



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

(thevillagenotl.ca)

Temperatures may not be as consistently warm as we'd like but I know spring has arrived. The announcement was made in the wee hours of the morning, as it has been in the past two years, by a pair of geese that contemplate nesting in the pond created by melted snow in the vacant piece of property at the entrance to The Village. This year their honking was fortunately not accompanied by the thumping of geese feet on our roof. Perhaps our neighbours on Norton received that wake up call. Their arrival was soon followed by spring bulbs breaking through, the return of prettier bird songs in the air and best of all, neighbours returning to their gardens or out for walks in the warmer air.

Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held at the Community Centre on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:00 and we encourage everyone in The Village to attend. Please mark the date on your calendar. Your input is needed to make sure that The Village remains the best place to live in NOTL. A formal notice and agenda will be sent out at the end of the month outlining the important issues we are dealing with.

Nominating Committee

Nominations are still open for three positions on the VCA Executive - President, Vice-President and Corresponding Officer. If you would like to nominate someone or are interested in serving yourself, please contact Kirby Davis (kirb.davis@icloud.com), Carole Felton (cfelton1@cogeco.ca) or Chris Henry (chrishenry8@gmail.com).

Knock, Knock

With the warmer weather come the salesmen and canvassers to our doors. Several Village members have warned that not everyone who knocks on our doors represents a legitimate charity or reputable company. Ask to see

their credentials including their charitable registration number or ask if they are a member of the Better Business Bureau.

Laneways

Please remember to slow down when using the laneways. These are private laneways and should only be used by the residents living there not being used for shortcuts. Drivers leaving their garages are driving blindly and cannot see vehicles coming down the laneway. SLOW DOWN!

April Showers & May Flowers

Our AGM is later than usual this year so if you would like to help plant the petunias and geraniums for our parkette or could volunteer to weed the garden one week during the summer please contact Carole Felton at cfelton1@cogeco.ca In the past we have had enough volunteers to limit their work load to a single week. Let's try to keep that enthusiasm going.

Looking For Something New To Do?

Why not try lawn bowling? This is an excellent way to get some gentle exercise, satisfy your competitive nature and make new friends through their social activities. The Lawn Bowling Club meets Monday, Wednesday and Saturdays behind the Community Centre from mid April til October. For the keen ones, activities move indoors for the winter. Cost is \$50 for the year but is not payable until you've tried the game out and decided you enjoy it. For more information call Paul McHoull at 905-468-5648 or pmchoull@cogeco.ca.

What Your Neighbours are Up To

Thank you to the unrecognized couple who rolled up their sleeves and cleaned up the garbage in the vacant lot off the entrance to The Village. You did a great job. Thank you.

The second annual "Spring into Music @ Stratus" promises an extraordinary experience the weekend of April 24th & 25th. For more information and tickets visit bravoniagara.org or call 289-868-9177. There is limited availability of tickets so don't wait to get yours.

LifeLongLearning provides stimulating learning experiences to seniors and is opening a chapter in our area. Their first meeting will be held on April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at the Armenian Community Centre at 156 Martindale. "Why the English language is so wacky" is the topic presented by Katharine Barber, Canada's Word Lady, who supervised the publication of two editions of Canadian Oxford Dictionary.

Around Town

Tickets now on sale for Jackson Triggs summer concerts
www.greateststatesniagara.com or 1-866-589-4637

Bravo Niagara!

April 24 @ 7:30 pm - Soprano Julia Bullock

April 25 @ 2:00 pm - Pianists Mari Kodama & Karin Kei Nagano
Stratus Vineyards

Run for Alzheimer's Research - April 25th
Registration @ 2:30 pm at Simcoe Park
www.liferunningseries.com.

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 27th - 7:00 pm
Annual General Meeting
Community Centre

First Sunset Social June 5th
7:00 pm in Parkette

Contact the VCA Executive at notlvillagenews@gmail.com
Check out our website at: thevillagenotl.ca