

Stadium News

Croke Park Community Newsletter

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GARTH BROOKS

FRIDAY 9TH, SATURDAY 10TH, SUNDAY 11TH,
FRIDAY 16TH AND SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022
CONCERT INFORMATION

PROVISIONAL CONCERT DAY TIMINGS

Garda Cordon*	10:00am
Full Road Closures*	3:00pm
Doors Open*	5:00pm
Main Act*	7:45pm
Concert finished by*	11:00pm

*All timings are still provisional at this time and subject to change.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY CONTACT DETAILS

Freephone 1800 303 593 is Croke Park's 24-hour community hotline for local residents. It can be used at any time during the stage build, both concert days and post-concert works to report any issue directly to the stadium.

You can also use it to request assistance from the community team on the day of the concert.

Email address: community@crokepark.ie



The Croke Park Community team is made up entirely of local neighbours. They work during every event to help watch over our community area & provide assistance to other neighbours.

WHICH GARDA CORDON SHOULD I USE WHEN DRIVING?

Gardaí have asked where possible, drivers enter the Garda cordon at the closest location to their residence on concert days. Drivers are also asked to use the cordon access points at Clonliffe Avenue, Fitzroy Avenue and Whitworth Place to gain access to their residence.

Drivers are asked to avoid using Clonliffe Road/Drumcondra Road Lower, Clonliffe Road/Ballybough Road and Russell Street/NCR cordons when possible as delays or re-direction may be necessary due to crowd movement.

Please contact Croke Park in advance if you need further advice on vehicular access on concert days on 01 819 2976 or community@crokepark.ie

NEW RESIDENTS' VEHICLE PASS FOR 2022

The 2022 local residents pass for households inside the Garda cordon is available for collection from Fitzgibbon Street Garda Station. We would ask all our neighbours inside the cordon to note that **the 2022 pass will be the only pass accepted at the garda cordon for the Garth Brooks concerts. Garda passes from previous years will not be accepted.** Fitzgibbon Street station is open from 8am to 9pm daily.

To collect your passes, please bring the following with you:

- Proof of identification
- Proof of address (a recent utility bill)
- Old 2020/2021 Garda passes (if applicable)

The Gardaí have also let us know that there will be a limit of 3 passes per household, except in exceptional circumstances. Any household needing more than 3 passes should contact the garda special events team in Fitzgibbon Street station directly on 01 666 8463. Local businesses requiring more than 3 passes are also asked to contact the Garda special events team.

Croke Park Community Freephone: 1800 303 593
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HOUSEHOLDS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

Local households who need special assistance should contact the stadium in advance of the concerts. For example, households where family members may need to go to hospital during the concerts or households where family members have special needs or mobility challenges. These households are asked to please contact the community team in Croke Park in advance on **01 819 2976** or community@crokepark.ie.

GARDA CORDON EXTENDED AFTER 10PM EACH CONCERT NIGHT

At the end of the concert, the Garda cordon will be extended to facilitate the safe exit of concert patrons. No vehicles will be permitted access through the Garda cordon during this exit period to ensure the safety of pedestrians & vehicles alike.

The Gardaí have advised that roads inside the garda cordon will be fully closed to vehicular traffic from approx. 10.30pm-midnight on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th with local access on foot for residents during this time.

These road closures will be implemented for the shortest time necessary. As a guideline, this extended cordon will be in place for approximately one hour after each concert ends at 11pm. Barriers will also be erected at the following locations closing the following streets:

- Lower Drumcondra Road / Whitworth Road
- Lower Drumcondra Road / Richmond Road/ Botanic Avenue
- Ballybough Road / Luke Kelly Bridge
- Ballybough Road / North Strand Road
- Summerhill / North Circular Road

The above restrictions will result in the closure of Lower Drumcondra Road from Whitworth Road to Botanic Avenue & the closure of Ballybough Road from Fairview to Summerhill.

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS ONLY TO JONES ROAD & RUSSELL STREET FROM 10PM

The Gardaí have also advised that Russell Street/ Jones Road will be fully closed to vehicular traffic from approx. 10pm on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September 2022. Pedestrian access for all residents living on Jones Road and Russell Street will be available.

CROKE PARK COMMUNITY TEAM ON DUTY

The Croke Park Community Team will be on duty on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September to assist their neighbours & help monitor event day activity in the Croke Park community area. **Freephone 1800 303 593** to get help from or report an issue to the Community Team on the day of the concert. The following email address is also available:

community@crokepark.ie

NOISE CONTROL MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE

To ensure concert noise emissions are kept within Dublin City Council (DCC) guidelines, the following measures are in place for the concert:

- Sound levels will be agreed with DCC's Environmental Health Officer
- The Production Manager & Sound Control Engineer for the concerts will be instructed to control sound emission levels to keep them within these agreed limits
- The testing of the concert sound systems & the artist's sound check will be agreed with DCC's Environmental Health Officer with due consideration for local residents
- In addition to the measures, sound levels will be checked during the event by sound meters & a suitably qualified noise consultant will be appointed to monitor noise levels & liaise between DCC & the Promoter.

OVERNIGHT QUEUEING/CAMPING

Overnight queuing or camping for this concert will not be tolerated. Stewards will be on duty on streets close to the stadium **each day** to deter overnight queuing/camping in the community area.

CONFETTI, PYROTECHNICS/FIREWORKS CAN BE EXPECTED

The use of confetti, pyrotechnics, fireworks can be expected during concert nights.

PA & SOUND CHECK

PA and sound checks are proposed to be conducted on 2 days between 4th - 8th September and on 1 day between 12th - 15th September; the exact timing for this test is still to be confirmed.

PORTALOOS

Aiken Promotions will locate portaloos on streets in the immediate vicinity of the stadium including Clonliffe Road, Russell Street, the Davin Carpark, Fitzgibbon Street, the North Circular Road, Ballybough Road, Sackville Avenue, Mountjoy Square, St. Anne's Road and the Lower Drumcondra Road.

There will be stewards on duty at these sites as well as lighting and directional signage to guide concert patrons.

CONCERT CLEAN UP

Additional community litter pickers will be active during the concert & will work to remove concert litter from gardens within the Garda cordon. Their assistance can also be requested via the community hotline **1800 303 593** or community@crokepark.ie.

DCC waste management teams will be on duty to conduct a clean-up of the area after each concert. In the event of an incident of public urination on street, a special DCC wash cart can also be requested via the community hotline or community email.

USE OF GARDA HELICOPTER

The Garda Helicopter will be used on the evening of Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Sunday 11th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th September. It will only be used as required by the Gardaí & with minimum time spent in operation.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/PARKING PLANS

A full public transport & car parking information campaign targeting patrons for the concert is ongoing. Dublin Bus, LUAS, Irish Rail & Bus Éireann public transport initiatives to & from the concert have been organised & exclusive offers from car parks nearest the stadium are also available to concert patrons.

Additional Gardaí & Dublin Street Park Services will be enforcing parking legislation throughout the community area during both concerts & illegal parking in the community area can be reported to the stadium via the community freephone or community email address.

There will also be a specific concert coach & bus parking area in operation in Whitehall.

FLOODLIGHTS

Floodlights will remain on following the concert until patrons have cleared the stadium. After clearing the stadium, only lights necessary to provide safe working conditions will be in operation. All floodlights will be switched off at 1am each night during the concert dates.

PRE-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE

- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **29th August - 8th September 2022 and 12th - 15th September 2022**
- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **8am - 10pm* daily**
- Works scheduled between **8am until doors open*** on concert days

**Please note: all concert works timings are provisional and will be agreed by Dublin City Council. This works' schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.*

POST-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE

- After the concerts on 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th and 17th September, works will finish at **1am***
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **18th - 24th September 2022**
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **8am -10pm* daily**

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LOCAL RESIDENT TICKET DRAW

The local resident ticket draws for complimentary tickets for the Garth Brooks Concerts is scheduled to take place during on August 25th in Croke Park. Each ticket draw is independently observed on behalf of the residents by an external auditor from PwC.

Local households should register with the stadium to be included in the stadium's ticket offers. If your household is not already registered or to update your details, please go to www.crokepark.ie/communityregister before Friday August 19th.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Please note, the information shared in this newsletter was correct when going to print. The very latest concert information will be available on www.crokepark.ie/community Community news, pre-concert & match day updates will also be emailed to residents. Register with the stadium to receive these updates at www.crokepark.ie/communityregister

LOCAL COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

Since September 2021, over twenty residents put themselves forward to join the local community working group to work with the stadium & key partners to further improve solutions that lessen the impact of stadium events on the local community. The latest information on the group & how to get involved is available at www.crokepark.ie/workinggroup