

Stadium News

Croke Park Community Newsletter

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THE SPICE GIRLS FRIDAY, 24 MAY 2019

CONCERT INFORMATION:

PROVISIONAL CONCERT DAY TIMINGS

- Garda Cordon* 2pm
- Doors Open* 6pm
- Main Act* 8pm
- Concert finished by* 11pm

**All timings may be subject to change by promoter/An Garda Síochána*

PRE-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE

- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **17-23 May 2019**
- Pre-concert works are scheduled between **8am - 10pm* daily**
- Works scheduled between **8am-4pm*** on **24 May** (concert day)

**Concert works timings are still provisional and will be agreed by Dublin City Council. This schedule is weather dependent and subject to change.*

LOCAL RESIDENT TICKET DRAW

The local resident ticket draws for 100 pairs of complimentary tickets for the Spice Girls is scheduled to take place on Thursday, 25 April here in Croke Park. The draw will be independently observed on behalf of local residents by an external auditor. Local residents must register with the stadium to be included in the ticket scheme. The form can be filled in at the reception on Jones Road or downloaded from crokepark.ie/TicketScheme and returned to the stadium. Local residents will be contacted by post by **13 May** if their names have been drawn out for Spice Girl tickets. Full details on the stadium's community ticket scheme are available at crokepark.ie/TicketScheme where the lists of ticket winners will be published after each concert.

COMMUNITY NIGHT 2019

Croke Park will open its doors for this year's community night on Friday, 28 June 2019. Hundreds of local residents will be able to enjoy FREE guided tours of the stadium every 15 minutes from 5.30pm until 9pm. The GAA Museum will also be open with surprise visitors throughout the night. This is an exclusive event only for our neighbours. Bookings open at crokepark.ie/CommunityNight on Monday, 10 June at 10am.

COMMUNITY FUND 2019

From street parties to street art, local youth clubs to active retirement groups, Croke Park's community fund accepts applications from all types of voluntary & local resident groups in our 1.5km community radius. Applications can be made throughout the year and our next closing date is Friday, 17 May 2019. Filling in the application couldn't be easier as help is always provided when needed. Forms are available at crokepark.ie/CommunityFund and from the GAA reception on Jones Road. Get in touch with Julianne if you need some ideas or help with your application: jsavage@crokepark.ie or 01 865 8607.

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, concert day 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.

An email address is also available:
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.

LOCAL RESIDENTS VEHICLE PASS

The 2019 local resident vehicle pass for households within the Garda cordon is available from the Garda Station on Fitzgibbon Street: telephone 01 666 8400. Please bring proof of identity & proof of residency with you to the station to collect your pass.

VEHICULAR ACCESS THROUGH THE GARDA CORDON

Gardaí have asked where possible, drivers enter the Garda cordon at the most appropriate location to their residence and are requested when possible to use junctions other than the NCR/Russell Street, Drumcondra Road/Clonliffe Road and Ballybough Road/Clonliffe Road cordons. Contact Julianne Savage in Croke Park in advance if you need further advice on gaining access on concert day on 01 865 8607 or jsavage@crokepark.ie

RESIDENT & VISITOR ACCESS ON CONCERT DAY

Local residents who need assistance for themselves or their visitors gaining access through the Garda cordon on Friday, 24 May are advised to contact Julianne Savage in Croke Park in advance on 01 865 8607 or jsavage@crokepark.ie

COMMUNITY TEAM

The Croke Park Community Team will be on duty on Friday, 24 May 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.

An email address is also available: community@crokepark.ie

PUBLIC TRANSPORT/PARKING PLANS

A full public transport & car parking information campaign targeting patrons for the concert is ongoing. Special Dublin Bus, LUAS, Irish Rail & Bus Eireann 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 & specific coach & bus parking areas will be in operation.

NOISE CONTROL

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 concert 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. Stadium stewards will be on duty on streets close to the stadium from **7pm on 23 May** to deter overnight queuing/camping in the community area.

PYROTECHNICS

The use of pyrotechnics can be expected during this concert.

PA & SOUND CHECK

A PA test is scheduled to be conducted on Thursday, 23 May; the exact timing for this test is still to be confirmed. Sound checks for the concert will be carried out on Friday, 24 May; the exact timing for the sound check is still to be confirmed.

PORTALOOS

DCC will locate rows of portaloos on streets in the immediate vicinity of the stadium including Clonliffe Road, Clonliffe Car Park, Fitzgibbon Street, NCR, Poplar Row & Sackville Avenue.

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

USE OF GARDA HELICOPTER

The Garda Helicopter will be used on the evening of 24 May. It will only be used as required by the Gardaí & with minimum time spent in operation.

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.

GARDA CORDON EXTENDED AFTER 10PM

The Gardaí have advised that Russell Street/Jones Road will be fully closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic from approx. 10pm on Friday, 24 May with local access for residents living on the street only.

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 to access the Garda cordon during this exit period to ensure the safety of pedestrians & vehicles alike. These closures will be implemented for the shortest time necessary. As a guideline, this extended cordon will be in place for approximately one hour after the 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.

POST-CONCERT WORKS SCHEDULE:

- After the concert on **24 May**, works will finish at 1am*
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **25-30 May 2019**
- Post-concert works are scheduled between **8am -10pm*** daily

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KEEP IN TOUCH

The information shared in this newsletter was correct going to print on 26 April 2019. The very latest community information is available on crokepark.ie/community. Community news, pre-concert & match day updates are also emailed to local residents. Email jsavage@crokepark.ie if you would like to register to receive these important community updates during the year.