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DUBLIN SOUTH

30km/h speed limits approved

Permanent 30km/h speed limits are to be introduced at 17 locations across South Dublin under revised traffic measures, *writes Ian Colgan*.

The changes, agreed at last week's meeting of South Dublin County Council, will affect roads in Lucan, Clondalkin, Tallaght and the Rathfarnham area when the new speed limit bye-laws come into effect on March 31, 2027. Among the locations affected are Adamstown Road, Balgaddy Road, Collinstown Road, Shackleton Drive, Clondalkin Village, Rathcoole Main Street and parts of Lucan.

The 17 amendments were made following public consultation and involve replacing proposed 50km/h limits or periodic 30km/h school-zone restrictions with permanent 30km/h limits. Six of the changes are in Lucan, six in Clondalkin, three in Tallaght and two in the Rathfarnham, Templeogue, Firhouse and Bohernabreena area.

The consultation, held between August 6 and September 4, attracted 43 submissions, with the majority supporting lower speeds around schools, residential areas and town centres. Several submissions called for proposed school-time restrictions to operate throughout the day rather than only during school hours.

WALKINSTOWN

Alan Kinsella has been building a comprehensive archive of Irish political material since the February 1982 general election, showcasing decades of campaign leaflets, posters, and party literature. His work offers a unique window into Ireland's shifting political landscape, public debates, and visual social history.

Alan's collections have been featured at high-profile venues and events across the country, including the National Print Museum, the Kennedy Summer School, the Kenny Gallery in Galway, the Limerick Spring Festival, and party conferences for Fianna Fáil, Fine Gael, Labour, and the Green Party.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore Ireland's visual political history with one of the country's leading collectors at Walkinstown Library 6:30-7:30pm November 11th

Free tickets can be booked via Walkinstown Library or here: https://dublincity.spydus.ie

DUBLIN CITY

Woman's gossip walking tour to launch next month

On Tuesday November 17 Girly Pop Tours Europe launches a gossip storytelling walk in Dublin, starting at 2pm at the Trinity gate and finishing in Temple Bar with a glittery Guinness (€80, max 10). It's built for solo women and LGBTQ+ travellers, and for Dubliners who want the scandal, not the textbook. Behind it is a one-woman company run with a team of AI assistants, raising €100k to reach six cities by November 2027.

TERENURE

New voices wanted for community choir

Do you love to sing? Terenure College Community Choir is looking for new voices to join our friendly SATB adult choir, with a particular welcome for Tenors.Rehearsals: Every Thursday, 7:30–9:15pm and we run from September–May at the College Chapel, Terenure College. No need to be an experienced chorister – just bring your enthusiasm and love of singing! Tenors especially welcome. Come along and find your voice with us. For more information, please get in touch: tccchoirsatb@gmail.com

Criticised for not lowering property tax

Fingal County Council's decision not to give people the maximum reduction on local property tax (PPT) available to them as a council has been strongly criticised, *writes James Dillon*. It is claimed the executive looked for a further erosion of the reduction of 2.5per cent which would have brought the reduction from -5per cent to -2.5per cent.

At a recent meeting Sinn Féin's Cllr Angela Donnelly moved the motion on behalf of her team. The motion also included councillors Breda Hanaphy, Malachy Quinn and John Smyth.

Applications for 2027 festival and events funding

Fingal County Council is inviting festival and event organisers to apply for funding under its Festival and Events Funding Scheme 2027, *writes James Dillon*.

This supports organisers to deliver a diverse programme of events across the county.

The scheme, administered by the council's events unit, has opened and will close on Wednesday, 16 December 2026.

Funding can go as high as €25,000 for eligible small, medium and large-scale festivals and events.

TALLAGHT

Seizure of pipe bombs and arrests

As part of an ongoing operation, Gardaí attached to the DMR South Serious Crime Unit and Drugs Unit and Community Policing Unit carried out a search of an apartment at Tallaght on Monday.

During the course of the search, two viable pipe bombs were located. The apartment complex was evacuated. A cordon was established, and a Defence Forces EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) team made the area safe, and removed the devices for further examination.

Four individuals (a male aged in his 20's, and three females, one aged in her 30s, and two aged in their 40s) were arrested at the scene and were detained pursuant to Section 30 of the Offences Against the State Act 1939 at a Garda Station in the Dublin area. Investigations are ongoing.

BALLYMUN

Library marks 50 years of service

Dublin city council's Ballymun library has marked its 50th anniversary with a community celebration hosted by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, Daryl Barron, at the library.

Officially opened by the then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Jim Mitchell, on 13 October 1976, Ballymun library was hailed at the time as the largest and best-equipped library in the city.

It had an opening stock of 35,000 books. It was the third in a series of branch libraries built by Dublin corporation in the 1970s, after Dolphin's Barn and Raheny, and today it serves Ballymun, Glasnevin, Santry, Whitehall and the surrounding areas.

Built by Kenneally and O'Keeffe contractors over twelve months at a cost of £150,000, the distinctive cruciform building was designed by Dublin corporation architects in the Civic Amenities Department.

RAHENY, CLONTARF, COOLOCK

More gardai for North Dublin areas

Nine additional gardaí have been allocated to stations across Dublin Bay North -

Raheny will receive five, Clontarf three and Coolock will receive one, *writes James Dillon*.

Fianna Fail TD Tom Brabazon said people want to see gardaí on the beat and in their communities. Nine additional gardaí are welcome news for Dublin Bay North.

"I regularly hear from residents who are concerned about safety where they live. They rightly want a visible Garda presence in their community," he said.

DUBLIN NORTH & WEST

Boost as more gardai on beat

The allocation of new gardaí to North and West Dublin has been warmly received, *writes James Dillon*.

There will be 84 allocated to the Dublin region and nine to the Dublin North West area. That is a large proportion out of a total of 207 new gardaí nationwide. It brings the total allocation of new gardaí to 28 in Finglas and 32 in Ballymun since January.

Paul McAuliffe, TD for the region, welcomed the news. He claimed it was the largest number of sworn members since the foundation of the State – now standing at 14,980.

The latest allocations shows that 60 gardaí have been posted to the area since January.

"Our communities have been fortunate to have continuously received new gardaí in every announcement this year," he said.

BLACKROCK

Parish of St. John the Baptist

The month of November gives us the opportunity to remember our dear departed when we enter their names on the Altar List of the Dead, so that they may be prayed for at all Masses during November and on the first Friday of each month for the coming year.

If you wish to have the names of your loved ones inscribed on the list, there are envelopes at the back of the Church. These can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or to the Parish Office.

Contributions and donations for the November List of the Dead go directly to support your local parish clergy when they offer prayers and Masses. We ask you to be as generous as possible in your contributions.

The Annual Mass of those who have died and whose funerals have taken place from our Parish Church during the past year will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tue Nov 10. Their names will be called out and a lighted candle in their memory will burn on the Sanctuary during the Mass.

Carysfort National School Admissions '26/'27

Carysfort National School began accepting applications for the school year 2026/2027 from last Thurs Oct 1 and will accept them until Fri Nov 13 inclusive. They are switching to online application only via the school website https://carysfortns.ie/admissions/.

DALKEY

Community Council Art Exhibition 2026

The Dalkey Community Council Annual Art Exhibition will take place in Our Lady's Hall, Castle, from Fri Oct 30 to Sun Nov 1.

Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

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Further information may be obtained from Aisling Doyle, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie

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Open space lands at Knightswood, Santry, Co. Dublin

Dated this the 22nd day of October 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
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