



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The glorious sunshine over the past few days has melted most of the snow. In corners of the garden the earth has cracked hinting that the tulip bulbs planted last fall are finally making their way out *and* a robin was sitting on the railing of our front stoop yesterday. Despite the cool temperature I'm taking these observations as signs that Spring is just around the corner. With the promise of Spring comes the gearing up of activities in The Village so here's what you need to know.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 and we encourage everyone in The Village to attend. As discussed at our General Meeting last October, a Constitutional Review Committee was established to look at our constitution and by-laws and recommend changes that reflect how we are evolving. Many things have changed since the constitution was first drafted and we know that with the excellent sales experienced by Brookfield over the past year it won't be long before they step out of the picture. We need to be prepared and we need your input to make sure that The Village remains the best place to live in NOTL.

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recently sent all residents in The Village a letter outlining some of the proposed changes to the Board to be discussed at the AGM along with a description of the various positions and a nomination form. Please read this letter over carefully and bring your nominations asap to a member of the committee - Dave Antaya (dantaya@bell.net), Alan Walker (alanwalk@gmail.com), Kathy Taylor (kathy.tim@sympatico.ca).

In Case You Were Wondering

Although all the lights and ribbons have been taken down, you may be wondering why the families of deer in the parks off Garrison Village Drive are still grazing. The answer is that the ground is still too frozen to remove the steel rods that hold the deer up. Although the deer could be removed, the Committee felt it was safer to wait until the rods could be taken out too.

Exciting New Venture

Our very own Village residents, Christine Mori and her daughter Alexis Spieldenner aka “Lady with a Harp” are launching **Bravo Niagara!** a new international music festival dedicated to revitalizing the conventional concert series through inspired and innovative performances.

The Inaugural Festival “Spring into Music @ Stratus” invites you to elevate your senses with the synergy of music and wine on Saturday April 12th. The concert features JUNO Award Winning vocalist Molly Johnson, internationally acclaimed jazz & classical artists and lots more. Ticket prices for afternoon and evening include a tasting of Stratus assemblage wine flights which will serve as a prelude to the musical performances. The evening performance will include the wine flight paired with artisan cheese.

For more information and tickets visit www.bravoniagaraimf.com. There is very limited availability of tickets so don't wait to get yours.

Help Wanted

If you are interested in getting involved in the volunteer board, advisory committee or any other capacity of **Bravo Niagara** call Chris or Alexis at 289.868.9177 or contact@bravoniagaraimf.com

Follow Up

Some months ago a “flash” was sent to all Villagers warning them of a woman canvassing the neighbourhood asking for donations to “kids on drugs”. It appeared her primary purpose was to scout out empty homes but if someone was home she was happy to take your donation for “kids on drugs”. There is however a legitimate registered Canadian charity called

“Smart Kids Don’t Do Drugs” which also canvasses in the area. If you are in doubt, please ask to see their credentials which would include their registration number 86887 9685RR0001.

Around Town

Greater Niagara Home & Garden Show
March 21-23
Scotiabank Convention Centre, Niagara Falls

Byron Consort Choir, Harrow, U.K.
April 4 @ 7:30 pm
St Mark’s Anglican Church

Lent & Easter Concert
April 5 @ 7:00 pm
St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church

Bravo Niagara!
April 12 @ 2:30 and/or 7:30 pm
Stratus Vineyards

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, April 16th - Annual General Meeting
Community Centre

Contact the VCA Executive at notvillagenews@gmail.com
Check out our website at www.niagaravca.ca