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LOCAL NEWS

Winter 2011/12

'FUN & FRIGHTS' IN KNIGHTSWOOD PARK - HALLOWEEN EVENT

On a night fit for ghouls and ghosts the children of Knightswood braved the elements to attend the inaugural 'Fun and Frights' Halloween event in Knightswood Park.



Despite the weather the free event was a spooky success with apple dookin' from real coffins, making the terrifying journey through the Hallowed Walk, face painting and performances from the talented Tram Direct Spooky Theatre Company.

The event was brought to a close by setting off a spectacular fireworks display lighting up Knightswood and the surrounding areas.

It was great fun and it was fantastic to have all the local schools involved. Plans have already started for next year, which will be bigger, better and even scarier!

WARMTH DIVIDEND TO HELP ELDERLY GLASWEGIANS

The City Council has launched a £1m affordable warmth initiative marking the start of efforts to eradicate fuel poverty in the city.

The **£100 dividends** are available to 11,000 of Glasgow's most vulnerable elderly citizens. It will help give **every Glaswegian over 80** an extra hand as the city moves into the winter months.

The initiative is one of a number of new measures announced aimed at helping to make Glasgow one of Europe's most sustainable and green cities.

Application forms are available from the City Council website (www.glasgow.gov.uk) or at your local Revenue and Benefits Centre. Forms can also be obtained by calling 0141 287 7961.

'20MPH' SPEED LIMIT CONSULTATION

Following on from introduction '20's Plenty' road safety scheme in the area, the City Council has now identified streets which would benefit from a mandatory speed limit of 20mph. This would mean to exceed 20mph in the designated areas would be an offence. A statutory consultation process has commenced for the promotion of a Traffic Order to allow this change.

I am in no doubt the introduction of an enforceable speed limit of 20mph would have a positive impact in reducing the speed of vehicles and will make our local roads safer.



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LOCAL CHURCH PROVIDES FESTIVE CHEER



I was delighted to visit Knightswood Baptist Church in December to see all the gifts kindly donated by Rev. Gus Macaulay and the congregation to local good causes. These gifts brought real Christmas cheer for many and the Church's goodwill was very much appreciated.

SCHOOL BURGER VAN BLOCKED!

I was delighted by the decision of the Licensing Committee to refuse the proposal for a burger van near Knightswood Secondary School. I was joined in campaigning against the burger van by Councillor Jonathan Findlay, Kay Duffus, Head Teacher of the School and by numerous local residents. The Committee accepted our formal objections and agreed that the location was wholly inappropriate for a burger van.

I would like to thank all the local residents for their support in helping to defeat this proposal.

DOG FOULING

The Council recently launched a crack down on dog fouling. The ongoing initiative will see problem areas throughout the City targeted by increased patrols by enforcement officers. Also, CCTV will be used for the first time to identify owners who fail to clean up after their dogs, with fines being issued to anyone caught.

It's just not right that a minority of dog owners can make life difficult for our local communities and I am therefore pleased our area will be one of the locations targeted by the initiative.

To find out more please contact me or contact Glasgow Community & Safety Services directly on 0141 027 7027.

ALCOHOL INITIATIVE LAUNCHED

Glasgow City Council and Strathclyde Police have joined forces to promote a more responsible approach to alcohol in an effort to curb the anti-social behaviour caused by its misuse.

Local off licenses have been quick to support the new scheme, which will see increased spot checks and greater restrictions placed on sales of alcohol. The move follows complaints from residents and local businesses and is designed to make it more difficult for alcohol to get into the hands of underage people. It is hoped these new measures will break the disastrous link between alcohol consumed by minors and disorder in our communities.

RECYCLING MADE EASIER!

The Council's new managed weekly collection service has been introduced to more than 100,000 homes across the city, including in our area. This new improved service will result in an increase in the number of bin collections each month and additional recyclable items such as cardboard and glass uplifted from your home. Not only should this improve the Council's recycling rate – it should also help the Council reduce the amount of money it has to pay in landfill tax – which cost Glasgow £15 million last year.

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Local surgeries:

Knightswood Community Centre,
First Tuesday of each month at 7pm

St. Brendan's Primary School,
Third Wednesday of each month at 6pm

Pikeman Nursery School,
Last Tuesday of each month at 5pm

There are no surgeries during school holidays.