

RialtoNetworkNEWS

Summer 2011

Seniors Alert Scheme for Dublin 8

Rialto Community Network is now administering the Seniors Alert Scheme for the DUBLIN 8 area. As part of the scheme, you may qualify for a government towards safety/security equipment including the following:

- **Monitored personal alarm pendants**
- **Monitored carbon monoxide detectors**
- **Internal emergency lighting**
- **Monitored smoke detectors**
- **External security lighting**

Are you over 65? Do you live alone or with another person?

If you answer "yes" to these questions you may qualify for a government grant.

If you would like further information on the scheme contact Sabrina O' Reilly, Rialto Community Network, 568 South Circular Road, Rialto, Dublin 8 Tel: 01 473 2003 or Email: rialtonet@connect.ie

Rialto champs night

Former European Boxing Champion Paul Griffin and former Irish and North American Champion Oisin Fagan recently visited the F2 Centre to acknowledge the achievements of members of Rialto Boxing and all their hard work. An awards ceremony was held where the young people involved in Rialto Boxing received certificates of recognition and had their pictures taken with the champs. It was a great night for all involved and many thanks go to Paul and Oisin for all their efforts.



Do you have a disability or health issue?
Are you finding it hard to get a job?

Why not access Employ Ability Ltd.
“Supporting employment for people of all abilities”

Employ Ability Ltd. is a supported employment service for people with a disability or health issues and who live in Dublin southwest area. Since its foundation in 2004 the organisation has been successfully working with both job seekers and employers to facilitate employment. Anyone with a physical



or intellectual disability, sensory or mental health issue or who is recovering from a trauma or surgery and requires support to access and maintain employment can contact the service:
phone: 01 460 3081
email: info@employability.ie
web: www.employability.ie

Cleaning up the Community's Canal



Would YOU like to get involved?

A group of local people have been meeting on the 2nd Sunday of every month for the last year and working on cleaning up the canal between Dolphin's Barn and Sally's Bridge. Their aim is to have the cutting back of the foliage reduced and to encourage the growth of the many wild flowers which enhance the area to enable greater bio-diversity. Pickers and gloves are provided and Dublin City Council remove all the rubbish etc

which is collected. Lots of chat and fun are to be had as the great work is carried out and all are welcome to come along to help out.

WHEN:

2nd Sunday of each month, 1pm

WHERE:

At Dolphin's Barn Bridge, across from the library.

WHAT DO I NEED?

Just your enthusiasm and a willingness to take part!

Dolphin Crèche

ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER NOW

Dolphin Crèche provides a fun, friendly and safe environment for children aged 18 months to 5 years. The crèche is open Monday to Friday from 9 - 12.30 and our highly trained staff work to develop your child's early years education to the best of their ability at all times. Just recently the children in the crèche have been learning about healthy eating and the importance of brushing their teeth



regularly. Great fun has been had tasting all kinds of fruit, vegetables, roast potatoes and even cabbage!

As the Crèche is a participant in the Childcare Subvention Scheme and ECCE scheme there are affordable childcare options available for parents. So if you would like more information on enrolling your child in Dolphin Crèche call Marie on 01 473 8079.

Do you have queries on rights, entitlement or social welfare?

Looking for accurate information?

Visit the Citizens Information Service in Rialto

The Citizens Information Service

is now open in

Rialto Parish Centre

every **Thursday morning**

from 9.30 to 4pm

(closed from 1-2 for lunch).

Do you have a child with a disability or special needs?

If so, Lucy Harrington and Barbara Coates who work with the Canal Communities Partnership would like to meet you for a chat. Lucy and Barbara are trying to find out parents' opinions on the supports that would be helpful to them. If you are interested, they will meet you at a time and place that suits you or you can call to see them if you would prefer.

Contact Barbara Coates or Lucy Harrington at 01 473 2196

lucy@canalpartnership.com

Barbara@canalpartnership.com

Summer Project

Dolphin House Summer Project will kick off on Monday the 4th of July and will run for 4 weeks. It will be the usual fun fare of trips out, sports and creative fun and is designed for 5-13 year olds. Registration will take place in the next few weeks. Any adults who wish to volunteer please contact Linda Evans in Rialto Youth Project on 01 453 1638.



'Royals' honour Rialto with a visit

A meeting of local workers in the F2 Centre was surprised and delighted to be disturbed on Wednesday, May 18th with a shock visit from "Her Royal Highness" Joanie Whyte and her "Duke" Colm! Honours were handed out to May Donoghue who was crowned Duchess of Rialto, Susan Lawlor who was bestowed with the honour of being Duchess of Dolphin and Ann Malone who is now proud to be the Duchess of Fatima!!

New Government, new local representatives

Since our last issue was published we have elected a new government which will hopefully bring our country out of its current economic misery and back to the thriving, prosperous country we once were. Only time will tell what Fine Gael and Labour will bring to the table for all of us but, on a local level, this area now has the following TDs representing its needs:

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Michael Conaghan, Labour

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Alzheimer's Day Tea Party raises funds for a great cause!

May 4th 2011 saw Rialto Network host its second annual Alzheimer's Day Tea Party in St. Andrews Community Centre. It was a fantastic success thanks to the support of many local seniors, the support of the staff of St. Andrews and the fundraising raffle which went down a storm on the day. With lots of prizes on offer, thanks to the generosity of local businesses such as Jackie's Florist (Ballyfermot) and Guinness, Atinuke played a blinder selling loads of raffle tickets to raise much needed funds for the cause of Alzheimer's Care and Research. A fantastic sum of almost €350 was raised which is greatly appreciated. Huge thanks to all those who came along on the day for a cuppa and a chat with us!

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