



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The “season” has officially started when you hear complaints about being unable to find parking spaces in Town! After a long and brutal winter it is great to see that the tourists have finally arrived and the fun has begun. Thanks to cooler weather the spring flowers have lasted longer than usual this year and The Village looks amazing. The walk to take the dog around the block is taking twice as long as we visit with neighbours puttering in their gardens. Lots of things going on - so get out your calendar. You don't want to miss out.

Good-bye

A very special thank you to three members of the VCA Executive who have recently completed their terms on the Board.

Doug Widdicombe, who has served as President, resigned from the Board to pursue a new career path. Doug put in countless hours working for the Village including successfully dealing with the Town to resolve parking issues along Garrison Village Drive. It's doubtful whether Doug was ever able to take his dog Cooper for a walk without someone stopping him to discuss some concern or make a suggestion. Doug always made time to deal with every issue that came his way and his presence will definitely be missed on the Board.

In addition the terms of Alan Ash, who served as VCA Treasurer, and Jane Chapell, Recording Secretary, have both ended. Both Alan and Jane gave generously of their time, talents and ideas. Their contributions to the VCA are greatly appreciated.

Welcome

At our April 16th AGM we were pleased to unanimously elect Dave Antaya as Vice President. Dave takes over from Bill Smelser who will step into the role of President. Moyra McEachern was unanimously elected as our new Treasurer. We are also pleased to announce that Judy McHattie will be stepping into the role of Recording Secretary. Carole Felton will continue in the role of Corresponding Officer.

Thank you to the Nominating Committee (Kathy Taylor, Dave Antaya and Alan Walker) for putting together the new slate of officers and a special thanks to those new members of the Board who are prepared to offer their time and skills to ensure The Village continues to be the best place to live in NOTL.

Special Meeting

A special meeting of the VCA has been called for the purpose of discussing and voting on amendments to our Constitution and By-Laws to more accurately reflect changes that have taken place in The Village. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 11th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Centre. A formal notice of meeting and proxy along with a full description of proposed changes alongside the current wording will be e-mailed next week. Please note that to make any changes a quorum (51% of current membership) must be present at this meeting so please plan on attending. Remember that 2014/15 membership dues must have been paid in order for you to vote.

Membership

Membership dues for 2014/15 are now being collected. If you have not already paid your dues and received your membership card, please bring \$30 cash or cheque payable to VCA to Moyra McEachern at 86 Garrison Village Drive. Membership dues can also be paid at the special meeting on June 11th. Remember that membership in the VCA gets you discounts at various merchants in town **and** lower ticket prices for the VCA BBQ and Christmas parties.

Social Committee

A warm welcome to Mary Taylor who has joined the VCA Social Committee. This Committee has already been busy planning this year's Christmas party as well as the Sunset Socials and our annual BBQ. The first Sunset Social will be held on Friday, June 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parkette. Music and munchies will be provided. Members are responsible for their own beverages and seating (if desired). This is a great way to get reacquainted with all the snowbirds that have returned **and** the new members of our community.

Gardening

The flowers for our Parkette have been ordered from the Town and should be delivered in the next week. We already have a crew anxious to dig in our new plants as well as volunteers to look after weeding for the months of June and July. We are still looking for volunteers for the weeks of August 11, 18, 25th as well as September 1, 8, 15 and 22 as well as October 6th. Green thumbs are not required - just a willingness to provide a couple of hours once during your designated week to pull out weeds and dead-head the roses. Email notlvillagenews@gmail.com or call Carole at 289-868-8956.

Special Invitation

The NOTL Lawn Bowling Club is currently offering new members half price membership. You are welcome to come out and give it a try before signing up. This is a great way to meet new people. Membership includes free instruction and free use of the rental bowls. For more information call Paul at 905-468-5648 or www.notlbowls.ca

Around Town

As always there is lots to do around Town. In addition to the great selection of plays in this year's season at The Shaw why not support some of the local churches as they put on their annual fundraising events.

First up is St. Marks with their Wine, Wears & More on Saturday, May 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. New and gently used clothing, jewelry, accessories and all things garden will be available for sale. Tickets are also available at St. Marks for \$10 each for their "Gala" being held on Friday before where wine will be served.

This is followed by the Strawberry Festival at St. Andrews on Saturday, June 21st. Everything strawberry - homemade jam, crepes, shortbread, pies and fresh from the garden - will be available. Also featured is St. Andrews' famous Silent Auction. Come out for a great time (the peameal bacon is terrific) and support this historic church.

If you love gardening check out the Shaw Garden Tour on Saturday, June 7th and don't forget to get your tickets for the NOTL Horticultural Society's garden tour on Saturday, July 5th. Several gardens in The Village will be featured in the latter.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 21st - First Supper Market
Saturday, May 24th - First Farmer's Market
Friday, June 6th - Sunset Social
Wednesday, June 11th - Special VCA Meeting
Friday, July 4th - Sunset Social
Sunday July 13th - Annual VCA BBQ
Friday, August 8th - Sunset Social
Friday, September 5th - Sunset Social
Saturday, September 13th - Village Garage Sale

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