



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Never takes long does it? I'm talking about how quickly we start complaining about the heat. Now that the temperatures have reached the high twenties and even thirties on occasion, we have forgotten the long, cold, windy winter we've just come through. Personally I'd rather enjoy the heat, especially since so far this summer it hasn't been accompanied by humidity. The hotter weather has also brought the tourists (welcomed warmly by local businesses who suffered during our long winter) and lots of great stuff to do in NOTL and area. Here's what's happening in The Village.

Special Meeting of the VCA

Proposed amendments to the VCA Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously approved at the Special Meeting of the VCA held on June 11th. At the meeting new President, Bill Smelser also welcomed Judy McHattie as the VCA's new Recording Officer. Thank you Judy for stepping up to take on this responsibility. It was also agreed that Dave Antaya should talk to lawyers living in the Village to determine if we have a need for Director's Insurance. His findings will be reported at the General Meeting to be held in October.

The Parkette

The Town of NOTL has again provided an assortment of geraniums and petunias to beautify our Parkette. Thanks to Doug Widdicombe for coordinating the delivery of the plants and holding them in his yard until our team of gardeners were able to plant them. This year's team of hard working planters included Mary Taylor, Christiane Faubert, Judy McHattie, Gary Hall, Kirby Davis and Carole Felton. Once again Chris and Doug Phibbs allowed us to use their garden hose and water to give the plants a good soaking after being planted. The gardening team's efforts were inspected by Luba and Warren and the garden deemed to be worthy. Thanks to the team for a job well done.

Weeding

Once the planting has begun then the need for weeding and dead-heading begins. Thanks to our June volunteers - Mary Taylor, Kathy Taylor, Christiane Faubert and Tom and Maureen Goodbody - for getting their hands dirty this month. The gardens look terrific.

There still are four weeks later this season that do not have volunteers to weed. If you can help us Sept 8, 15, 22 or October 6th, please contact Carole at 289 868 8956 or notlvillagenews@gmail.com

And Speaking of Gardens

The 23rd annual NOTL Garden Tour is being held Saturday, July 5th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. 9+ unique gardens are yours to explore for \$10. This year several "hidden garden treasures await....behind some lovely garden gates" located in The Village. Dee & Rob Fahlman's garden at 33 Samuel Street and Susan & Dale DesIslets garden at 30 Elizabeth Street are gardens #2 and 3 on the tour. Garden #4 is called "The Courtyards on Jordan Street" and includes Doug & Laura Gibson's garden at 96 Garrison Village Drive as well as 1 (Mary & Greg Taylor), 3 (Chris Mori & Alexis Spieldenner), 5 (Wayne & Wendy Smith), 7 (Aimee Singzon & Mariano Medina) and 9 (Rick & Carole Felton) Jordan Street.

Tickets can be purchased on-site at all gardens on the day of the tour or on-line at www.notlhortsociety.com This is a fundraising event organized by NOTL Horticultural Society and sponsors include our very own Brookfield Homes (The Village in NOTL) and Bravo Niagara International Music Festival.

A Different Kind of Fertilizer

It is time for my annual rant about dog owners who don't pick up after their furry friends. Thank you to all of you (most of you) who do stoop and clean up. To those who don't I'd like to tell you about a new program that may soon be coming to NOTL. The program was initiated in Naples, Italy who has opted for science and technology to solve this problem. The idea, which is working by the way, is to give every dog in the city a blood test for DNA profiling in order to create a database of

dogs and owners. When an offending pile is discovered, it is scraped up and subjected to DNA testing. The owner then faces a fine of up to 500 euros, or about \$685. Enough said!

Sunset Social & BBQ

Don't forget to join us on Friday, July 4th at 7:00 pm in the Parkette for our next VCA Sunset Social. This is a great way to meet your neighbours and we certainly have several new faces in The Village who have moved in since our last Social. This is also an opportunity for you to pick up your tickets for the VCA Barbeque being held at Jackson Triggs Winery on Sunday, July 13th. Tickets are \$25 for members and \$29 for non members.

What's on Around Town

NOTL Garden Tour - Saturday, July 5th, 10 am to 4:00 pm

- www.notlhortociety.com

Cherry Festival - Saturday, July 5th, 9 am to 3 pm

St. Mark's Anglican Church, Byron St.

Antiques at the Market - Saturday, July 5th (also Antique Appraisal Day)

Niagara Lavender Festival - July 12 & 13

Neob Niagara

Celtic Festival at Fort George - July 12 (Fort opens at 10 am)

VCA Dates to Remember

July 4 - Sunset Social in Parkette

July 13 - Annual BBQ at Jackson Triggs