities for use by the public at the Civic Amenity Site remain unchanged.

Services/facilities for the public at the Civic Amenity Site at the Kinsale Road location will continue as before. The recycling centre, compost facility and timber recovery facility will remain open to accept a range of material for disposal and recycling. Domestic waste, green waste, timber waste and recyclable material will continue to be accepted from householders at the present charges. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) will also continue to be accepted free of charge from householders.

Opening hours:

Mondays to Fridays: 8.00am to 3.45pm
Saturdays: 8.00am to 12.45pm
Sundays and Public Holidays: Closed

Website Redevelopment

Now in its 10th year, Cork City Council's award winning website is currently being redeveloped and updated.

Since its relaunch in 2005, the website www.corkcity.ie has been awarded both a Golden Spider Award and a Best Local Irish e-Government Award.

The primary motivations for this redevelopment are:

- To provide a website that is more user friendly
- To increase online interaction with the public and orientate the site towards carrying out of business.
- To ensure that the website complies with accessibility standards
- To incorporate the most modern features such as video, audio, twitter and blogs where relevant

The current website receives over 100,000 visits a month. The newly designed website will be launched at the end of the year.

Housing Maintenance

New Customer Contact Number

Cork City Council's Housing Maintenance Section has upgraded its telephone system to improve its customer service. The new Customer Contact Number for the South and Centre City areas is

(021) 429 8710 (previously 021-4924121)

Please ring this number to lodge housing maintenance requests if you are a tenant of Cork City Council and your house is south of the River Lee. The north side customer contact numbers remain unchanged i.e. 021 4505215 for the North East and 021 4307022 for the North West.

Pilot Cycle to Work Scheme

Cork City Council launched the Cycle to Work scheme in May 2009. Employees were afforded the opportunity of purchasing a Cycle to Work pack from one of 4 suppliers by agreeing to forego part of their salary to cover the cost of the pack. Employees had the choice of availing of 9 different bicycles and various types of safety equipment. At the time of going to print approximately 30 employees had availed of the scheme. *Right: Ciaran Gallagher, Finance Dept. with his bike and John Hayes, Personnel Dept.*



Freedom of the City



L to R: John O'Donovan, Corporate Affairs, Dean Denis O'Connor, Lord Mayor Cllr. Brian Bermingham, Sister Eucharika Buckley and Paul Moynihan, Corporate Affairs, at the presentation of the Freedom of the City caskets to the recipients.

The decision to confer this honour was made at a meeting of Cork City Council on 9th March 2009, on the proposal of the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Brian Bermingham and approved unanimously by the Members "That the Freedom of the City of Cork be conferred on Dean Denis O'Connor and Sister Eucharika Buckley in recognition of their immense contribution to the advancement of religious values and the spiritual and religious well-being of the people of Cork. For their selfless dedication to the service of others, and in broader acknowledgement of the role played by religious orders in the development of our society. For all this and much more, the Lord Mayor and Councillors of the City of Cork consider them worthy to be enrolled in the Roll of its Honorary Citizens".

In his speech the Lord Mayor said "Today's recipients have individually and collectively impacted on the consciousness of a city and its inhabitants through their simple faith, devotion and unwavering support of the spirituality and education of generations of Corkonians". He continued "These people are the bedrock of the city in which we live and it is my extraordinary privilege on behalf of the people of Cork to acknowledge their contribution and to express your heartfelt thanks for what they have given and continue to give to their native city".

New Skate Park and Walkway for the city



Cork city's first in-situ concrete skate park was officially opened by the Lord Mayor, Cllr. Brian Bermingham at the Mardyke Walk on the 28th May 2009. This state-of-the-art facility caters for both the novice and experienced skater alike and is attracting local and visiting skaters. The project was co-ordinated and managed by Parks staff in the Recreation, Amenity & Culture Directorate and has been well received by the skaters.

Later that day the Lord Mayor also officially opened the final section of the Banks of the Lee Walkway. This section of the walkway involved construction of a walkway from the Western Road to the Lee Fields and the construction of a new bridge over the south channel of the River Lee.

Newly opened section of walkway looking towards Thomas Davis Bridge/Western Road



The Banks of the Lee Walkway runs from the entrance at Wise's Quay/St. Vincent's Bridge along the walkway known as 'Slí Cumann na mBan' and continues westwards through the Distillery Fields (beside the north channel of the Lee), over the Mardyke Pedestrian Bridge and onto the newly revamped Mardyke Walk. Users can then continue westward on Mardyke Walk, walk through Fitzgerald's Park and continue to Thomas Davis Bridge/Western Road, using the riverside pathway behind UCC sports facilities. This then connects to the newly opened section of walkway and continues through to the Lee Fields.



LISBON TREATY REFERENDUM

Friday 2nd October, 2009

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HAVE YOUR SAY

You can't vote if you're not registered!

It's not too late to be included in the Supplement to the Register of Electors.

You must be 18 years of age by Polling Day.

You can check if you are registered to vote at Cork City Council Offices, Garda Stations, Libraries, Post Offices and on line at www.checktheregister.ie

Apply now if you wish to be included in the Supplement to the Register of Electors.

The closing date for applications is: Tuesday 15th September, 2009

Application forms are available from the Reception Desk, City Hall or by contacting the Franchise Office, Cork City Council, City Hall, Cork.

Tel: (021) 4924107 / 4924108 / 4924109

Email: franchise@corkcity.ie

Lord Mayor launches "Gum Litter Task Force"



Getting the message across at the official launch on 18th June 2009, Cork City Council's Litter Warden Supervisor, Noel Long, and Lord Mayor Cllr. Dara Murphy. The Gum Litter Taskforce (GLT) was established following a negotiated agreement between the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and the chewing gum industry. The GLT is charged with developing and implementing an Action Programme in the most sustainable way by changing behaviour, the root cause of the issue.

A LITTLE BIT OF MAGIC!

Cork City Council has partnered with **ParkMagic**, an Irish Company, to promote a city parking option – a pay-by-phone service. The new system uses a window sticker to identify your car. Each sticker has a unique bar-code which will carry your account details and will carry credit against which parking costs can be charged. You can top up credit by telephone or on-line at www.parkmagic.net.

Enclosed with this edition of City News is a **free Official Starter Pack** worth €5. Customers will need to register and set up an account by **Free-Phoning 1800 24 25 61** - just follow the instructions on the back of the Pack.

Window stickers can also be obtained free of charge by ordering online at www.parkmagic.net/corkcity or in most **Post Offices** and **PostPoint outlets** around the city. You can even call the ParkMagic customer service line on **0818 22 01 07** and your sticker will be mailed to you.

The new system will operate alongside the traditional parking discs which can still be used to pay for on-street parking.



Reception for Irish Rugby Grand Slam Team



Cork City Council and Cork County Council hosted a joint Reception on 13th May 2009 in the County Hall, Cork, to honour the achievement of the Irish Rugby Football Team on winning the Triple Crown and Six Nations Grand Slam 2009. The Lord Mayor Cork Cllr. Brian Bermingham and the Mayor of the County of Cork, Cllr. Noel Harrington presented Silver medals struck by Cork Silversmiths, Sean Carroll & Sons Ltd., to Ireland's Coach, Declan Kidney and the Irish Squad. Also in attendance was Bertie O'Hanlon who is one of the few surviving members of the 1948 Grand Slam winning Team.

BONFIRE NIGHT



Following its huge success in 2008, alternative family-friendly events were organised by local community groups in conjunction with Cork City Council on Bonfire Night, 23rd June, 2009. These included four large scale parks events at Clashduv Park, Togher; Lough Mahon Park, Mahon; Kilmore Road Park, Knochnaheeney and Pophams Park, Farranree.

Three smaller indoor projects were supported in Mayfield (Newbury House and Kerrigan Tyrell Building), The Glen (The Glen Resource Centre) and Blackpool (Blackpool Youth Association). Two local residents groups were provided with a small amount of funding at Kerry Hall Road and Middle Parish Grattan Street.

In total, estimated numbers in excess of 7,800 people attended events, up from 6,000 in 2008. Approximately 40 different community groups were involved in the organisation of events on the night as well as in excess of 150 local community volunteers. Further support was provided by An Garda Síochána, as well as first aid services from the Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, Civil Defence and Order of Malta. In addition, huge support was provided by the Parks Section of Cork City Council, RAPID and local Community Wardens.

Cork City Sports Partnership launch Strategic Plan 2009 – 2012



L to R: Stephen Scully, Cork City Council, Cllr. Tim Brosnan, Chairman, CCSP, Eithne Lydon, Eucharía Savage and John O'Riordan, Cork City Council, pictured at the launch of the Strategic Plan.

John Treacy, Chief Executive of the Irish Sports Council, officially launched the Cork City Sports Partnership Strategic Plan 2009 – 2012 at a function in Leisureworld, Bishopstown in May. The Plan outlines the proposed work and targets set out for the Cork City Sports Partnership over the next four years.

A copy of the Strategic Plan is available from the Sports Partnership office by emailing sportspartnership@corkcity.ie or calling 021 4924245. Further information is available from Eithne Lydon, Sports Co-ordinator, Cork City Council, 086 0487603.

Visitors from twin cities of Cologne & San Francisco



Lord Mayor Cllr. Brian Bermingham with visitors from the twin cities and members of Cork City Council and San Francisco & Cologne twinning committees.

Visitors from Cork city's twin cities of Cologne and San Francisco participated in the Ocean to City Race and the Bord Gáis Cork City Marathon respectively, which took place over the June Bank Holiday weekend. Four rowers from Cologne rowed a traditional currach on the Saturday. While they had training on the evening before the Race the boat and the new rowing technique posed a big challenge. This year as the weather was excellent the entire course of 15 nautical miles from Crosshaven to the city centre was raced. Cologne came 2nd in their group – despite their blisters – and were delighted with their time. It was the group's first visit to Cork. Everyone enjoyed it and all hope to return again next year.

Matthew Green, who works with San Francisco Council and whose mother comes from Clare, took part in the Marathon on Bank Holiday Monday. This was Matt's 32nd marathon and he crossed the finishing line in 221st place. Following the race Matt spent some time travelling around Ireland and visiting his relatives in the West.

Many thanks to all who assisted over the weekend, in particular the organisers of both events.



Lord Mayor Cllr. Brian Bermingham with John Mullins, Chief Executive of Bord Gáis and the 2009 winner of the women's race, Lucy Brennan from Sligo.

Record crowds watched Lucy Brennan, who also won in 2008, take the women's race in 2hrs 51mins. The overall winner was Michael Herlihy from Charleville who crossed the line in 2hrs 30mins. The Metric Millers, a five-man team from Co. Limerick, took the relay race in 2hrs 19mins. The 2010 Bord Gáis Cork City Marathon will take place on Bank Holiday Monday 7th June.

www.corkcitymarathon.ie

Lord Mayor's Community & Voluntary Awards



The Lord Mayor's Community and Voluntary Awards 2009 attracted 74 nominations. The Awards, sponsored by Express Kitchens & Floors and the Evening Echo, provide the Lord Mayor with an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of organisations whose work is for the community. Lord Mayor Cllr. Brian Bermingham especially commended the volunteers that give of their time so freely. "Time is one of the most precious things anyone can donate especially with the ever increasing demanding pace of life". He exhorted people to get involved in their communities and help in the development of the city.

The Lord Mayor also praised the continued contribution of the sponsors, Express Kitchens & Floors and the Evening Echo, who donated the generous prizes of €1,000 for Winners and €500 for Runners-up.

Winners and Runners-Up:

SPORT

Winner: Glen Rovers Camogie Club
Runner-Up: Castlevew AFC

COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

Winner: Irish Friends of Suicide Bereaved
Runner-Up: Irish United Nations Veterans (No 5 Post Cork City)

LIFELONG LEARNING

Winner: Bishopstown Senior Social Centre
Runner-Up: Retired Peoples Network

ART AND CULTURE

Winner: Fáilteoirí Cork International Choral Festival
Runner-Up: Togher International Festival of Photography

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Winner: Irish Girl Guides South West
Runner-Up: Meitheal Mara

EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

Winner: Cois Tine
Runner-Up: Matt Talbot Adolescent Services

Cork City Council Elected Members

Parties abbreviated as follows

Fianna Fáil **FF**, Fine Gael **FG**, Sinn Féin **SF**, Labour **Lab**, The Socialist Party **Soc**, Non Party **NP**, Workers Party **WP**

Cork North East Local Electoral Area

Cllr. John Kelleher 34 Silverheights Drive, Mayfield, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Dara Murphy 1, Herbert Park, Gardiners Hill, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Tim Brosnan 7 St. Christopher's Road, Montenotte, Cork **FF**
Cllr. Ted Tynan 155 Silversprings Lawn, Mayfield, Cork **WP**

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Cork North Central Local Electoral Area

Cllr. Mick Barry, No. 6, Seminary Villas, Blackpool, Cork **Soc**
Cllr. Catherine Clancy, 5 Assumption Rd, Blackpool, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Pat Gosch, Castlejane, Glanmire, Co. Cork **FG**
Cllr. Kenneth O'Flynn, Constituency Office, Unit 3A,
NOF Commercial Centre, Kilnap, Mallow Road, Cork **FF**
Cllr. Thomas Gould, 121 Cathedral Road, Gurrabraher, Cork **SF**

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Cork North West Local Electoral Area

Cllr. Dave McCarthy, 8 Hillcrest Avenue, Blarney Road, Cork **NP**
Cllr. Jonathan O'Brien, 11 Fairfield Green, Farranree, Cork **SF**
Cllr. Michael O'Connell, 78 Briars Court, Shanakiel, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Tony Fitzgerald, The Bungalow, Harbour View Rd, Hollyhill, Cork **FF**

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Cork South East Local Electoral Area

Cllr. Des Cahill, 5 Maryville, Ballintemple, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Laura McGonigle, 27 Marble Hall Pk Ballinlough Road, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Denis O'Flynn, 1 Dunvale Rise, Frankfield, Douglas, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Terry Shannon, 33 Lake Lawn, Well Road, Douglas, Cork **FF**
Cllr. Chris O'Leary, 17 Loughmahon Rd, Mahon, Cork **NP**
Cllr. Kieran McCarthy, Richmond Villa, Douglas Road, Cork **NP**
Cllr. Jim Corr, "Kakuri", Hettyfield, Douglas, Cork **FG**

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Cork South Central Local Electoral Area

Cllr. Lorraine Kingston, 1 Pier View, Castle Road, Blackrock, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Emmet O'Halloran, St. Judes, Mercier Park, Turneris Cross, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Sean Martin, 137 Evergreen Road, Turners Cross, Cork **FF**
Cllr. Mick Finn, 6 Annmount, Friars Walk, Cork **NP**
Cllr. Fiona Kerins, 25 Hillview Estate, Tramore Road, Cork **SF**

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Cork South West Local Electoral Area

Cllr. John Buttimer, 25 Benvoirlich Estate, Bishopstown, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Mary Shields, 48 Halldene Avenue, Bishopstown, Cork **FF**
Cllr. Michael Ahern, 3 Kenley Crescent, Westgate Road, Bishopstown, Cork **Lab**
Cllr. Brian Bermingham, 7 Cherry Grove, Model Farm Road, Cork **FG**
Cllr. Henry Cremin, 36 Greenfields, Model Farm Road, Cork **SF**
Cllr. Ger Gibbons, 21 Glendale Drive, Glasheen Road, Cork **Lab**

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