



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

We may be complaining about the hot and dry weather but you have to admit the weather is providing us with some amazing fruit. Although maybe a little smaller than in other years the peaches and apricots have been extra sweet and delicious. We are so lucky to live in an area where there are so many farmer's stands nearby selling a wonderful variety of freshly picked fruits and vegetables as well as local honey, jams and jellies. And we can walk to the Farmer's Market on Saturday morning, grab a great breakfast sandwich, fresh grape juice and buy gorgeous flowers for your table and whatever fruit and vegetable is in season. Doesn't get any better than this in my opinion!

Shred-it

Clean out those file cabinets and desk drawers and bring all your paper to this year's annual **Shred-it** fundraiser. Saturday, August 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the parking lot at Meridian Credit Union, 1567 Niagara Stone Road in Virgil. \$6.00 for a banker's box or 3 boxes for \$15.00. Tidy up your office and support this worthwhile fundraiser for hospice. All proceeds go to support the Niagara-on-the-Lake Community Palliative Care Service.

Gardens

The Town finally finished their work around the parkette in early July and a hard working group of planters joined Mona to tidy the gardens and plant the geraniums in the flower beds bordering the park. Thank you to Christiane Faubert, Randy Churchill, Pat Klotz, Rob Williams and Mona and Chantel Babin for getting their hands dirty and making the gardens look so attractive. Check out the pictures at our website - www.thevillagenotl.ca With the hot dry weather we've had this summer we also need to thank Chris & Doug Phibbs for supplying water to give the plants a long drink after being planted and a very special thank you to Bill Smelser who watered and tended the plants **for 2 months** before the gardens were ready. July weeders were Carole Felton, Randy Churchill and John Roynon - a big thank you to them too.

We are still looking for a few more people to help with the job of deadheading the geraniums and pulling weeds from September 19th on into October. Only 29 plants so not a huge job of deadheading and since the garden is being weeded weekly, tackling the weeds is not a huge job either. If you want to help contact Mona at mtmbabin@gmail.com or 34 Brock Street.

Gardening Tip: Got pesky weeds poking up through the patio stones or in the gravel in your parking pad? Try spraying with 10% vinegar available in the household cleaning department at Penners. Don't dilute and don't use on weeds in your grass.

Parking

The issue of overnight parking for our guests is still being discussed and the Town is planning a meeting later this fall to discuss possible solutions. Thank you to those residents who have made our concerns known to Town Hall and have got the ball rolling.

Social Committee

Here are two events that you won't want to miss:

The first annual VCA Dog Show - Sunday, September 18th, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in Village Market Place. Rain date - September 25th.

This is a charity event in support of the Niagara Falls Humane Society and will include a fun dog show with opportunities for your furry canine friend to dress up or perform his best trick. You don't have to have a dog to join the fun - food trucks, sponsor displays and a silent auction will also be part of the afternoon's fun. More details are available in the note & registration form hand delivered to your door this weekend. If you did not receive a copy or want more information contact Marlene Sibbald, 2 Norton Street, 289-868-8610 or Marg Churchill, 41 Brock Street, 416-805-9846.

Tax receipts will be issued by the Humane Society for all donations received (but not for purchases at the food trucks or silent auction). Also please contact Marlene or Marg if you have any items or services you would like to donate. Donations already received include golf lessons, gourmet dinner and pizza parties, gift certificates from local merchants, art by local artists and much more.

BREAKING NEWS!! - Marlene has just received confirmation that Dave McMahon, Professional dog trainer and host of the popular Dog Talk Radio Show on 610 AM CKTB will be attending the VCA Dog Show and will have a demonstration by the Dave McMahon Dog Training Academy. This is going to be an *awesome* event. Mark your calendars so you don't miss it.

VCA Annual Christmas Party - Friday, December 9th, 6:30-10:00 p.m. in Addison Hall. Watch our newsletter for further details.

If you have some ideas for events that will bring The Village community together for fun and fellowship, please contact any of the members of the Social Committee: Mary Taylor, Susan Des Islets, Fran Anderson, Marg Churchill, Heidi Brown and Marlene Sibbald.

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

MODERNISMA (Alan Walker)

A group of devoted art lovers have been working for the past several months “to establish a new, prestigious, fully accessible Visual Art Gallery in Historic Old Town.” You are invited to help support the Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Art Gallery initiative by coming out for this showing of original oil paintings by Ron Clavier. Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. in Tom Gauld’s Barn, Firelane Four, Niagara-on-the-Lake (1st barn on left). Please RSVP notlpublicartgallery@gmail.com

For more information check out our website - www.thevillagenotl.ca

What’s Happening in Town

Peach Celebration

Saturday/Sunday August 13/14 - 10 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.
Queen Street
905-468-1950

Fife & Drum Muster & Soldier’s Field Day

Saturday/Sunday August 13/14
Fort George
905-468-6614

Peach Festival

Sunday, August 14 - 10:30 a.m. til 3:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Church
905-468-7272

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Echoes of Niagara’s Past

Saturday/Sunday August 27/28
Fort George
905-468-6614

Festival Market

Saturday September 3 - 8:00 a.m. til 3:00 p.m.
Grace United Church

What's Happening in the Village

Farmer's Market every Saturday
from 8:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m.
Fresh fruit & vegetables, jams, flowers & more - all local

Supper Market every Wednesday
5:00 p.m. til dusk

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1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Village Market Place

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Friday, December 9th

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 notvillagenews@gmail.com
Check out our website at www.thevillagenotl.ca
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