



# Newsletter

## Dog Fouling Campaign

With the grass-cutting season upon us, tenants are reminded that it is a breach of your tenancy agreement to not pick up after your dogs. Subsequently, garden maintenance including hedges and shrubs will not be cut where there is excessive fouling.

We will be liaising with Dog Wardens to ensure that this is abided to. Recent estate inspections provide that three-quarters of all back courts have foul in them. This is breaking tenancy agreement and action can be taken if perpetrators are caught. Note that back courts are entirely **out of bounds**.

### Penalties:

Dog owners now face an £80 fixed penalty for failing to pick up after their pets. With tougher penalties being enforced for irresponsible dog owners, it is crucial that tenants ensure that they clear up after their own dogs. Permission can be revoked to have a dog if tenants are found repeatedly to not be picking up after dogs.

### Health hazards:

- **Parvo** – a potentially fatal disease transferred between dogs which can lead to toxocariasis in humans.
- **Toxocariasis** – parasite commonly known as roundworm can cause serious illness.

### SICK OF DOG POO? HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO!



#### Taking action:

If you are aware of someone not picking up after their pets, you can take action:

- Report it to your local authority – particularly if you know who is letting their dog foul regularly (Options: MyGlasgow app, fill out online form below, or follow Environmental Task Force on Twitter @theenytaskforce). Witness Statements can also be collected (and returned) at the office, or you can call Glasgow City Council on 0141 287 1059.

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=20207>

- Download the 'We're Watching You' toolkit and monitor dog fouling yourself.

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/media/846337/cus-were-watching-you-toolkit.pdf>

- Create a dog sharing station and encourage people to pick up their dog's foul. Examples of community bag sharing stations are below.

<https://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/local-environmental-quality/clean-up-scotland/get-involved/make-a-dog-share-station/>



# Maintenance Work

We spent **£64,000** last year as part of the cyclical painting programme to ensure that our properties and estates are well maintained.



**Free Activity**

**Drumchapel Programme 2018**

## Cooking Workshops

**Tuesdays • 10.30am -12.30pm**

24th April - 5th June 2018

6 week course (excluding 8th May)

**Learn how to make delicious recipes for scratch.**

**Meet new people, share food and find out more about what's going on in your local community.**

Activities take place at: St Marks Church • 281 Kinfauns Drive G15 7BD

If you would like more information, please contact:

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**Annexe Communities**





# Gas Maintenance

To make sure that gas appliances and installations are safe, our gas safety contractor City Building carries out Gas Servicing and Safety Checks on an annual basis. They also check that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are operating properly.

Help us keep you safe by providing access when they contact you to arrange servicing.

If you experience any problems with your heating or hot water please contact City Building directly on tel: **0141 287 2200** or **0800 595 595**.

## Be aware of the silent killer – carbon monoxide poisoning

You can't see it, taste it or even smell it but every year about 14 people die from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by gas appliances and flues which have not been properly installed or maintained.

## Being aware of the symptoms could save your life

Symptoms are similar to those of flu, food poisoning, viral infections and fatigue. That's why it's quite common for people to mistake this very dangerous poisoning for something else.

## Other signs that could point to CO poisoning:

- Your symptoms only occur when you are at home and seem to disappear when you leave home.
- Others in your household (including pets) are experiencing similar symptoms and they appear at a similar time.

## What to do if you suspect CO poisoning

- Get fresh air immediately. Open doors and windows, turn off gas appliances and leave the house.
- See your doctor immediately or go to hospital - let them know that you suspect CO poisoning. They can do a blood or breath test to check.
- If you think there is an immediate danger, call the Gas Emergency Helpline on 0800 111 999.

## 6 main symptoms to look out for:



HEADACHES



NAUSEA



BREATHLESSNESS



COLLAPSE



DIZZINESS



LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS

# Take a tip...

**Our estate caretaker Kevin Clements provides you with some handy tips for your gardens:**

- Divide Hostas before they come into leaf.
- Divide Primroses after they have finished flowering.
- You can start to move evergreen shrubs and trees now provided the soil isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- Plant summer-flowering bulbs such as Lilies, Gladiolus and Ranunculi's into beds, borders and containers.
- Apply a balanced slow release fertiliser to trees, shrubs and hedges
- Feed trees, shrubs and hedges with a balanced, slow-release fertiliser by lightly forking it into the soil surface. Roses are greedy plants and will greatly benefit from feeding as they come into growth.

## New Website launched

From 1 April 2018, we are pleased to provide our tenants with a new website to use. Using the relevant pages, rent can be paid, repairs can be requested, our latest news and events and documents will just be a click away online.



[www.drumchapelhc.org.uk](http://www.drumchapelhc.org.uk)

If any tenant wishes to use the tenant log-in on the site where users can see their most recent transactions and repair requests, we will require you to register your e-mail address on the website:

- Register for Tenant Log-in (under 'Navigation' in bottom-left of website)
- DHC will verify your account and a password will be sent

## Pride & Joy Nursery opened!

A new Pride & Joy Nursery has opened in the Blairdardie area of Glasgow.

If you are looking for great local childcare, please come and visit the excellent facilities and meet the friendly staff.

Local childcare is provided to from 3 months to 5 years and over the last 3 months massive improvements have been made to the children's play environment that will make your child have unforgettable experiences as they grow up.

The main objective of Pride & Joy Nursery is to provide a

**Special offer:  
Reduced  
Childcare Fees  
for Housing  
Association/  
Co-operative  
tenants!**

secure, welcoming, happy and stimulating environment for babies and children up to school age. Staff are continually widening their skill set and striving for excellence. Pride & Joy aim to ensure the development of close bonding between the staff and your child, and a continuity of care which is imperative for your child to flourish.

**Housing Association/  
Co-operative tenants are  
currently being offered a  
20% discount on all fees.**

Tenants are also invited to the open day on 16th June 2018.



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