



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Came across an article last week where mention was made of a Village resident who had headed a team of volunteers to raise money for the Military Families Fund. Approximately \$2,100 was raised at Music Niagara's Remembrance Day Concert and "soup canteen" lunch provided by Kathy Taylor and her team. Kathy's team of volunteers also included other Village residents. I got to thinking how often I see the names of Village folk mentioned for doing something worthwhile in our community. Gives me a warm feeling knowing that our neighbours are such giving and caring people. What an awesome neighbourhood we live in! Great work Kathy!

More About Volunteers

This year the Decorating Committee had 31 volunteers helping to prepare The Village for Christmas. Chairman Dana Branscombe did an amazing job of organizing everything and giving us lessons in how to decorate the lamp posts or trees assigned to us. Let me tell you it is not as easy as it looks and the Committee deserve medals for tackling this huge project on their own for the past few years. Everyone that participated had a great time since most paired with another couple to get the work done. Not everybody could physically help get the decorations out but many contributed financially and to date \$1,120 has been raised by residents to cover the costs of new decorations and storage.

Light Up

Everyone is invited to join us for our annual Light Up on Sunday, November 30th at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in Dietsch Park for the light up of the park as well as the Parkette and do a little carol singing to put us in the festive mood. Everyone is then invited to walk over to the Presentation Centre for a hot drink and cookies. For those who haven't made a contribution to the cost, a collection box will be available. For those who like baking, contributions of cookies would also be appreciated.

Christmas Party

Have you got your tickets for this year's Christmas party, Friday, December 12th at Jackson Triggs? Seating is limited so make sure you get in touch with Erna Antaya at 905-468-9505 - 42 Elizabeth Street to get your tickets. Tickets are \$115 per person for members. \$125 for non members.

Collection for Refuse/Recycling Workers

Thank you to Carol Fraser (12 Blackbird Street) and Dee Fahlman (33 Samuel Street) for volunteering to collect our monetary gifts for the men who collect our garbage and recycling every week. Pick up in laneways is done as a courtesy to residents and we would like to show our appreciation. A \$20 donation per household is suggested. Carol and Dee will divide the funds received between the two trucks and give the workers a card with names and addresses of all those who contributed.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the organization of our Parkette gardening. The job entails getting in touch with the Town early in the new year to order the plants, arranging for delivery, organizing a team of volunteers to plant and then sending out weekly reminders to residents who have offered to weed and dead head. This is not a huge time commitment and does not require a green thumb.

We also are looking for members for the Nominating Committee. We have three positions to fill on May 1st - President, Vice President and Corresponding Officer. Again this is not a huge time commitment but is important for the ongoing work of the VCA.

VCA Contact List

If your membership is paid up you should have received an email copy of the VCA Contact List. Please make sure that you check your listing and report any errors or changes required to notlvillagenews@gmail.com If you notice that your neighbour is not listed chances are their membership has lapsed so remind them to bring their \$30 membership fee to our Treasurer, Moyra McEachern at 86 Garrison Village Drive. Updated lists will be forwarded as changes are warranted. Please remember that the list is for "social" purposes only. It is **not** to be used for solicitation purposes.

What's Happening in Town

Friday, December 5th & Saturday, December 6th

Rotary Festive House Tour

Call Alan Walker for tickets & information

Friday, December 5th - **Candlelight Stroll**

Choirs & entertainment and carolling

Downtown NOTL - 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th - **FESTIVE FAIR** at St. Andrew's
Crafts, baking, chocolates, jam, Granny's Attic, Deli.
Tea Room with fresh scones & jam

Saturday, December 13th - **Santa Claus Parade**
11:00 a.m. - downtown NOTL
Bring gifts of non perishable food

Saturday, December 13th - **Music Niagara Christmas Concert**
with Vocalis Chamber Choir
7:30 p.m. St. Mark's Church
Call 905-468-5566 for tickets

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New Web site to be unveiled shortly!!