



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

These definitely are the lazy, hazy days of summer!! Lots to do around Town and hundreds of tourists milling around Queen Street, filling the pubs and restaurants, cycling to the wineries and craft brew houses, visiting the theatre and enjoying the unique flavour of Niagara-on-the-Lake. What an exciting place to be in the summer. Those of us who live in The Village get to enjoy it all year round. July is extra busy so grab a cold drink and see what's happening.

VCA Executive

The VCA Executive is still looking for someone to fill the role of Treasurer. Please contact Bill Smelser to offer your services to complete the term or to nominate someone whom you believe could perform this important function. Bill can be reached at 905-468-0986.

Gardens

By the time this newsletter is circulated the planting of geraniums will finally be underway. If you signed up to dead-head geraniums and roses and pull up weeds and your date has come and gone, Mona Babin will be in touch to reschedule your week. If your date hasn't arrived yet, Mona will be in touch at the beginning of your week to remind you. This year Mona will be having two gardeners going out each week so the gardens will always look neat and fresh. If you enjoy the gardens and can volunteer a couple of hours to help keeping them looking beautiful contact Mona at mtmbabin@gmail.com or 34 Brock Street.

Gardening Tip - Avoid watering in the hot afternoon when the water is lost to wind and evaporation. Best time to water is between 6:00-10:00 a.m. or if you can't manage that then aim for 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Public Open House

Please remember to attend this important meeting being hosted by the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake on Monday, July 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Simpson Room at the Community Centre. John Hawley has been working with the Town as they replace the Town's zoning regulations with the "proposed development permit by-law for The Village". This by-law will also include "design guidelines" and will affect everyone living in The Village so come out and express your opinions and show the Town that we are a concerned and involved community.

Many of us attended public meetings last year concerning the amendments to Official Plan and Zoning requested for the property located at 223-227 Mary Street. A further meeting is scheduled for July 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Community Centre.

Social Committee

The first Sunset Social of the year will be held on July 8th from 7:00 p.m. to dusk in Dietsch Park (corner of Garrison Village Drive and Brock Road). Munchies will be provided. Bring your own drinks. Men to Boys from Milton, Ontario will be performing and if you want to have a laugh or sing along - Dietsch Park is the place to be this Friday.

Breakfast/Games Day - Saturday, July 23rd at 9:00 a.m. in Presentation Centre Park

Do you have your ticket for this year's VCA Annual Barbeque? Being held on Saturday, August 14th, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Jackson Triggs our Social Committee has planned not just food but games, music and fun. Tickets are \$25/person for members and \$30 for non-members. Contact Sue Des Islets at 39 Elizabeth Street, 289-868-8856 for tickets or more information.

VCA Dog Show - Saturday, September 17th, 1:00 p.m. in Presentation Centre Park

VCA Annual Christmas Party - Friday, December 9th, 6:30-10:00 p.m. in Addison Hall

MEMBERS CORNER

If you are involved in an activity that you would like advertised in the newsletter get in touch with Carole Felton at cfelton1@cogeco.ca

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY **25TH ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR** (Gary Hall)

This is your chance to wander through 12 inspiring private gardens located at the water's edge, through Old Town and out into Virgil. Saturday, July 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 on the day. For more information and to buy tickets go to www.notlhortsociety.com/gardentour.html.

What's Happening in Town

Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Celtic Festival at Fort George

July 9 & 10
Lavender Festival at NEOB

Friday, July 22
Passion at Mori Gardens
Wine, food & cultural arts event

Sunday, July 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Corvette, Classic & Hot Rod Car Show
Reif Estate Winery

Wed. July 27 - Sat. July 30
St. David's Lions Carnival

July 29 - July 31
Niagara Jazz Festival
visit: www.niagrajazzfestival.com

July 30-July 31
Art by the Lighthouse
Pumphouse Art Show & Sale

Ongoing NOTL historical tours
Niagara Historical Society & Museum
905-468-3912

Your VCA Executive:

Bill Smelser, President
Dave Antaya, Vice President
TBA, Treasurer
Judy McHattie, Recording Officer
Laura Jeffrey, Corresponding Officer

Contact the VCA Executive at notlvillagenews@gmail.com

Check out our website at www.thevillagenotl.ca

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