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## Castle and Gardens Update

By the time this issue of the *Malahide Guardian* appears it is hoped that Malahide Castle and Gardens will have opened. There have been several deferrals of the opening, partly due to the unexpected complexity of the work on such a sensitive building as the castle and delays caused by the weather.

*Anyone who has been near the castle and gardens recently will have noticed the amount of construction activity going on and these external works were due to have been completed by 2 October. However the internal works at the castle and the resurfacing works at the west lawn will not be completed for a further two weeks and the opening date is now scheduled for Monday 15 October.*

Fingal County Council and Shannon Heritage have high standards at the venues that they operate in Fingal and around the country. To ensure that this high quality standard is maintained at Malahide the decision was made to allow extra time to bring the venue up to a standard which will ensure satisfaction to the many visitors that are anticipated.

**The AVOCA store, food hall and cafe area, which is being managed under a separate contract, was not affected by the remaining works and was due to open on 4 October.**

## Gold Again!

Malahide improved its performance yet again this year in the national Tidy Towns competition. We came second in the Dublin region after Skerries, which triumphed once more. However Malahide won a gold medal again – one of only two towns in the Dublin region to do so.

The judges pointed out some areas that need attention. Among these are wildlife and natural amenities, litter control and waste minimisation.

***The residential areas gained a further point over last year and a special mention was made of the excellent improvements in Inbhir Ide.***

Inbhir Ide also won a prize this year in the Fingal Cleaner Communities award, as did Seabury and The Moorings. Malahide earned a biodiversity award for the Bee Garden in front of the Library.

*Great efforts were made for the competition and thanks are due to all who worked on their area and turned out for the various clean-ups. The Tidy Towns committee would appreciate if any residents' groups could send photographs of their efforts to*

[malahidetidytowns@eircom.net](mailto:malahidetidytowns@eircom.net)

*so that they can be included in the annual application for 2013.*

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## Condition of Casino

Several people have expressed their concern to us about the apparently deteriorating condition of the house at Casino while it awaits the promised conservation and development works. Fingal County Council has assured us that they are aware of these concerns and that there is a caretaker living in the property. The Council has also agreed that the grass and vegetation surrounding the house needs to be kept in control.

## Report a Problem

Have you ever wondered the best way to report problems with street-lighting or road and footpath defects? Or perhaps you have noticed water leaking or a defective drain on your street or road? Have you see graffiti or illegal dumping? Are you concerned about tree or grass maintenance in public places?

*Fingal County Council has now launched a new website called [fixyourstreet.ie](http://fixyourstreet.ie) where members of the public can report all these issues and concerns. Reports made to [fixyourstreet.ie](http://fixyourstreet.ie) will be responded to within two working days and the response available through the website will always be given by an official of the council.*

## New timetable for discussion

Irish Rail has launched a new draft rail timetable for 2013. There are some minor changes proposed for services to and from Malahide. Irish Rail has invited comments and observation on these changes which can be found on its website at: [www.irishrail.ie/media/Draft2013ConnollyTimetableV131.pdf](http://www.irishrail.ie/media/Draft2013ConnollyTimetableV131.pdf)

The Forum will also be considering these changes and comments may be sent to the Hon. Sec.

## Litter Management

*Fingal County Council is drafting a new Litter Management Plan to operate from 2012 to 2015 and members of the public are invited to submit their feedback before Tuesday 30 October 2012. It can be viewed at: [www.fingalcoco.ie/Environment/LitterControl/LitterManagementPlanDraft/](http://www.fingalcoco.ie/Environment/LitterControl/LitterManagementPlanDraft/) If you would like us to include any comments in our submission please email the Hon. Sec.*

## Volunteers needed for Youth Club

Volunteers are required to help run a Foróige youth club for young people aged 12+ in the Malahide Tennis Club. The club meets every Thursday from 8-9.30 p.m. It provides a safe place for young people to socialise and get involved in activities.

*If you have some time to spare every month and wish to get involved in your community, please contact:*

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## Allotment awards

Only six months after opening in March 2012, the Malahide Allotments on the Swords Road won four national horticultural awards at a recent ceremony in the RDS.

One award was for allotment providers and management and three individual holders were recognised.

*There is a total of 300 allotments, 75 of which are reserved for people with epilepsy. The remaining 225 are for rental to local community members.*

For information see [www.malahideallotments.ie](http://www.malahideallotments.ie)

### How to contact Malahide Community Forum

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