



VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

Recently a friend living in Old Town had her house broken into. All recorded via security cameras, it took 2 1/2 minutes for the thief to break in and less than 5 minutes for him to walk away with 4 generations worth of family jewelry. They were not on holiday. The husband went to work as usual and the wife went to a medical appointment. Cameras showed that there was a lookout parked in the area to alert the thief if someone came home. This was one of about 5 robberies in the area that appear to have been committed by the same team. So here is my annual plea - if you are going away please don't advertise. Make arrangements for someone to pick up your papers or call the paper to have service discontinued. For snowbirds make sure that before the snow starts to fly you have someone lined up to shovel your front steps and sidewalks. Not only does that make your home look lived in, it is a courtesy for your neighbours and the many dog walkers who use the sidewalks.

The Forward Planning Committee

The introduction to this new committee took place on Saturday 24th at the Community Centre. The meeting was very well attended and it was good to see a cross section of both new and old residents of The Village. Chaired by Mike Siverns we were brought up to date on architectural codes and development permit by-laws and heard the results of the recently circulated survey. The majority of time was spent with residents voicing their concerns, their hopes and offering suggestions. Thanks to Mike and his team, Dana Branscombe, Dales Desislets, Frank Coster, Mona Babin and Luba Fraser for undertaking to determine how we ensure that The Village continues to be a place we love to live.

Gardens

Thanks to September gardeners Renee Harrison, David Antscherl and Pat Klotz. The gardens continue to look terrific thanks to our willing volunteers.

The Town will soon be preparing the beds for winter but in the meantime Mona said she has nobody helping in 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 can help contact Mona at mtmbabin@gmail.com or 34 Brock Street.

Post Boxes

We've all watched the shelter going up in the park at the corner of Perez and Garrison Village Drive and wondered if this is the long promised new home for our post boxes. John Hawley offered this comment - "We're probably a month away before the switchover is complete. We started installing the pads and landscaping on our side. Brookfield should be installing theirs in a few days. Then Canada Post will do an inspection and organize for the delivery of the new boxes and decommission the existing boxes."

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

First Annual Dog Show

Despite the mini monsoon that opened the show on Sunday, September 18th in Village Market Place all our furry friends and their owners had a great time at this event. Thanks to Marlene Sibbald and Marg Churchill for doing such an awesome job of organizing the event which included a red carpet and show ring. Approximately 30 doggies were entered in five different categories: loveable & well behaved; loveable and not so well behaved; best trick; costume; owner/dog look alike. Over 200 people were in attendance as well as 8 vendors including food trucks. Thanks to every one who participated and especially those who helped set up and take down and the many people who contributed to the silent auction tables. Over 80 wonderful items were available for bidding. \$11,000 was raised for the Niagara Falls Humane Society. Plans are already underway for the second annual Village Dog show to be held in September, 2017. Congratulations ladies on this great event!! Looking forward to next year.

VCA Annual Christmas Party

Taking place on Friday, December 9th from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at Addison Hall on the grounds of St. Mark's Anglican Church. Tickets are now on sale - \$45/person for VCA members and \$55 for non members.

Due to capacity limits of the hall, this popular event was sold out last year so buy your ticket now and avoid disappointment. This is a great evening of socializing with neighbours and friends while enjoying delectable gourmet food and delicious wines in a festive setting. Cheques can be made payable to "Village Community Association" or "VCA" If you didn't get your ticket at the General Meeting, contact a member of the Social Committee.

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.

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 a member of the current Executive at the email shown at the end of the newsletter.

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

Bubble Soccer Tournament

Saturday, October 15th
Fund raiser for Red Roof Retreat
570 River Road, Welland
www.redroofretreat.com/bubble-soccer-tournament

Hurray for Hollywood!

Tenor, Michael Toby

Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 p.m.
St. Andrew's Kirk Hall, Simcoe Street
Tickets - \$20 at church office or at the door

Remembrance Day Services

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

Rotary House Tour

Dec. 2nd & 3rd
Get your tickets now
www.niagaraonthelakerotary.com
905-351-3807

What's Happening in the Village

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

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Check out our website at www.thevillagenoti.ca
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