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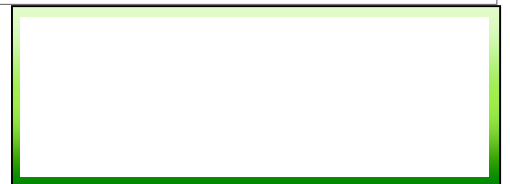
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Editorial

The stressful time of the exams is over again for this year in both the 2nd and 3rd level schools and colleges. We wish all those who are proceeding to further education and those who are taking up employment the best in their future endeavours. We hope that students, teachers and parents enjoy their summer break.

Maynooth Geraldine Community Festival

Maynooth Geraldine Community Festival runs from the 18th - 23rd July. Posters and flyers will be in key positions to keep the community informed of all the activities taking place.

Tesco 7-A-Side Inter-estate Soccer Tournament

The tournament runs from 10th - 23rd July. The ultimate prize of the **Joe Murphy Trophy** will be awarded to the winning team, in the Harbour Field at the end of this very popular event.

Couch Potatoes

The World Cup is nearing the end of its run 'finally'. Do not despair the tennis season is upon us. Then we can look forward to the GAA Championship finals and finally in September The Ryder Cup.

Holiday Makers

Please remember to secure your homes if you are departing for foreign climes, or indeed any place outside of Kildare.

Tidy Towns

The Tidy Towns judging takes place during July and August. Trojan work has been done by the committee and their dedicated team of helpers. They are always very appreciative of any help they receive from the community.

Finally we welcome contributions to the Newsletter in the form of news and tidbits about local organisations and clubs, including reviews and articles etc.

This is your Community Newsletter.
Any of the above can be submitted to our office.
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Maynooth Community Council Notes

Maynooth Community Council Meeting was held in the Glenroyal Hotel on the 12th June.

Meadowbrook link road

The question of the state of the grass on the Meadowbrook link is causing concern, (a) the question of who is responsible for cutting it and (b) the fact that Meadowbrook Crescent has not been taken over yet. John Mc Ginley informed the meeting that the developer is to finish the work soon and it will be taken over by Kildare County Council.

The removal of trees on Main Street

Several trees are to be removed on Main Street. Trees will be removed if necessary to improve traffic problems, trees will be planted to replace those removed says Kildare County Council. Three trees are to be removed at the Bank of Ireland to facilitate moving of the pedestrian crossing some metres away, others at the Bus Bay, also at Brady's to create a left hand turning here. Kildare County Council say that this is all in the way of safety. It was noted that area Councillors will have final say. The trees are also protected under the Development Plan. There was a strong feeling that no trees should be removed.

Geraldine Hall

Terry Nealon said that they had produced several productions of late, and that they had been a great success. Terry said he had visited several Art Centres around the country and was afraid that we might lose momentum in Maynooth for an Arts Centre, however he was assured that this is at the top of Maynooth Community Council agenda. A meeting will be arranged in the coming weeks to further push this forward.

Harbour Action Area Plan

It is now time that we have a plan in place for the Harbour Field said John Mc Ginley. Do we want an active play area and active recreation area? Play area could include Mini Sports, Astro Turf area for Basketball and other sports, also to have the Harbour Landscaped. However there was also a feeling that the Harbour would make a beautiful park. Sean Cushen felt that the area is run down with all the illegal drinking going on here, he said the place has huge potential. Maynooth Community Council will be putting a plan forward for the area.

Sub-Committees

Festival

The festival will take place from 18th July—23rd July.

7 A—Side from 10th—23rd limited to 16 teams.

Tidy Towns

Sean Cushen said they are anxious to get work done around the town, also they would like to see the removal of the Band Stand and to have the Park Landscaped, Kildare County Council will do this work. They are also worried about the length of the grass on the Meadowbrook Link road and the area across from Tesco, no response from Kildare County Council yet. The work done at Little Pound Park was noted they have done a wonderful job here, and again this year the town will be bursting with flowers the baskets are done. Sean said a lot of work still to be done and judging has already started.

St Patrick's Day Parade

John Mc Ginley thanked Derrinstown Stud for a very generous donation. John also commented on the fact that pubs in the town did not contribute to the St Patrick's Day Parade.

Foot Path Dublin Road

Hugh Gallagher said the foot path along the Dublin road at Halting site area is very bad and should be finished, also this area is very badly lit.

Maynooth Community Council

Maynooth Community Council invites Residents Associations and all groups to have a representative on the Council. The Council is only as strong as its members, so come along and have a say in what goes on in the community.

The next meeting of the Community Council will be held on Monday 10th July in the Glenroyal Hotel.

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Planning Permissions

FILE NUMBER	APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT ADDRESS	APPLICATION TYPE	APPLICATION RECEIVED	DEVELOPMENT DESCRIPTION	DEVELOPMENT LOCATION
06/1011	Oliver & Paula Byrne	Baltracy Maynooth Co Kildare	P	22/05/06	Erection of a sun-room at the side of existing house	Baltracy Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1014	Eamon White	48 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare	P	22/05/06	Erection of two storey extension. Extension to side and rear	48 College Green Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1042	Victor & Ethel O' Neill	94 Castledawson Rathcoffee Maynooth Co Kildare	R	25/05/06	Retain existing garage Conversion and single Story extension to side	94 Castledawson Rathcoffee Road Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1069	Hugh O'Neill	C/O Sunart Ltd Coates Lane Maynooth Co Kildare	P	25/05/06	Alterations to existing building to accommodate change of use from small craftwork centre to office use and ancillary services and all associated site works	Coates Lane Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1067	ESB Telecoms Ltd	27 Lower Fitzwilliam St Dublin 2	P	26/05/06	Retain an existing 30m high free standing communication structure carrying antenna and communications dishes within an existing 2.4 metre high chainlink and palisade compound	Moneycooley Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1081	Carton Demesne BoldNote Developments Ltd	Carton Maynooth Co Kildare	P	29/05/06	Single storey dwelling with accommodation in the roof space and a part basement for storage only on site. Also included is a garden shed, waste bin storage area, golf buggy and disabled parking, to be provided within the plot etc.	49 Leinster Wood South Carton Demesne, Carton Maynooth, Co Kildare
06/1088	Mathew Carroll	Mariville Maynooth Co Kildare	P	30/05/06	Construction of a bungalow incorporating an access drive to side of existing dwelling	Mariaville Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1107	Yves & Mary Clare Mathias	14 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare	O	01/06/06	Erect a first floor extension to side of existing dwelling house over existing garage conversion a two storey extension to side and rear of existing dwelling house and porch to front	14 Rockfield Green Railpark Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1114	Henry Graham	Kilcloon Dunboyne Co Meath	P	02/06/06	Development of 2 bed room detached cottage style dwelling	284 Greenfield Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1127	Maura Healy	Smmithstown Maynooth Co Kildare	P	02/06/06	A) Single storey extension to the north side of existing dwelling b) single storey extension to the back west side of existing dwelling c) retention of single storey garage	Smithstown Maynooth Co Kildare
06/1139	N Campbell	86 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare	P	06/06/06	Construction of new single storey extension to the rear of existing house comprising new dining room and lounge	86 Kingsbury Maynooth Co Kildare

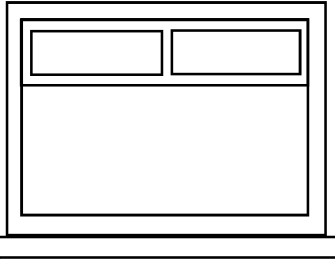
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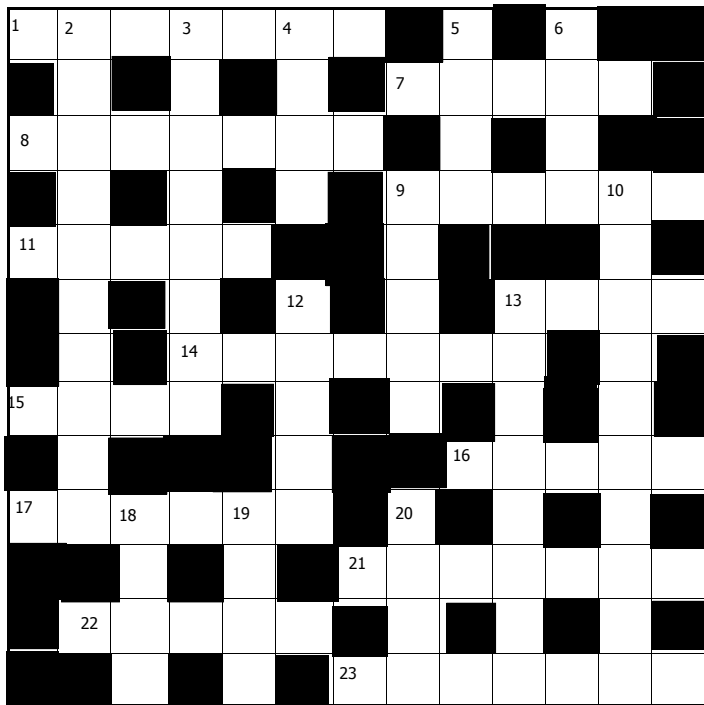
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- 7. White bear (5)
- 8. American whiskey (7)
- 9. Bowler's target (6)
- 11. Physicist, Sir- - - Newton (5)
- 13. Bay (4)
- 14. Famous vampire count (7)
- 15. Floating marker (4)
- 16. Before hand (5)
- 17. *Death on the Nile* author - - - Christie (6)
- 21. Cavalryman (7)
- 22. Quick meal (5)
- 23. General pardon (7)

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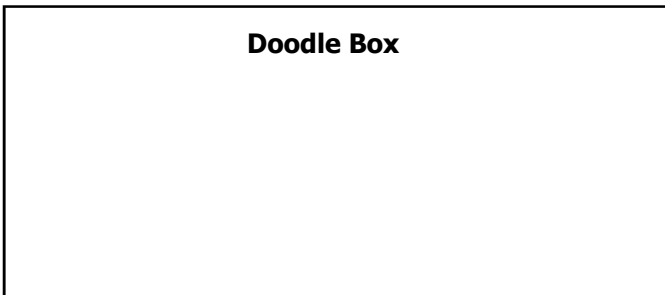
- 2. Chinese Communist leader (3,3-4)
- 3. Region of Northern France (8)
- 4. Polluted air (4)
- 5. Expense (4)
- 6. Ointment (4)
- 9. Nasal cavity (5)
- 10. Dogged (10)
- 12. Molten rock (5)
- 13. Male voice (8)
- 18. Skin complaint (4)
- 19. German white wine (4)
- 20. Metric unit of weight (4)

Across:

1. Walters, 5. Area, 9. Poison, 10. Equip, 12. Patio, 13. Explore, 14. Cheeky, 16. Russet, 19. Ability, 21. Comic, 23. Irene, 24. Tavern, 25. Tote, 26. Emerald.

Down:

2. Adopt, 3. Tussock, 4. Runner, 6. Raucours, 7. Apprentice, 8. Weep, 11. Specialist, 15. Evident, 17. Uncover, 18. System, 20. Ibex, 22. Mural



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55.....	75.....	80
65.....	78.....	84

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- For every 5 years that your father lived past 70, add 1 year. Add 1 year for every 5 years your mother lived past 78. _____
- If you are single, deduct 1 year for each decade you are on your own after the age of 25. _____
- If you are married, add 5 years. If there is an unusual amount of family strife, subtract 2 years. _____
- If you live in a city, subtract 2 years. If you live in a small town or on a farm, add 2 years. _____
- If you have been either poor or wealthy most of your life, subtract 3 years. _____
- If you're over 40, subtract a year for every 5 pounds above your best weight. Men only: deduct 2 years per inch that your waist measurement exceeds your chest measurement. _____
- If you exercise moderately but regularly, add 3 years. If you regularly do vigorous exercise, add 5 years. _____
- If you have a hard-driving, competitive personality or are often tense, deduct 5 years. Add 5 years if you're usually cheerful and easygoing. _____
- If you drink heavily, subtract 5 years; very heavily, 10 years. If you take recreational drugs, subtract 5 years. _____
- If you smoke 10-20 cigarettes daily, subtract 3 years. If you smoke 20-30, subtract 5 years; 40, 10 years. _____

- If you have regular medical and dental checkups, add 3 years. If you're often ill, subtract 2 years. _____
- If your diet is high in fats, salt and sweets, deduct 4 years. If you eat a balanced diet with plenty of fruit, vegetables, low-fat proteins and complex carbohydrates, add 4 years. _____

Your life expectancy is this final number: _____

Stress in your life

You can measure it

Scientists rank the causes of stress by severity in Life Change Units (LCUS). Although some stress is normal, too much can lower your body's resistance to infection, aggravate allergies and raise your blood pressure, increasing your risk of heart disease or stroke. You can use this guide to see if you are likely to be vulnerable to the stress associated with the following life-changing events:

Christmas	12 units
Going on holiday	13 units
Trouble with in-laws	29 units
Child leaving home	29 units
Mortgage over 80,000	31 units
Career change	35 units
Death of a close friend	36 units
Change in finances	37 units
Sexual difficulties or birth of a child	39 units
Pregnancy	40 units
Retirement	45 units
Loss of your job	47 units
Marriage	50 units
Personal injury or illness	53 units
Death of a family member	63 units
Marital separation	65 units
Divorce	73 units
Death of a spouse	100 units

Although some stress (up to 150 LCUS), is normal, more than 300 LCUS in a year is considered a threat to health. If you are in the latter range you may want to incorporate stress-reducing measures into your life to maintain a healthy balance.

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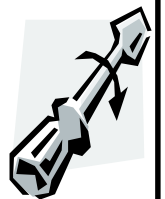


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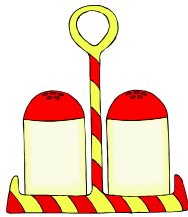
Recipes

Avocado, Orange and Red Onion Salad

Serves 4

For the dressing:

50 ml (1¾ fl oz) olive oil
1-2 tbsp chopped black olives
1½-2 tbsp sherry vinegar or balsamic vinegar
Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper



For the salad:

2 handfuls of rocket leaves
1 large avocado, peeled, stoned and cut into 2 cm (¾ in) chunks
2 oranges, peeled with a knife to remove all the pith and cut into thin slices
½ small red onion, very thinly sliced
2 tbsp sliced basil (lay the leaves on top of each other, roll up like a sausage and slice)

Mix together all the ingredients for the dressing, then season to taste. Divide the rocket leaves between 4 plates and add the chunks of avocado, the slices of orange and the slivers of red onion. Drizzle the dressing over the top and sprinkle with the sliced basil. Serve at once.



Garlic Crostini

100 ml (3½ fl oz) olive oil
5 cloves of garlic, crushed and grated
Salt and pepper
½ baguette

Preheat the oven to 220°C/425°F/gas 7. Mix the olive oil with the garlic, salt and pepper. Cut the baguette into long slices at an angle and brush with the garlic oil. Place in a single layer on a baking tray and cook in the oven for about 5 minutes, until pale golden.

Pea and Spring Onion Champ

Serves 6-8

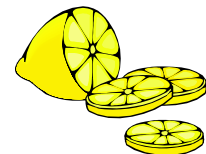
1½ kg (3 lb 5 oz) potatoes, scrubbed
100 g (3½ oz) butter
500 ml (18 fl oz) milk
450 g (1 lb) peas
75 g (2¾ oz) spring onions, chopped
4 tbsp chopped parsley
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Cook the potatoes in boiling salted water for 5-10 minutes, until tender, then drain three-quarter of the water and continue to cook on a low heat. Avoid stabbing the potatoes with a knife, because if they're floury potatoes they'll break up if you do. When they're cooked, drain all the water off, peel and mash with most of the butter while hot.

Meanwhile, place the milk in a saucepan with the peas and spring onion and boil for 4 or 5 minutes, until cooked. Add the parsley and take off the heat. Add the potatoes, keeping some of the milk back in case you don't need it all. Season to taste and beat until creamy and smooth, adding more milk if necessary. Serve piping hot with the remaining butter melting in the centre.

Perfect Pimm's

Makes 10 glasses



1 medium cucumber, peeled and cut into 5 cm (2 in) sticks
4 tbsp chopped fresh mint
150 ml (5 fl oz) freshly squeezed orange juice
150 ml (5 fl oz) freshly squeezed lemon juice
1.8 litres (3 pt) white lemonade
400 ml (14 fl oz) Pimm's
200 ml (7 fl oz) gin
1 twist of orange and 1 twist of lemon for each glass
3-4 strawberries for each

Mix all the ingredients in a jug. Serve over ice, making sure each glass has a twist of orange and lemon, several sticks of cucumber and a few strawberries. Garnish with a sprig of fresh mint.



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Answer

You are not entitled to take paid leave from work. However, you may be entitled to take unpaid leave to care for your mother, provided certain conditions are met. This is known as carer's leave and you may also be entitled to receive Carer's Benefit from the Department of Social and Family Affairs.

From 24 March 2006, you are entitled to take up to 104 weeks carer's leave to enable you to provide full time care to your mother. She must have been assessed by the Department of Social and Family Affairs as needing full time care and attention. Previously you could only take 65 weeks leave.

Carer's Leave may be taken in one continuous period of up to 104 weeks or in separate periods but there must be a gap of at least six weeks between such periods. Also, an employer may refuse to allow you to take carer's leave for a period of less than 13 weeks.

You must have been in continuous employment with your employer for the previous 12 months and you must give your employer at least six weeks notice in writing, except in exceptional circumstances. No one else can take carer's leave at the same time as yourself to look after your mother.

While the leave is unpaid it is reckonable for the purposes of employment rights other than superannuation. You accumulate entitlement to public holidays and annual leave only for the first 13 weeks of carer's leave. If you have a dispute with your employer about your entitlement the dispute may be referred to a rights commissioner.

From 1 June 2006, you are allowed to work for up to 15 hours (was 10 hours) and earn up to €290 a week while receiving Carer's Benefit. You should inform the Department of Social and Family Affairs before starting the work.

Further information is available from the Citizens Information Centre.

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Question

I believe that I can retain more of my Disability Allowance if I am working. Can You please give the details?

Answer

People receiving Disability from the Department of Social and Family Affairs are allowed to take up employment or self-employment of a rehabilitative nature. You must obtain approval from the Department before starting work.

You are allowed to earn up to €120 per week from the work without it affecting your disability payment. From 7 June 2006, half of any earnings between €120 and €350 per week is disregarded and the balance is assessed against your payment. Previously, all earnings over €120 per week were assessed against your payment.

If you have earnings above €350 per week, all your earnings over €350 are assessed against your payment and your Disability Allowance reduced accordingly.

For example, a single person on Disability Allowance working on a Community Employment scheme is paid €190.20 per week. The first €120 is disregarded, leaving €70.20. Previously, this €70.20 was assessed against your Disability Allowance. In future, only half of this (€35.10) is assessed against your payment.

This change in the assessment of rehabilitative earnings also applies to the means test for Blind Pension.

To obtain approval to take up a particular job, you should write to the Disability Allowance section in the Department requesting permission. You should include a letter from your employer, outlining the nature of the work, the number of hours you will work and how much you will be paid, and a letter from your doctor recommending the work as rehabilitative or therapeutic.

In the case of Community Employment schemes approval to work is normally given after certification of the placement by Fás.

Question

I would like to change my surname back to my maiden name as I am now divorced. How do I do it?

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Answer

There is no legal obligation to change your name on marriage. The fact that some people do is purely based on tradition and culture. They may for example, wish to signify they have joined a new family and therefore take the new name— but this is purely a social or cultural choice and has no legal basis.

How you earn your name is by use and repute. This means, for most purposes, if someone wants to be known by their married name (or any other), then they just use this name and ask people to call them by it.

If you subsequently want to use your maiden name again, you should similarly use that name and ask others to call you by it. You should contact your bank, your electricity supplier etc. in order to change the name of your accounts.

You can get a free replacement driving licence with your maiden name, providing your driving licence is current. When applying for the licence you will require documentary proof of your divorce.

If you want to change the name on your passport it will be treated as a new application, as alteration or replacement of a passport is not possible. You will be charged the usual fee of €75.

The only way to legally record a change of name is by executing a Deed Poll. You can get a solicitor to do the Deed Poll for you or you can do it yourself.

Question

Can you tell me what free treatment I am entitled to under the Dental Benefit scheme?

Answer

Under the Dental Benefit Scheme, operated by the Department of Social and Family Affairs, basic preventative dental treatment including examination, scaling and polishing is free.

Dental Benefit, under the Department's Treatment Benefit Scheme, is available to those who are insured and satisfy certain Pay Related Social Insurance (PRSI) contribution conditions. You are also eligible if you are the dependent spouse of an insured person or a dependent widow (er) whose spouse was qualified at time of death. If you satisfy the PRSI

conditions when you reach age 60 you will remain qualified for life.

Under the scheme you are entitled to a complete oral examination, the cleaning and polishing of your teeth and the treatment of mild gum conditions for free. In general you are only entitled to the free examination once every 12 months.

For other dental treatments there are two sets of charges one for those whose annual income is under €53,000 and the other for those whose income is above €53,000. For those whose income is above €53,000 the Department pays a contribution and the patient pays the balance (apart from the free treatment mentioned previously).

Those whose income is below €53,000 per annum have to pay one of the following depending on the treatment— pay a set charge, pay the balance after the Department's contribution, or pay the dentist's fee less 15% and less the Department's contribution. For instance, if you have a tooth extracted under local anaesthetic you have to pay €12.50. A simple amalgam filling is charged at the dentist's normal private fee less 15% and also less the Department's contribution of €31.10. Dentists are obliged to display their charges for fillings.

You can receive Dental Benefit for dental treatment received abroad in another EU member state. Contact the Department before you travel for an application form and details of how much the Department will pay.

Further information is available from the Treatment Benefit Section,
Department of Social and Family Affairs,
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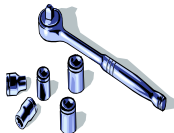
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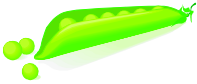


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Gardening Tips for July

Those of you who have vegetables in the garden will be pleased to know that the following vegetables are in season this month: *Artichoke, Broad Beans, French Beans, Runner Beans, Beetroot, Carrots, Cucumber, Lettuce, Marrow, Peas, Potatoes, Radish, Spinach.* Fruits in season this month are: *Blackcurrant, Gooseberry, Raspberry, Redcurrant, Strawberry.* We'll take a look at how to care for these fruits and vegetables in your garden for the month of July.



The Vegetable Garden



Lift early varieties of potatoes as needed, or when top growth begins to yellow. After raking, and giving a light dressing of a complete fertiliser, sow the ground with lettuce, quick-maturing carrot ('Nantes'), turnip ('Golden Ball'), round beet, cabbage ('Harbinger' or 'Wheeler's Imperial'), or kale ('Hungry Gap').

Earth up maincrop potatoes for the last time; in areas vulnerable to blight, spray with a preventative fungicide such as liquid copper, Bordeaux mixture, or benomyl: early July in the south-west; mid-July in the midlands and the north. Repeat 2 weeks later to protect new growth.

- Lift garlic and shallot bulbs as the tops turn yellow. Choose a fine day; dry out of the sun, and store in a cool shed.
- Plant out seedlings of 'Late Purple' sprouting broccoli, savoy cabbages and cauliflowers intended for spring harvesting.
- Plant out leeks. Soak the soil first and make planting holes 15cm (6in.) deep with a dibber. Drop the seedlings in 23cm (9in.) apart in rows 38cm (15in.) apart and water in.
- Gently spray flowers of French beans, runner beans and outdoor tomatoes with the hose in dry weather in the morning or evening to facilitate setting.
- Liquid-feed newly planted out celery, cabbage, sprouts, celeriac and salad crops every 10 days or so.
- Water outdoor cucumbers, marrows, and courgettes copiously. Apply a derris or pyrethrum insecticide to control insect pests on vegetables near to harvest. In hot weather, nicotine will give a quick knock-down of insects, and loses its toxicity in less than a day.

The Fruit Garden



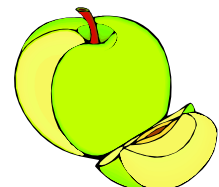
First we'll have a look at *Strawberries*. Propagate from healthy, selected plants only. Train runners, not more than 4 per parent plant, to root in 7.5cm (3in.) pots, filled with good compost, sunk in the soil alongside. Cut off the extension shoot of the runners beyond the chosen plantlets. New plants will be ready for complete severance and planting out in late August.

Pick ripe strawberries each day. Collect any fruits showing distortion, hard core or grey mould infection and burn them. Clear away and burn straw or loose mulching material after harvest. Wash down black polythene if intended for re-use.

Clear beds of strawberry plants more than 3-4 years old. They are past their best, and may harbour pests and diseases. Prepare new ground for strawberries by bastard-trenching, weeding and working in rotted manure, compost, leaf-mould, or peat liberally, ready to plant up in August-September. Now, a look at some other fruits:

- Thin plums bearing heavy crops, both to ensure high-quality dessert fruit, and flower-bud formation for next year.
- Check all stone fruits (cherries, damsons, plums) and the ornamental species of the *Prunus* genus for the silvered look on foliage that indicated silver leaf disease. Cut out cleanly any infected shoots and branches and burn them.
- Bury the tips of the new shoots of blackberry, boysenberry and loganberry bushes in the soil if extra plants are needed. Sever them next March if rooted, and transplant the new plants.

Commence the summer pruning of apples and pears in late July, as new growth matures and hardens, spreading the work over a few weeks. Summer pruning aims to admit more light and air to the ripening fruits, as well as encouraging shoot growth and the development of fruit buds.



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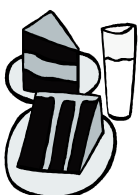
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Maynooth Community Games 2006

Maynooth Community Games is going well and children of all ages are participating. Already we have represented both Maynooth East and West and in the Kildare County Finals, and we came home with medals.

Girls Results:

Silver	Sarah Jennings	U 12	Maynooth East
Bronze	Chloe Deveraux	U 14	Maynooth

Swimming Results

Silver	Conor Lynch	U 8	Maynooth East
Silver	Joseph Millett	U 10	Maynooth East
Silver	Jack Ffrench	U 12	Maynooth East
Silver	Sean Mc Knight	U 14	Maynooth East
Bronze	Elaine Houlihan	U 16	Maynooth West

The climax to the finals day was the boys from Maynooth East U 13 squad bringing home the "Paddy Behan Trophy Cup". Well done lads and good luck in the All Irelands at the Aquatic Centre Blanchardstown on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th of August.

Boys team	Sean Mc Knight	Shane Monahan
	Owen Mc Cormack	Jack Ffrench
Sub:	Jack O' Hagan	

Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls who competed in the games at both local and county level. Good luck to all athletes in the county finals in Newbridge on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June.

Well done to the small hard working committee who ran the events this year and thanks to those who helped. We really look forward to the new events coming up next year.

Help:

The following items are missing: Maynooth Community Games (Banner) and the girls black and white running siglets, anyone with any news please contact any member of the committee. Thank you for your help.



Maynooth Under 13 Community Games Swimming champs

Shane Monahan, Owen Mc Cormack, Sean Mc Knight, and Jack Ffrench pictured with Grace Behan and the Paddy Behan Trophy



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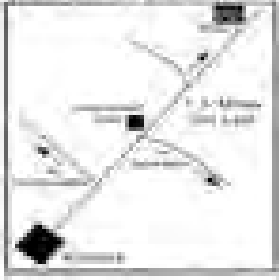
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Girls East Under 8 60m	
Position	Name
1st	Laura Millet
2nd	Claire Gill
3rd	Amy Comerford
Under 8 80m	
1st	Laura Millet
2nd (joint)	Ann Marie Howard
2nd (joint)	Amy Comerford
3rd	Claire Gill
Under 10 100m	
1st	Edel Murray
2nd	Aoife Lynch
3rd	Eilis Coyle
Under 10 200m	
1st	Edel Murray
2nd	Aoife Lynch
3rd	Eilis Coyle
Under 12 100m	
1st	Shauna Minnock
2nd	Melissa Ridge
3rd	Ciara Hewson
4th	Alison O Dea
Under 12 600m	
1st	Ciara Hewson
2nd	Shauna Minnock
3rd	Melissa Ridge

Girls West Under 8 60m	
1st	Roisin Forde
2nd	Saoirse O Sullivan
3rd	Sinead Kearney
Under 8 80m	
1st	Saoirse O Sullivan
2nd (joint)	Roisin Forde
2nd (joint)	Aoife Walsh
3rd	Sinead Kearney
Under 10 100m	
1st	Louise Qualter
2nd	Bronagh Kearney
3rd	Elenor Geraghty
Under 10 200m	
1st	Jennifer Carroll
2nd	Louise Qualter
3rd	Elenor Geraghty
Under 12 100m	
1st	Emma Collins
2nd	Helen Mc Millan
3rd	Aoife O Sullivan
Under 12 600m	
1st	Helen Mc Millan
Under 14 100m	
1st	Niamh Kearney
Under 14 800m	
1st	Niamh Kearney
Boys East Under 8 60m	
1st	Callum Mc Cabe
2nd	Cillian Melia
3rd	Braden Miller

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Test papers a student have no say
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A persons mind is all his own
To live and learn as he please
Not to have his thought blown
To those, examinations never agrees

Try not to get over anxious at all
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Examinations not at your downfall
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Maynooth Community Games (results cont'd)

Under 8 80m	
1st (joint)	Callum Mc Cabe
1st (joint)	Cillian Melia
3rd	Braden Miller
4th	James Murray
Under 10 100m	
1st	Ruadhan O'Giollain
Joint 2nd	Cian Hutchinson
Joint 2nd	Joseph Cartin
3rd	Sean Gill
Under 10 200m	
1st	Ruadhan O'Giollain
2nd	Cian Hutchinson
3rd	Joseph Cartin
Under 12 100m	
1st	Michael Cartin
Under 12 600m	
1st	Michael Cartin
Under 16 1500m	
1st	David Carey
Boys West Under 8 60m	
1st (joint)	Paul Maguire
1st (joint)	Niall O'Sullivan
3rd	Fiachra O'Sullivan
4th	Ben Carroll
Under 8 80m	
1st	Niall O'Sullivan
2nd	Paul Maguire
3rd	Fiachra O'Sullivan
Under 10 100m	
1st	Cathal Duff
2nd	Oisin O'Sullivan
3rd	Karl Reilly
Under 10 200m	
1st	Cathal Duff
2nd	Oisin O'Sullivan
3rd	Karl Reilly

Under 12 100m	
1st	Tadhg Forde
2nd	Jordan Mc Grath
3rd (joint)	Robert Reilly
3rd (joint)	Seoirse Murray
Under 12 600m	
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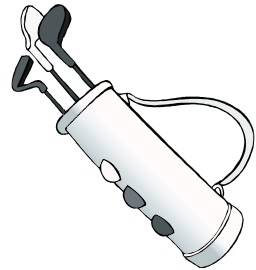
Maynooth Ladies Golf Society

The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society's played their third outing of the season in Elm Hall Golf Club, Celbridge on Thursday 25th May. 23 members took part in the evening outing. The winners of the Stableford Competition were-

1st	Adrienne Mullen
2nd	Mary Mc Tiernan
3rd	Eleanor Reilly
4th	Ann Burns
5th	Bridget Kirwan

Congratulations to all the winners. A big thank you to the sponsors of the Elm Hall outing- Sayblu, Cameo, Belle Sainte, The Wine Cellar, Mystique and the VHI. The next outing, which will be sponsored by The Roost, is on Thursday 22nd June to Kilcock Golf Club. This year the society which has 50 members has sought sponsorship for prizes from local businesses in Maynooth and the surrounding areas. There has been a great response to this and the society would like to once again thank all the sponsors. The Maynooth Ladies Golf Society can be contacted at 086 8793610 if you are interested in sponsoring a prize or outing for the society.

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The results as follows:

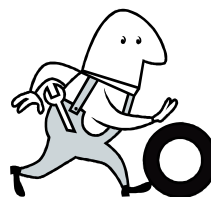
1st Overall	John Byrne	37 pts
2nd	Joey Edwards	34 pts (B.9)
3rd	Pa Conway	34 pts
4th	Tom O Haire	33 pts (B.9)
5th	Albert Harigan	33 pts
6th	Niall Byrne	32 pts (B.6)
7th	Ken Donnelly	32 pts
Front Nine	Tom Nolan	18 pts
Back Nine	Marty Maguire	19 pts
Nearest the Pine	Mark Doyle	
Twos Club	Mark Doyle—Gerry McTernan	

Our next outing which is Captain Philip Doyles Prize will be held at The Heritage Golf Club on Saturday the 8th of July.



John Byrne (Overall Winner) of the Eddie Kavanagh Memorial Trophy receiving his trophy from Bronagh Donovan, daughter of Eddie Kavanagh, and wife of sponsor Kevin Donovan

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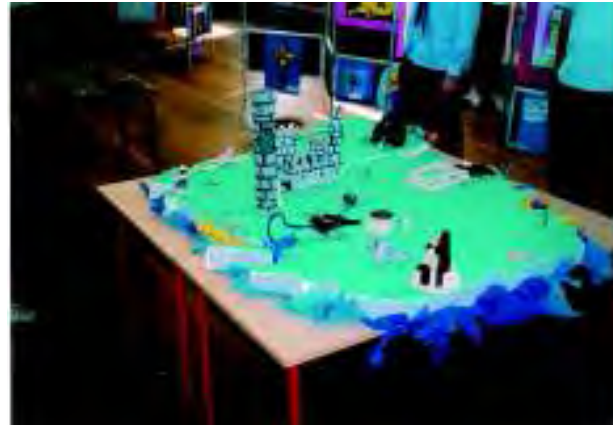
Maynooth Boys National School Art Exhibition

Friday the 9th June all the classes attended the Art Exhibition in the P.E. Hall. We all had a piece of art on display. Parents were invited to come and view the art on Thursday and Friday evening. There were models of bird-tables, a football stadium, a 3D map of Ireland, a wooden model of a canal lock and many other fascinating models. Along with them there were drawings of boats, shoes, fish, people, different cultures and lots of other magnificent drawings. Some of the eye-catching pieces were "The Box" by Aaron Downes, "Rasta Scream" by Owen Cullinane and a fantastic Scraftitts of Astroids heading towards earth by Luke Hand. We drew pictures of a Japanese Lady and a golf shoe. A photographer dropped in to take pictures of us and our pieces. All in all it was a big success and will be hard to top next year.

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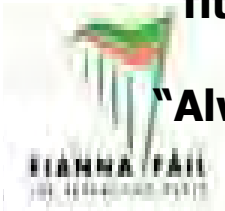


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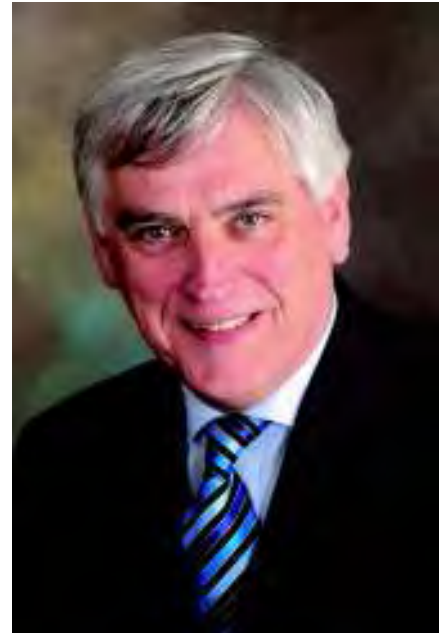
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ARIES March 21st – April 20th

A fresh start is on the cards this week when someone will surprise you with some good news but be careful all may not go to plan. Work hard and you can work wonders.

Monday could be magic. Lucky colour yellow. Lucky number 3.

LIBRA September 24th – October 23rd

You have been trying very hard to get in to someone's good books but with no luck. Remember in heaven that all your good works are recorded so take heart and put your best foot forward.

Sunday could be heavenly. Lucky colour brown. Lucky number 2.

TAURUS April 21st – May 21st

Take care when you over hear someone talking about you this week and you may want to put it right. Get the facts first or you could put your foot in it. Things look up after Fridays slow start.

Tuesday win day. Lucky colour black. Lucky number 8.

LEO July 24th – August 23rd

You have been living life like its one big party lately and next few days will take you to new places with new people to meet. The sun always shines after the rain and there is always a promise of a rainbow. Saturday news day. Lucky colour green. Lucky number 6.

VIRGO August 24th – September 23rd

The Summer starts now with promises of sun, sea and sand. You could nearly jump for joy when things go your way. Someone sees things your way but be careful things are not as they seem.

Wednesday could be a first. Lucky colour purple. Lucky number 4.

GEMINI May 22nd – June 22nd

You may be feeling blue at the present time but like your twin sign Sagittarius you are hoping for a surprise towards the end of the month. Your dreams may all come true.

Thursday make up your mind. Lucky colour pink. Lucky number 5.

CANCER June 23rd – July 23rd

A joke is supposed to be funny but you are crying this week when some one gets its wrong. Never mind you will turn things around by the beginning of next week with a chance meeting.

Wednesday lucky day. Lucky colour orange. Lucky number 11.

SCORPIO October 24th – November 22nd

It seems that you can have too much of your own way when shopping or buying a major purchase. Take time for a coffee break and start afresh ready to take on the world again.

Saturday you are number one. Lucky colour gold. Lucky number 7.

SAGITTARIUS November 23rd – December 21st

You are in the firing line this week and things could get hot. Keep your cool and show the people around you just who's in charge of things and lead the way forward.

Friday is your day. Lucky colour blue. Lucky number 9

CAPRICORN December 22nd – January 20th

You have the insight to make this week your own. A letter next week could be the beginning of the end of a chapter in your life.

Monday is good. Lucky colour red. Lucky number 10

AQUARIUS January 20th – February 18th

You are in the holiday mood and no one can change your mind. You have already booked and can't wait to get away. You will enjoy it.

Thursday you're the tops. Lucky colour black. Lucky number 12

PISCES February 20th – March 20th

You could hear about a happy event from a family member. Take time to get used to their news because it could be to your own good in the end.

Things look good on Saturday. Lucky colour white. Lucky number 13.



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Annual Collection

Our annual collection took place over the weekend June 1st—4th 2006. Many thanks to all businesses who facilitated the collection, the people from Maynooth and surrounding areas for their support. Also thanks to our collecting team who worked very hard over the weekend. The team have asked that the courtesy and interest shown by those who contributed to our collection was very heartening. As it was a bank holiday weekend a number of people were away. Contributions can still be forwarded to our treasurer Mary Farrell, 11 Greenfield Drive.

Making Maynooth Colourful

The hanging baskets part funded by our annual collection were planted and positioned during the latter part of June. This was a joint project between Maynooth Tidy Towns and Larine Garden Centre. Thanks to all.

Sunday morning clean up and midweek clean ups continue and if you wish to help or require further information on our work please contact our secretary, Aisling Kelleher at 087 09832037. In the meantime please do your best to keep Maynooth tidy.

Paul Croghan
PRO
Maynooth Tidy Towns



As you
can see
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is
beautiful
so why
not keep
it like
that!



Clubs, Organisations and Societies

Moyglare Village

The Committee of Moyglare Village Residents' Association wish to thank most sincerely all those who turned out on Saturday 24th for the annual estate clean-up.

The exercise was most successful. The hard work, commitment and enthusiasm of the participating Residents is very much appreciated.

We also appreciate and wish to thank those who, in advance, sent their apologies for their inability to attend due to other commitments. A very special word of thanks and appreciation goes to Barry Desmond of Desmond's Newsagent and Shop, Moyglare Village for this generosity in supplying complimentary sustenance and beverages to everyone throughout the day. Also to Rachael in the Shop for her patience and good humour during our occasional short Coffee/Tea breaks throughout the day!

The committee would now request all Residents to make a special effort in keeping the Estate clean and tidy throughout the summer and beyond. We would particularly urge all Houseowners to ensure that grass margins in front of their homes are kept mowed and edged since this is the responsibility of each individual Houseowner. We also had a wonderful turnout on the previous Saturday for the wooden fence painting on the Moyglare Road side of the Estate.

We would welcome more volunteers for the on-going work on our Estate. There is still a considerable amount of work to be carried out to improve and maintain the quality and appearance of the environment and this can only be achieved by the co-operation of everyone.


Finally, a very special word of thanks to all the children and teenagers who gave of their time so generously, enthusiastically and responsibly thus creating a sense of true community spirit. Well done all.

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 Who held by force
 What a bishop-killer¹ granted
 Then softened into Gaels
 Sufficiently
 To win from ollamhs
 Flattering sobriquets:
 Gearóid Mór, Tomás an tSíoda².

On such acclaim
 They soared like eagles
 And yet their children grew content
 With Saxon jesses –
 All except Lord Edward,
 Born of a Saxon mother
 When you stood here deserted.

Such self-surrender to a bond
 Older than kindred, class or creed
 Is why your ruins
 Remind me of a hybrid oak
 So deeply rooted in our soil
 It flourished like St. Brigid's tree³
 Until two storms broke it⁴,
 Leaving only the hollowed trunk
 To be a dovecot...

¹Henry II of England, who had Thomas à Becket murdered.

²Garrett or Gerald the Great; Silken Thomas

³St. Brigid built her church under an oak tree, hence Cill Dara, The Church of the Oak.

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Bond Bridge

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 19th May:

"It may be possible to open Bond Bridge before the 31st August, 2006. However, this programme may be the subject of change and fluctuation depending on a range of factors. The Council is also mindful of safety issues in the context of school opening. Accordingly, it is actively looking at the possibility of at least arranging for a partial opening of the bridge by the 1st September to cater for cyclists and pedestrians. The programme will be reviewed on an ongoing basis."

John welcomed this positive development and he asked that all measures necessary be taken to have the bridge open, at the very least for cyclists and pedestrians, by the 1st September.

Maynooth Traffic Management Plan

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip Area Meeting on 19th May:

"The Area Engineer has arranged for the removal of some of the hatched area and a corresponding increase in the right turning lane, as requested. With regards to the timing of the lights, this issue continues to be actively examined by the Road Design team in conjunction with the Council's consultant's Faber Maunsell. It is unlikely to be possible to incorporate an additional 10 seconds on the green phase as was suggested until such time as the improvement works at the junction are carried out. The possibility of a shorter time of perhaps 5 seconds might be feasible. The Road Design team will be meeting the consultants in the coming week or so to examine this issue in more detail."

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage that the consultants were still considering the removal of trees from Main Street despite the fact that he had expressed outright opposition when it was first mooted. He stated that the removal of any of the trees to facilitate a nonsensical improvement in traffic management efficiency was an outrageous proposal. John asked that the Council proceed with the one way proposal for Doctors Lane along with traffic calming ramps to make the Lane safer for pedestrians and he again appealed to the officials to remove the pedestrian lights at the Bank of Ireland.

He again asked that the faulty timing on the lights at the Celbridge Road/Straffan Road be rectified and thankfully that has now taken place.

Bandstand at Pound Park, Maynooth

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following update at the Leixlip area Meeting on 19th May:

"Brian Swan, Senior Architect, is in discussions with the college in relation to moving same to the college grounds, it is believed he will have an up to date report for the next meeting."

Cllr. McGinley asked that funding be allocated to the Tidy Towns Committee in order to enable them to level the mound of earth at the "bandstand"

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Grass Cutting of Public Areas

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Council have asked the contractor to ensure that the grass is cut regularly at O'Neill Park, Kilcock Road and Straffan Road.

John has also asked that measures be taken to ensure that the grass is cut at the Meadowbrook Link Road, either by the developer of Straffan Wood or by the Council. He stated that it is ridiculous to design green areas at the side of new roads if arrangements are not put in place for the grass to be cut.

Footpath on Rathcoffey Road to the New Soccer Pitches

Cllr. John McGinley was given the following report on his motion for the provision of a footpath from Parsons Hall to the soccer pitches:

"A detailed report on this matter was given previously. The Council did not promise to provide a footpath from Parson's Hall to the bridge. As previously indicated, it was not considered feasible to extend the footpath to such a rural area. In addition, the widening of the motorway bridge was not a realistic option from a cost perspective.

Cllr. McGinley expressed his outrage at the inaccuracy and negativity of the response to his motion. He stated that:

- ❑ The Council have allocated €1.6m for improvements to the Rathcoffey Road in the approved Development Contribution Scheme.
- ❑ This is not a rural area as Parsons Hall is right beside it and there are houses as well as the pitches across the M4 bridge.
- ❑ Nobody asked for or expected the M4 bridge to be widened. John asked for a footpath from Parsons Hall to the M4 bridge and for a footpath from the far side of the bridge to the soccer pitches. He asked that a cycle path be painted on the bridge and that traffic calming ramps be put in place in order to slow down the traffic.

Council officials agreed to re-examine Cllr. McGinley's proposal.

Northern Relief Road

At the request of Cllr. John McGinley the Director of Services made a presentation, at the Leixlip Area Meeting on the 19th May, on the proposed new Northern Relief Road from Moyglare Road to Moygaddy in Meath. The Director explained that the road is estimated to cost €12m to €15m because it includes the cost of totally upgrading the Meath road until it reaches the road at the new Kildare Bridge. Cllr. McGinley stated that the priority was to get the road completed from Moyglare Hall to the Meath road at Moygaddy and that the upgrading from there to Kildare bridge could be done as Phase 2. The latter would need Government funding as Development Contributions in Kildare could not be used for upgrading roads in Meath.

It was agreed that a joint meeting of the Leixlip Area Committee and the Dunboyne Area Committee should be held to discuss this very important issue.

Castledawson Housing Estate

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley, Council officials have met the developers concerned to address the taking in charge of Castledawson. Unfortunately, three developers have to be dealt with:

- ❑ Croftbeam--who own the cul de sacs in the estate
- ❑ Sherwood Homes--who own the through road
- ❑ Aranbell---who are developing the houses behind Castledawson

The Council engineer has advised Cllr. McGinley that Sherwood Homes will put the final coat of tarmac on the through road as soon as Aranbell construct proper hard core roadways in their development (to eliminate muck spreading on the Castledawson through road). The engineer estimated that this will take about three months. He has also asked Aranbell to upgrade the pump station and eliminate the smell as a matter of urgency.

When this work is completed the Council will be in a position to take the estate in charge.

Two Small "Green Areas" between the Church and the Boy's School

As a result of Cllr. John McGinley's proposal the developer of Manor Mills has agreed to landscape these two small rough areas.

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Repairs to Footpath Between Rockfield, Parklands and Railpark

Following representations from Cllr. John McGinley the Council have agreed to carry out the necessary repairs to the footpath.

Minister unable to confirm when Catchment Flood Risk Study on Rye will commence

Following on from the confirmation to Deputy Emmet Stagg on 6th April, last that the O.P.W. have agreed to carry out a Catchment Flood Risk Assessment and Management Study for the Rye River, encompassing the towns of Leixlip, Maynooth and Kilcock, Deputy Stagg has been pressing the Minister to commence the study at the earliest date given the fact that it will take about 18 months to complete the study.

The Minister advised Deputy Stagg that the Study would be undertaken as soon as possible but indicated that as it is one of many flood defence related projects being promoted by the O.P.W., who have limited staff resources available for the work, he was not in a position to say precisely when it would commence. He further advised Deputy Stagg that the Study would be carried out by Consultants who will be appointed following a competitive process.

Deputy Stagg stated that the O.P.W. had agreed to prioritise the Rye Study as part of the Entire Study of the Liffey Catchment area at the request of Kildare Co. Council in light of the existing flood risk and development pressure in the area. This development pressure continues unabated as Developers are granted planning permission in the 3 North Kildare Towns for massive housing developments. Obviously it will be up to the O.P.W. to draw up the terms of reference for the Study but Deputy Stagg stated that it was a bit rich for the Minister to state that part of his own Department was under resourced given it is his responsibility to adequately resource the O.P.W. and it is his Government who have introduced the Public Sector Jobs Embargo.

Deputy Stagg stated that with 400 houses being built at Boycetown, Kilcock bordering the Rye, 500 houses at Moyglare, Maynooth beside a tributary of the Rye, 85 units on Dunboyne Road, Maynooth beside the Rye, and with the lands at Carton Avenue, Maynooth, now opening up for development near to the Rye, the pressure in this area was increasing, notwithstanding all the other ongoing developments in these towns.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he would insist

on the early commencement and completion of the Catchment Study.

Stagg lashes local authorities and Ministers failure to spend €10 million on disabled in 2005—of top of failure to spend €18 million in 2004

Labour Chief Whip Emmet Stagg has lashed Local Authorities and the Minister of State for Housing Noel Ahern T.D. on their collective failure to spend €10 Million on Disabled Persons Grants and Essential Repairs Grants in 2005. Of a total allocation Nationally of €74,500,000 only €64,643,589 was actually spent on the schemes in 2005. This follows on from a failure to spend €18 Million in 2004.

Deputy Stagg expressed astonishment at this further failure by the Minister of State. With the failure to adapt 1,000 homes for disabled people in 2004, last year a further 600 disabled families were disappointed by not having works carried out to their homes. This is a direct result of the Governments refusal to fund the scheme 100% from their own resources and instead require Local Authorities to fund one third of the cost of the works.

Explaining the purpose of the schemes Deputy Stagg stated that the Disabled Persons Grant Scheme enables people to modify their homes by building ground floor accommodation/toilets and also covers the provision of stair lifts. The Essential Repairs Grant Scheme assists elderly people to carry out repairs to their homes, which prolong the life of the house for ten years instead of requiring elderly occupants to seek institutional accommodation.

In Kildare at present there are 191 applications for Disabled Persons Grants on hand with some approved for work and others going through the torturous application procedure. This follows on from the cancellation of the Scheme in 2004 and the scheme was only reintroduced last June. If 100% funding was provided by the State then all of these cases could be cleared quickly thereby enhancing the quality of life for elderly and disabled people.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that in 2 years the Government had saved themselves €28 Million at the expense of Disabled people and this was nothing short of a disgrace.

Stagg welcomes €1 million allocation for New Ambulance Base in Maynooth

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the allocation of

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€1 Million in the HSE Capital Programme for 2006 for the relocation of the Maynooth Ambulance Base from its present location at the Harbour, Maynooth.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Ambulance Service have been seeking this move for a considerable time due to the difficulties with the present site and a site in Maynooth will be now acquired for the new base. Previously a site at the Maynooth Business Campus was looked at and this site is probably the best site for the new Ambulance Station, given its location near the M4 and the direct access to all parts of Maynooth which can be achieved speedily off the Straffan Road and down to Main Street.

Deputy Stagg stated that the present site at The Harbour was not very accessible given the narrowness of Leinster Street and the fact that it was a highly pedestrianised area as a link to the Railway Station, The Harbour Field and Children's Playground. For these reasons Ambulances responding to calls had to be very careful in traversing this stretch of road thus hindering response times. In addition with the major developments which will follow the adoption of the Action Area Plan in this area, the Ambulance Service would have been severely restricted in responding to calls. Finally the new Ambulance Station will provide better facilities for the Paramedics working with the Ambulance Service.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that now that the funding is available he would monitor progress on the project to ensure there is no delay in providing the new Ambulance Station.

Injunction proceedings served on O2 and Maynooth G.A.A. in relation to unauthorised mast

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the serving of Injunction Proceedings on O2 Communications Ireland Limited and the Trustees of Maynooth G.A.A. Club on Friday May 26th in relation to the Unauthorised Telecommunications Mast at Maynooth G.A.A. Club on the Moyglare Road, Maynooth.

The Injunction Proceedings stated Deputy Stagg are being served under Section 160 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and seek the removal of the unauthorised mast. The Defendants have until June 22nd to put their defence into Naas Circuit Court.

In welcoming the move Deputy Stagg stated that the 15 metre mast has been in place since 2002 and was declared an Unauthorised Development by Kildare Co. Council on 9th December 2004. O2 Submitted 3

Planning Applications for retention of the Mast in 2005 and all were declared invalid by the Council and the File was referred to the Council's Solicitors last September.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg stated that he looked forward to a successful conclusion to the case with the removal of the Unauthorised Mast as O2 have been making a joke of the planning system in Kildare for far too long.

Stagg slams Roches meanness over radon remediation grants for the Elderly

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government in the Dail in relation to using two existing schemes for the Elderly to cover the cost of retrofitting houses as a preventative measure for the remediation of Radon Gas.

Radon Gas stated Deputy Stagg is a naturally occurring radioactive gas which is colourless, odourless and tasteless and can only be measured using specialised equipment. Homes which are found to have a high level of Radon Gas can have works carried out to remove the threat from the Gas at a cost of €15,000. It is recognised that over 300 deaths from Lung Cancer are caused each year in the State by Radon in homes.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Housing Aid for the Elderly and the Essential Repairs Grants Schemes could be used to provide grants to elderly people to have remediation works carried out to their homes. The Minister responding to Deputy Stagg stated that the inclusion of Radon Remediation in the Schemes as a qualifying type of work would require very significant public expenditure and administrative resources.

Deputy Stagg has reacted angrily to the Ministers Response. This F.F./P.D. Government having scrapped a previous Radon Remediation Grant Scheme when they came to power in 1997 and now won't even spend some resources on the elderly. It's not that they don't have the money – they just don't care and the attitude of the Minister seems to be that elderly people can't be saved from Radon Gas because if it was in their homes for the last 50 years putting in remediation now is useless.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that the Ministers Refusal to assist elderly people to remediate their homes is nothing short of a disgrace and he should hang his head in shame.

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Enforcement of Control of Alcohol Bye-Laws remains Abysmal-Stagg

Deputy Emmet Stagg sought information from the Minister for Justice in relation to the number of on the spot fines issued in the Towns of Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge for breaches of the Control of Consumption and Possession of Alcohol Bye-Laws in 2005.

The figures supplied to Deputy Stagg by the Minister of Justice indicate that the following fines were issued in 2005 and 2004.

	2005	2004
Maynooth	5	31
Leixlip	36	109
Celbridge	70	95

Deputy Stagg stated the figures showed a drop of 53% between 2004 and 2005 but stated that the figure for Maynooth was unbelievable and hard to accept given the numbers of youngsters who continue to drink in open spaces throughout the town. Celbridge remains steady but the figure represents just 1 ½ fines issued per week whilst the situation in Leixlip is quite poor given their previous record (301 fines in 2002).

The Bye-Laws stated Deputy Stagg were specifically introduced to deal with youths congregating and drinking alcohol in public recreation areas and open spaces in housing estates and causing a nuisance to residents. The Harbour Field in Maynooth is one area which suffers seriously from this problem but the figures show nothing is being done about it.

Deputy Stagg stated that the Bye-Laws were introduced to give the Gardai laws to protect residents who were frightened or intimidated by youths drinking in such areas and the figures show clearly that enforcement is effectively non existent.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the matter with the Chief Superintendents in Carlow/Kildare and Dublin Metropolitan West as this level of enforcement was unacceptable.

Construction of New Docklands Station to commence on September

Deputy Emmet Stagg has welcomed the fact that no appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanala in relation to the granting of planning permission to Iarnrod Eireann for the New Docklands Station at Spencer Dock in the City Centre.

Iarnrod Eireann have now advised Deputy Stagg that construction of the new €28 Million Station will commence in September and will be completed by May 2007. Tenders are at present being evaluated and some ground work has already been completed by Iarnrod Eireann.

The new Station stated Deputy Stagg will deliver a peak rail service every 15 minutes on the Maynooth Commuter Line and it will take 40 minutes to go from Maynooth to the Docklands. Existing services will continue to serve Connolly Station whilst all new services on the line will go to the new Docklands Station. A dedicated Bus service will operate between the New station and the City Centre.

In conclusion Deputy Stagg congratulated Iarnrod Eireann on moving forward the new Train Station by over 2 years.

Harney leaves speech and language therapy service in disarray in Kildare

Deputy Emmet Stagg further questioned the Tanaiste and Minister for Health in relation to the unacceptable 20 month delay in arranging Speech and Language Therapy Assessments for children in Kildare. Specifically he sought information in relation to the advertising of recruitment for therapists for Co. Kildare.

The HSE responding on behalf of the Tanaiste advised Deputy Stagg that due to the imposition of staff ceilings in 2003 all vacant posts were frozen and no recruitment is allowed. The Service cannot even advertise for vacant posts and this prevents internal transfers from other Health Board Areas. At present there are 6 therapists working in Kildare and 5 vacant posts which cannot be filled internally or externally due to the imposition of the staff ceiling in 2003. For the service in Kildare to function properly 14 additional therapists would be required.

Deputy Stagg has strongly criticised the Tanaiste's inaction in relation to the crisis facing the Speech and Language Therapy service in Kildare. Deputy Stagg stated that last January in the Dail Mary Harney said that there was no Embargo on Recruitment in the Health Service. Yet the Principal Speech and Language Therapist for Kildare has now confirmed to Deputy Stagg that she is precluded from filling vacant posts or seeking additional posts. If that is not an Embargo then I don't know what is declared Deputy Stagg.

Whilst the Tanaiste refuses to provide the service required, children are suffering because of the 20

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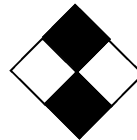
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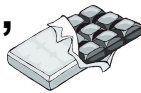


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month wait for assessment. She is effectively forcing parents into the private sector where an initial assessment will cost in the region of €250. This is scandalous and Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue further with the Tanaiste given her previous statement in the Dail that the Public Recruitment Embargo was not affecting employment in the Health Service.

€13 Million State Aid to bring broadband to Kildare Towns with population exceeding 1,500

Deputy Emmet Stagg questioned the Minister for Communications in relation to the provision of Broadband to towns in Co. Kildare and the amount of grant aid provided by the State.

Minister Dempsey advised Deputy Stagg that €13 Million was being provided in 2006 to enable Broadband to be rolled out to Kildare Towns including Sallins, Maynooth, Clane, Kilcock and Prosperous. In addition he added that funding was being provided to rural communities to enable them to become self-sufficient in broadband.

Whilst welcoming the State Aid of €13 Million Deputy Stagg stated that it was highly regrettable that the former State Company Eircom would not provide the infrastructure required to enable Broadband to be provided to Businesses and Home users and instead are leaving the State, hard working families taxes, to pay for the Investment.

However Deputy Stagg stated that the building of the network is not the final story here. Despite the fact that 70% of the Irish Republic is Broadband Enabled, just 14% of internet enabled households have a Broadband Connection. This is because Local Exchanges have not been upgraded to take Broadband.

Deputy Stagg concluded by stating that he intended to raise the issue of Local Exchanges with the Minister to ensure that Kildare Households and Businesses can use Broadband when the infrastructure is in place.

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Our new committee for next year is:

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An Grianán Rep	Catherine O` Reilly
Teachta	Mary Mc Namara

Congratulations to our quiz team of: Mary O Gorman, Mary Dunne, Vera Kearins and Rosemary Hanley on winning the event again this year and bringing the Mc Carthy Cup back to the Guild for another year. Congratulations also to Mairead Scanlon who received her certificate for 30 years membership of ICA. Our coffee morning for charity made €405 and the monies will be sent on to our chosen charities. The Polish-Irish night was a great success in Kiltel. Lovely food both Irish and Polish was tasted and Irish dancing done by all. Members recently took part on a walking day organised by Sports Partnerships and a great day was had by all. The new

federation secretary is Norah Mc Dermott and the new treasurer is Mary Mc Namara. So great Maynooth representation on the Kildare Federation. Kildare week in An Grianán ICA College will take place from Monday 10th July to Friday 14th July and members from all over Kildare have booked in for this including Maynooth. The Kildare weekend is from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October 2006. Places are still available here for the weekend. A Drama Course will take place in October for ICA members in Castledermot. It can be booked now and is free to members. Next federation meeting will be in Kiltel on Wednesday 27th September 2006. The New National President is Carmal Dawson, Carlow, The Vice President is Nellie Dillon, Kildare and they will hold these positions for three years. Winners of the Identify the Personality were team Madeline Stynes, Rosemary Hanlon, Margaret Houlihan and Eileen Flynn. Second team were Mary O` Gorman, Mary Dunne and Third team were Catherine O` Reilly and Betty Moore. The raffle winner was Mairead Scanlon, second Catherine O` Reilly and third Mary O` Gorman. A Clean Up Day for the Hall is arranged for Monday 4th September 2006 at 10a.m. so put that in the diaries now. Enjoy the Summer Holidays.

Next meeting Thursday 7th September at 8 p.m.

New members always welcome.

Norah Mc Dermott PRO

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News

People in Kildare pay a lot of tax, we deserve our fair share in services .

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) today strongly criticised Minister for Arts, Sports & Tourism, Mr. John O'Donoghue TD in the Dail, for showing what she termed " a clear bias" in the allocation of funding in his own county. According to figures released on the level of capital funding allocated from the Government's share of National Lottery proceeds Minister O'Donoghue's home county of Kerry, at €3.3 million, received the second highest level of funding per head of population this year, equating to €25.86 per person. Kildare however, at the other end of the spectrum, received the lowest level of funding relative to its population, the entire figure allocated was €1.4 million, and equates to €8.54 per person. A spokesman for the Minister asserted that funding is allocated purely on the bases of the quality, number, and size of applications, however Murphy has stated that she finds this "very hard to believe given the massive deficiencies in sporting facilities in Kildare and the obvious pattern of increased funding for Kerry since Mr O'Donoghue's appointment."

"Lack of a strategic approach by Government towards the spending of national funds on sports and arts facilities" as the fundamental problem where funding of sporting and arts facilities is concerned, going on to state "The recently announced capital allocation for both Sports and Arts facilities show a clear bias towards the Minister for Arts, Sports and tourism's own county. At the same time as counties like Kildare, Meath, and West Dublin are failing to provide facilities for their rapidly expanding populations. There is a clear need to audit both sports and arts facilities nationally and respond to deficiencies in a transparent manner rather than the current situation which has as much to do with who is representing your area."

Murphy has, since her election to the Dail, consistently highlighted the failure of Government to allocate funding on a range of services from refuse & waste, waterservices, to sports & arts funding according to the population in each county, which she believes has left Kildare "playing catch-up" as a result of the county's rapidly expanding population. "I've said it time and again, funding must be frontloaded in communities experiencing rapid population growth so that facilities can be provided in line with development, not simply in reaction to it. This is the case with the level of funding Local Authorities receive, and is now blatantly obvious given the figures released last week that show that Minister O'Donoghue has taken care of his own. The people of Kildare pay a considerable amount of tax and it's time

we received our fair share of dividends from that."

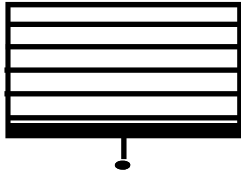
Full Funding of Disabled Persons Grant by Government essential component for Independent Living.

Deputy Catherine Murphy has again called on the Government to implement the recommendation of the report they themselves commissioned into the Disabled Persons Grant (DPG) & Essential Repairs Grant (ERG). The report looked at how Local Authorities were funded and it recommended that the current system whereby Local Authority paid one third of the grants (if they could afford to) and Government paid two thirds should be changed. Deputy Murphy has consistently sought change. Failure to make this change is having an effect of the quality of life particularly for older people who need modifications to their homes to remain in a safe living environment.

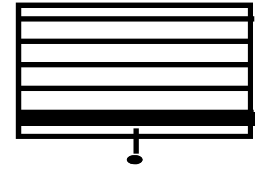
The current system when broken down per head of population gives Kildare €9.15 which is the third lowest nationally as compared to Leitrim who have €100.72 significantly above other counties. The average Nationally is €19.02. To make matters worse those calculations are based on the 2002 census of population with the continued massive growth in Kildare the real situation is significantly worse.

Some local Authorities are in a position to deal with applications on demand while others must ration the scarce funds by way of means tests and medical classifications. "The home is one of the places you are most likely to have an accident when the costs of maintaining a person in an acute hospital are factored in these grants represent very good value for money. It is essential that an early decision is made on this unfair situation which basically targets the vulnerable ."

Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002 Census	Per head population
	€		
Fingal	1,520,000	196223	€ 7.75
Wexford	1,050,000	116543	€ 9.01
Kildare	1,500,000	163995	€ 9.15
Limerick County	1,140,000	121471	€ 9.38
Kilkenny	780,000	80421	€ 9.70



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Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002	Per head
	€	Census	population
Louth	1,120,000	101802	€ 11.00
Dunlaoghaire-Rathdown	2,250,000	191389	€ 11.76
Kerry	1,760,000	132424	€ 13.29
Mayo	1,600,000	117428	€ 13.63
Waterford City	650,000	44564	€ 14.59
Cork City	1,800,000	123338	€ 14.59
South Dublin	3,600,000	2398887	€ 15.01
Cork County	5,000,000	324843	€ 15.39
Clare	1,660,000	103333	€ 16.06
Limerick City	900,000	54058	€ 16.65
Wicklow County & Bray Town	2,030,000	114719	€ 17.70
Waterford Town	1,020,000	56954	€ 17.91
Westmeath	1,350,000	72027	€ 18.74
Offaly	1,255,000	63702	€ 19.70
Galway City	1,300,000	65774	€ 19.76
Galway County	2,880,000	143052	€ 20.13
Sligo County & Borough	1,205,000	58178	€ 20.71
Carlow	960,000	45845	€ 20.94
Meath	2,880,000	133936	€ 21.50
Dublin City	13,500,000	495101	€ 27.27
Monaghan	1,450,000	52772	€ 27.48
North Tipperary	1,740,000	61068	€ 28.49

Local Authority	Allocation 2005	2002	Per head
	€	Census	population
Longford	900,000	31127	€ 28.91
Donegal	4,300,000	137383	€ 31.30
Cavan	1,800,000	56416	€ 31.91
Roscommon	1,800,000	53803	€ 33.46
Laois	2,100,000	58732	€ 35.76
South Tipperary	3,100,000	79213	€ 39.13
Leitrim	2,600,000	25815	€ 100.72

I asked the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (Mr. Roche) the amount awarded to each local authority in respect of disabled person grants in 2005, the amount allocated and not taken up in 2004, and if he will make a statement on the matter. The following tabular statement gives details of the combined capital allocation for disabled persons and essential repairs grants notified to each local authority in 2004 and 2005 and the combined expenditure on the schemes in 2004 by each local authority. In 2004 the capital allocation for these schemes was €73.1 million and actual expenditure notified to the Department by local authorities was €55.4 million. The capital allocation notified to authorities for 2005 was €74.5 million.

The combined capital allocation to local authorities for the disabled persons and essential repairs grant schemes represents not a capital grant, but the total amount which authorities are authorised to spend on the schemes in the year in which the allocation is made. Expenditure on the grant schemes is funded by the two-thirds recoupment available from my Department together with the one-third contribution from the revenue resources of the local authority.

The final out-turn reflects the expenditure by local authorities on approved applications. The initial allocations presented the local authorities best estimate of the likely level of grant approvals during 2004. However some grant approvals by local authorities may not subsequently be taken up by applicants. In addition, if there are delays in applicants completing the approved works, either due to a delay in getting contractors or for other reasons, the ultimate spend may arise in later years.

Local authorities were notified in June last of their combined capital allocation for 2005 and were requested on a number of occasions to notify the

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Department if it became evident that the allocation notified was likely to be inadequate or surplus to requirements. Increased allocations were approved for a number of local authorities. The Department stressed the need to ensure that, in light of the high level of demand for these grants, the available allocation is expended in full and to ensure that the level of their approvals was such that would facilitate expenditure of the full allocation.

Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
County Councils			
Carlow	786,000	321,503	960,000
Cavan	3,022,383	1,746,542	1,800,000
Clare	1,222,000	1,216,097	1,660,000
Cork (N)	2,150,000	831,794	1,500,000
Cork (S)	3,830,000	1,159,501	2,500,000
Cork (W)	1,335,000	995,000	1,000,000
Donegal	3,300,000	2,542,510	4,300,000
DunLaoghaire-Rathdown	1,649,000	1,603,630	2,250,000
Fingal	1,280,000	1,278,527	1,520,000
Galway	3,000,000	2,571,217	2,880,000
Kerry	1,760,000	965,372	1,760,000
Kildare	1,050,000	1,092,053	1,500,000
Kilkenny	819,000	664,900	780,000
Laois	2,630,677	2,632,074	2,100,000
Leitrim	2,670,000	2,042,035	2,600,000

Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
County Councils			
Limerick	1,050,000	1,034,000	1,140,000
Longford	1,355,000	704,982	900,000
Louth	3,026,000	725,138	1,120,000
Mayo	1,600,000	1,530,423	1,600,000
Meath	1,200,000	1,046,095	2,880,000
Monaghan	1,400,000	1,358,451	1,450,000
North Tipperary	1,715,000	756,477	1,740,000
Offaly	637,072	641,940	1,255,000
Roscommon	1,800,000	1,634,914	1,800,000
Sligo	427,000	241,449	505,000
South Dublin	2,950,000	2,396,871	3,600,000
South Tipperary	3,115,000	1,981,521	3,100,000
Waterford	1,675,000	1,368,181	1,020,000
Westmeath	1,200,000	1,282,268	1,350,000
Wexford	928,000	836,792	1,050,000
Wicklow	2,800,000	1,604,060	2,000,000
City Councils			
Cork	1,800,000	1,350,460	1,800,000
Dublin	10,550,000	10,880,377	13,500,000

Deputy Catherine Murphy (Ind) News (Cont'd)

Local Authority	Allocation 2004	Expenditure 2004	Allocation 2005
	€	€	€
City Councils			
Galway	980,000	1,183,716	1,300,000
Limerick	810,000	634,880	900,000
Waterford	600,000	401,031	650,000
Borough Councils			
Sligo	865,000	115,711	700,000
Town Councils			
Bray	30,000	26,074	30,000
Total	73,105,132	55,399,536	74,500,000

Taoiseach won't acknowledge problems being created by underfunding.

Catherine Murphy, TD (Ind) has highlighted that although Taoiseach Bertie Aherns assertion that it is "highly unfair" for Local Authorities to impose Management Companies in housing estates is a positive one, he demonstrated a clear lack of understanding for the root cause of the problem in simply stating that funding for Local Authorities is at an all-time high. The Taoiseach, in response to questions put to him during Leaders Questions in the Dail stated that he does "not consider there is any argument for that (i.e. forcing home owners to pay management company fees instead of relying on Local Authorities to maintain public spaces)", and that this is especially the case when Local Authority funding is at an all-time high. He further highlighted that even when the economy was far less buoyant and Local Authority funding was lower, management companies were not used as a get out of jail free card in respect of estate maintenance

obligations. However Murphy has highlighted several flaws with the Taoiseach's reasoning on the issue of Local Authority funding which she sees as the key to resolving the problem of management companies, unfinished housing estates, and all other service deficiencies in the Local Government system. "The Taoiseach's express condemnation of this practice is of course welcome but he hasn't acknowledged that Local Authorities have significant funding constraints due to the rapidly expanding population of the country, especially in counties such as Kildare, Meath, and Dublin" stated Murphy. She went on to highlight that "he (the Taoiseach) says funding for Local Authorities is at an all-time high, but this gives the impression that they're swimming in money pits. The reality for Local Authorities in Kildare, Fingal, and Meath for example, is that population growth is ongoing but is not being taken into account when funding is allocated as all funding is based on previous and not current population figures. The result? There's barely enough money to cover basic service provision.

It cost for example Kildare County Council approximately €1 million more for water and sewerage in 2006 as opposed to 2005 that increase can be accounted for by service provision to new residents. During that same year Kildare County Council was allocated €27 million to provide services, including taking estates in charge and maintaining them. "How can Local Authorities afford to take estates in charge and maintain them properly if they're not receiving adequate funding. The problem of unfinished housing estates originates from poor funding, the problem of Management Companies originates from poor funding and unless the Taoiseach and his Minister recognise this they'll continue to create service provision problems to epic proportions."

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