

SENATOR MARK DALY

NEWS



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Governments Septic Tank Laws `Anti-Rural: DALY LOOKING FOR 100% GRANT FOR HOME OWNERS IN RURAL IRELAND

It is difficult to see what services are provided for the new €100 household charge (see back page for details on this) considering that in many places the community came together to put in place their own group water scheme. After paying to install a septic tank which complied with the planning and regulations at the time, the government now expect many rural householders to pay for the installation of a new septic tank which could cost up to €17,000 if the old tank fails the test. Fianna Fail's policy on this issue is that any person or family who is forced by government to replace their septic tank they must be provided with a 100% grant from the government to do so. The campaign to demand fair play for rural Ireland has begun with meetings nation wide. To express your views you can contact Minister Hogan on, phil.hogan@oireachtas.ie , (0)1 888 2403, or his postal address of Minister Phil Hogan, Constituency Office, New Street, Kilkenny. To let him know your view

Meeting on 22nd March to outline Grants available to Create Jobs

On the 22nd of March, Noel Spillane CEO of the South Kerry Development Partnership will be in Kenmare to outline how people can access grants. Job creation is the number one issue facing the area and country at the moment. Everyone is aware that funding from banks is very difficult to get at this time. That is why the South Kerry Development Partnership is central to providing help and support in this area. There are funding schemes available for those groups and individuals who have ideas that would create employment for themselves and those in their communities. There is a hope that grants for individuals will be increased from 50% currently to 75% and for community groups from 75% to 90%.



3RD OF FEBRUARY 2012 SENATOR MARK DALY AND MINISTER FOR HEALTH JAMES REILLY TURNING THE SOD ON THE NEW KENMARE HOSPITAL

KILGARVAN

Road Improvement Plan

The current dangerous state of the roads around Kilgarvan is of concern. Following much discussion with the Council prior to the budget the following roads in the Kilgarvan area were included in the Department of Transport and National Roads Authority Regional and Local Road Restoration Improvement Programme. There are still many roads that need to be included in the plan and negotiations with the council to include these other roads in the funding programme are on-going.

Road Number	Road Name and/or Townland Name	Length of work (m)	Estimated Cost of work (€)
L-11201	Mangerton, Kilgarvan	1,000	75,250
R569	Kilgarvan Village	800	156,083
L-11192	Coomclogherane, Kilgarvan	1,000	67,500
R569	Poulgorm/ Kilgarvan	3,000	460,000

LAURAGH/TUOSIST

Rural Schools Under Attack

Congratulations to Paul McCarthy principal of Lauragh National School for organising the meeting in Tralee, attended by hundreds of people concerned about rural schools. Rural schools are under attack by the minister for Education Ruirí Quinn. Following clear directions from the Minister for Education that small schools should “consider their future” and “assess their options for amalgamation” it is clear that he aims to close or amalgamate schools like Lauragh and Realt na Mara as well as all the other small schools in the area. Asked recently in the Seanad on the topic the Minister stated “A value for money review is currently under way the phasing of these proposed measures can provide the schools concerned with time to consider the potential for amalgamation with other schools”. Senator Daly has stated on the record that “rural schools are the heart of the community; they should be supported by government and not threatened with closure”.

- The retention figures for small schools will be applied retrospectively to last September’s enrolment figures and will mean that to keep your teacher, schools will have to have an enrolment of:

	Sep 2011	Sep 2012	Sep 2013
2-teacher	14	17	20
3-teacher	51	54	56
4-teacher	81	84	86

For further details on the Governments proposals contact me on 086 803 2612. If you are concerned by this comment by Minister for Education you can contact me by phone, by email on Mark.Daly@Oireachtas.ie or by post and I will relay these concerns



BONANE

Brian Crowley MEP assisting Bonane in relation to Water extraction

Senator Daly through Brian Crowley MEP is in communication with the EU in relation to the proposed water extraction from the Sheen River. Kerry County Council has said they will defend in court the decision by An Bord Pleanála to grant permission to the Council to extract water from the Sheen. The extraction of water from the Sheen River will have a long term detrimental effect on farming and people in the catchment area of the river. The Community are rightly challenging the decision by the Bord on the basis of the Council’s failure to carry out a EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) as part of their planning application. It is believed that an EIA will show the Sheen River is unsuitable for water extraction.



SOLICITOR JIM O' SULLIVAN WITH JOHN TEAHAN AND SENATOR MARK DALY AT THE CLASHNACREE HOUSE GATE WHICH BLOCKS THE KERRY WAY.

CAHERDANIEL / CASTLECOVE

Historic Abbey Island debated in the Seanad

Minister for State Brian Hayes at the request of Senator Mark Daly met with members of the local community from Derrynane to discuss Abbey Island. The long running issue of the transfer of the historic lands at Abbey Island to increase the area of ground for the Graveyard was also raised in Senate in January. The Minister for State Brian Hayes in his reply to a question put to him by Senator Mark Daly stated that the legal title for the lands was being handed over from the Office of Public Works to Kerry County Council. The bureaucratic delay relates to the Chief States Solicitors office whose responsibility it is to process the necessary legal work. The Minister has again been asked, at the meeting in the 17th to ensure that the land in question will be transferred without delay.



SENATOR MARK DALY WITH FORMER CONGRESSMAN BRUCE MORRISON IN WASHINGTON LAST NOVEMBER. THEY SPENT A WEEK MEETING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO PUSH FOR LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD ALLOW VISA FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED IRISH CURRENTLY IN US. IN DECEMBER A BILL WAS PUBLISHED BY US SENATOR SCHUMER.

SNEEM / TAHILLA

Tourism is the heart of South Kerry industry and any problem that puts visitor safety at risk is of major concern to everyone who relies on this vital industry. The blocking of the right of way at Clashnacree House is currently causing a diversion onto the busy Sneem to Tahilla road for tourists walking the Kerry Way. Following a public meeting in Sneem, Solicitor Jim O' Sullivan has been working hard to find a solution. Senator Daly has written to the County Manager to urge him to use the legislation at his disposal to take back the possession of the right of way.



JOHN JOE O LEARY OF THE CAHERDANIEL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION AND SENATOR MARK DALY AT ABBEY ISLAND GRAVEYARD

BLACKWATER/TEMPLENOE

Defibrillators for Blackwater/Templenoe area

On Monday 30th January at 8pm; an important meeting took place in the Blackwater Tavern to plan how best to proceed with the purchase of defibrillators. The meeting was open to the public, and there was a large crowd from the Blackwater/Templenoe area. A committee was formed and it is aimed that training in First Aid, CPR & the use of the Defibrillator will begin in the near future. Senator Daly addressed the meeting and said that he was in touch with South Kerry Development partnership CEO Noel Spillane and they would be willing to fund the project up to 90% of the cost.

€100 Household Charge Details

EXEMPTIONS DEADLINE: 31ST MARCH

The Household Charge is an annual charge introduced by the Local Government (Household Charge) Act 2011 which is payable by owners of residential property. The charge is €100 per residential property and must be paid by the closing date of 31st of March 2012. There is also the option of paying in four instalments of €25 euros, the direct debit for this must be set up by the 1st of March 2012. To pay the household charge an online system - www.householdcharge.ie - is in place to enable home owners to pay the household charge by credit card/debit card. In addition, home owners can make the payment by cheque, postal order, etc through the post to the Local Government Management Agency which operates a bureau and administers the charge on a shared service/agency basis for all local authorities. In addition, payment will be accepted in the Kenmare County Council office.

There are some exemptions:

- Residential properties that are part of the trading stock of a business and have not been sold

or been the source of any income since construction,

- Residential property vested in a Minister of the Government or the Health Service Executive,
- Residential property vested in a housing authority, including property where households are purchasing their homes under the Shared Ownership Scheme and where the local authority still retains an ownership stake,
- Voluntary and co-operative housing,
- Residential property to which commercial rates apply,
- Residential property owned by a charity or comprised in a discretionary trust, and
- Residential property where a person has to leave their house due to long-term mental or physical infirmity (e.g. a person that has moved into a nursing home). "Long term mental or physical infirmity" is defined in the legislation as an infirmity requiring the person to vacate the property in which he/she had been dwelling for a continuous period of more than 12 months and that is

certified as such by a registered practitioner.

The waivers from payment of the household charge are as follows:

- Owners of residential property entitled to mortgage interest supplement
- Owners of residential property located in prescribed unfinished housing estates.

Please note that all waiver claims will be validated. Persons who make false or misleading declarations in making a claim for a waiver will be liable to penalties under the legislation.



If you need a copy of the application form or have queries with it : call in to
Sean Daly & Co
Insurance Brokers,
34 Henry St, Kenmare

OTHER NEWS



Senator Daly calls on the government to hold a referendum on new European treaty so that people can have their say.



In the Foreign Affairs committee Senator Daly called on Minister Eamon Gilmore to reverse the decision to close the Irish Embassy in the Vatican



The National Council for safe guarding children confirm that they have completed an initial report into the missionary's of the sacred heath. This investigation along with the on going Garda investigation was commenced due to Senators Dalys speech in the Seanad on the 27th of July 2011. Any person who needs counselling can contact one in four Call on 01 6624070, Monday - Friday 9.30 to 5.30pm or



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Advice Clinics

Kenmare:	Saturdays , Sean Dalys Office, 34 Henry St
Kilgarvan:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March,
Top of Coom:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Creedon Bar
Caherdaniel:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Blind Piper & Freddie's Bar,
Castlecove:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Staigue Fort Hotel,
Sneem:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Community Centre,
Blackwater:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Blackwater Tavern,
Templenoë:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Pat Spillanes Bar,
Dawros	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, Sailors Bar,
Ardea:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March, The Lake House,
Lauragh:	Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th March Kilmackilloge

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