



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

The grandkids have all gone back to school and the bicycles, Tonka toys and noise have disappeared. Although the heat, humidity and fruit flies are telling us summer is not over yet life seems to be getting back to normal in The Village. As usual we have lots of fresh fruit and vegetable markets to choose from. Eating peaches are just about finished but the first of the apples and pears are now arriving. Just tried a Ginger Gold apple - crisp and juicy which bodes well for the other varieties of apples. The fall flowers have started replacing the tired and sad looking summer blooms and bulbs are arriving in the stores. In another few weeks the cooler temperatures will arrive and then the pruning and bulb planting will start in earnest. Enjoy! Won't be long before we are complaining of the cold and snow.

The Forward Planning Committee

Under the chairmanship of Mike Siverns, this recently formed committee is holding an Open House on Saturday, September 24th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. As a resident of The Village you will want to be there to hear the latest on the architectural codes and development permit by-laws and to hear the results of the recently circulated survey. This is your opportunity to give your input to how the VCA can better serve and engage our community. This meeting is for ***all*** residents, not just VCA members, so encourage your neighbours to come out too.

Gardens

If you've taken a walk on Garrison Village Drive you can't help but notice how lovely our parkette looks. A big thank you to the August weeders who made it possible. With all the heat and humidity it's been a big job keeping on top of those weeds this year. Thanks to Sylvia Angelkotter, Carol & Robin Fraser, Randy Churchill, Rob & Dee Fahlman and Luba & Warren Fraser.

Volunteers are still needed for the weeks of September 12th & 26th plus all of October. Only 29 geranium plants so it is not a huge job of deadheading and since the garden is weeded weekly, tackling the weeds is usually not a huge job either. If you want to help contact Mona at mtmbabin@gmail.com or 34 Brock Street.

Social Committee

Hope you remembered to register your pooch for ***the first annual VCA Dog Show - taking place on Sunday, September 18th, from 1:00-4:00 p.m.*** in Village Market Place. Rain date - September 25th. Forgot? You and your furry friend won't get listed

in the program but contact Marlene Sibbald, 2 Norton Street, 289-868-8610 or Marg Churchill, 41 Brock Street, 416-805-9846 and I'm sure they can accomodate you

This charity event, in support of the Niagara Falls Humane Society, will be fun for everyone not just dog owners. Food trucks, a silent auction (over 80 items at last count), a demonstration by the Dave McMahon Dog Training Academy as well as an opportunity for your canine friend to dress up or perform his best trick. Tax receipts will be issued by the Humane Society for all donations received (but not for purchases at the food trucks, vendors or silent auction).

Remember to mark your calendar for this year's **VCA Annual Christmas Party** - Friday, December 9th, 6:30-10:00 p.m. in Addison Hall. Watch our newsletter for further details.

As always the Social Committee: Mary Taylor, Susan Des Islets, Fran Anderson, Marg Churchill, Heidi Brown and Marlene Sibbald would be happy to hear your ideas for social events.

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

What's Happening in Town

POLO Niagara

Saturday September 10 - noon til 5:00 p.m.

The Commons

General Admission - \$15

Proceeds to the Niagara Historical Society & Museum

Trunk & Junk Sale

Saturday, September 17th - 9:00 til noon

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Grand Canadian Steampunk Exposition

Sept. 23 - Sept 25

Fort George

Furry Scurry Walk-a-thon

Saturday, Sept. 24

Niagara Falls Humane Society

905-356-4404

Stonethrow Stone Festival

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

A celebration of stone, craft & community
stonethrow.willowbank.ca

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 until Sept. 21st
5:00 p.m. til dusk

First Annual VCA Dog Show
Sunday, September 18th
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Village Market Place

VCA Christmas Party
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 notlvillagenews@gmail.com

Check out our website at www.thevillagenotl.ca

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