



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Admit it - you're breathing a small sigh of relief. This year's season at Shaw is over. Thanksgiving has passed and the local businesses have started cutting back their hours and others have closed until the spring. You can actually turn left onto Mississauga Street without having to wait forever to find a break in traffic. We crossed the border this week *without having to line up* to get into the U.S. to buy a supply of Jiff peanut butter. Cool enough we don't need air conditioning but warm enough the furnace doesn't need to be turned on. New wines to sample, crisp apples to chomp on not to mention 2 for 1 Tea at Prince of Wales and Fabulicious. Niagara-on-the-Lake is an awesome place to live year round but these next couple of months could be my favourite.

Gardens

The Town has pulled out the geraniums and put our parkette gardens to bed for winter. Many thanks to Mona Babin who did a great job of coordinating our Village green thumbs keeping the gardens in the parkette looking fresh and beautiful. Thanks also goes to our October gardeners who were Bill Smelser and Laura Jeffrey.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

VCA Annual Christmas Party

Have you bought your tickets for this year's VCA Christmas party? They are selling fast so don't wait any longer. This year's event will once again take place at Addison Hall on the grounds of St. Mark's Anglican Church, Byron Street on Friday, December 9th from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.. Contact Susan Des Islets at 39 Elizabeth Street to buy your tickets today. Tickets are \$45/person for VCA members and \$55 for non members. Please make your cheque payable to "VCA". Last year's sold out crowd couldn't say enough about the fabulous gourmet food and excellent wines. What better way to get to know more of your Village neighbours and get into the Christmas spirit?

Don't forget 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 and to have your feedback about the events they organize.

More about Christmas

This year's light up will be held on Sunday, November 27th at dusk in a location to be announced. Dale's crew of elves will soon be receiving training in the art of decorating and then from November 13th to 26th will be busy hanging lights, swags and garland from trees and lamp posts in the Village parks. The lights will be on from dusk to midnight from light up to mid January turning the Village into a Winter Wonderland. Many thanks to Dale Des Islets for taking over this big job that gives so much pleasure to all residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake and its many guests.

Want to share more Christmas joy?

There are many women living in shelters in the Niagara area who will be doing without this Christmas. How about making their Christmas a little merrier by filling a gently used or new purse with gifts of love? Cosmetics, books, socks, hats, gloves, tea, candy - you get the idea. If you would like to participate in ***The Purse Project*** drop off your filled purse at 23 Brock Street, the home of Dee Steele. Deadline is November 27th and purses can be dropped off before November 10th and after November 22nd. *Fill a purse with LOVE and a woman's heart with HOPE.*

Nominations for 2017 VCA Elections

This is a great way to get involved in The Village and to meet more of the residents living here. This year we are looking for nominations for President, Vice President and Communications Officer which are all two year terms. If you would like to get involved or wish to nominate someone please contact Mona Babin, Chairman of the Nomination Committee at 34 Brock Street or a member of the current Executive at the email shown at the end of the newsletter. The Village is entering a new and critical phase in its existence now that Brookfield has almost finished building in the community and has closed their sales office. We all love living here so let's make sure the VCA is led by concerned and involved people who want to ensure this is still the best place in the area to live.

Another Warning

Last month a caution was given about robberies taking place in Old Town. This month the caution falls even closer to home after several of our residents had reason to call police regarding a local 55 year old man walking around the Village. The man is known to police and was recently released after being charged with breaking and entering. He is homeless and is looking for places to stay warm and dry. Police are keeping a closer eye out in our area but ask that you make sure your doors - house and auto - are locked and keep an eye on your yards, especially if you have anything that can be used for a shelter. Police have said that you should not try to interact with the man who they say is mentally unstable but call them right away. This is another good reason to make arrangements to make sure your house looks lived in if you are away.

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS

John Hawley of Traditional Neighbourhood Developments Inc. invites us all to participate in a presentation followed by a Q&A that will address The Village Architectural codes (origin, intent, current and future administration) as well as a brief history of the development and future development. The meeting will be held at the Community Centre, main auditorium from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th. Your questions, comments and concerns are welcome in advance. Contact John at John.Hawley12@gmail.com

MEMBERS CORNER

Remembrance Day

Kathy Taylor on Colonel Cohoe sent a reminder about the third annual 'canteen lunch' taking place immediately after the Remembrance Day service which takes place at 10:45 a.m. at the Cenotaph on Queen Street. The event held at Addison Hall is a 'pay as you can' event with all proceeds going to the "families of fallen soldiers fund" in Ottawa. Following the lunch Music Niagara will put on a one hour concert in St. Mark's Anglican Church on Byron Street. Musicians volunteer their time and the church donates its facilities. Last year \$1,500 was raised for this worthy cause. Come on out and pay tribute to our veterans and support this important fund.

Rotary House Tour

This year's tour, celebrating its 18th year, includes a home in The Village, The Hawley House at 42 Garrison Village. Six distinctive, individually decorated homes are featured in addition to several annual sites such as RiverBrink and McFarland House. This year St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on Simcoe Street will have a special lunch available from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in addition to tours of their 222 year old church. More than \$650,000 has been raised through this terrific annual event. December 2nd & 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30. Check out their webside for more details at www.niagaraonthelakerotary.ca or talk to Alan Walker of Blackbird Street.

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

Remembrance Day Services

Friday, November 11
10:30 a.m. in Old Town
12:30 p.m. in Queenston

FABULICIOUS

November 10-17

For menus & participating restaurants check
[signaturekitchensof notl.com](http://signaturekitchensofnotl.com)

Christmas Emporium at the Rectory

Saturday, November 26, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Mark's Anglican Church Rectory, Byron Street
Unique Christmas gifts, linen, lamps & more

Rotary House Tour

Dec. 2nd & 3rd (see above)

Get your tickets now

www.niagaraonthelakerotary.com

Candlelight Stroll

Friday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Courthouse, Queen Street

Festive Fair

December 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Simcoe Street

Tea Room, homemade baking & jams,

Christmas gifts & crafts and those wonderful pot pies

Film Series

At Shaw Festival Theatre beginning December 3rd

See Niagara Advance for listings

What's Happening in the Village

Village Christmas Light Up

Sunday, November 27th

VCA Christmas Party

Friday, December 9th

Addison Hall, Byron Street

Your VCA Executive:

Bill Smelser, President

Dave Antaya, Vice President

Ron McKenzie, 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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