



Village Community Association

Newsletter

December 2016

As another busy year in the Village draws to a close, it is a time for both celebration and reflection. We are truly blessed to live in The Village and to have developed a real sense of Community, with Village residents also making significant contributions to the broader NOTL community.

As with most Communities, from time to time there are issues; this year there have been what might be characterized broadly as traffic management issues. The tensions that these have caused within our “family” are but minor irritants, and they are solvable, especially if we work together as effectively as we do on the social side of what makes the Village so special.

Rotary Holiday House Tour – The Village Responds

The Rotary Club of Niagara on the Lake recently held its 18th annual Holiday House Tour, which, with the annual Candlelight stroll marks the unofficial start to the Holiday season. The Village made a significant contribution to this year’s Tour; Liz and John Hawley allowed the Club to feature their home as one of the 6 shown this year, and for many visitors it was the “wow” home.

Many Village residents also staffed a number of the Volunteer positions required at each home, and not only made it a great success, but had a really good time in the process.

Village Christmas Party

What can one say about this year’s Village Christmas Party? There are not enough superlatives to describe the magical evening we enjoyed; fine food and wine, lively conversation and Addison Hall looking its best, with 102 residents in attendance, a “record” for the Event.

Congratulations go out to the Social Committee; Fran Anderson, Heidi Brown, Marg Churchill, Susan Des Islets, Marlene Sibbald, and Mary Taylor for organizing this for us. Thanks are also in order to Dave Antaya for arranging for (and taste testing) the wines from Chateau des Charmes and the beer from Silversmith. This is a hazardous job but I know that Dave is always up to the challenge. Finally, what can we say about the fine food that was provided by our caterer, Collin Goodine. I’m sure we will be discussing next year’s party with Collin soon before he gets too busy.

The Village Lights at Christmas

This spectacular annual display is rapidly becoming a much anticipated Village tradition and a Holiday Season attraction for visitors to the Town. Once again, the Team, this year led by Dale Deslslets and his many helpers from the Village, have provided us with an absolutely wonderful Symphony of Lights in our parks and parkettes.

Good Neighbours

As you are all aware, there have been a number of break-ins in the Old Town, and we may not be immune in the Village.

A number of Village residents will be escaping the winter for extended periods and we would ask that you don't inadvertently advertise this fact. For example, we would remind you to make arrangements for someone to shovel your walk, following a snowfall.

Please also ensure, that your front porch and steps are also cleared of snow and your papers are taken in; both the Town Crier and Niagara Advance can cancel delivery of their papers if requested. Call 905-468-3283 for the Niagara Advance or 905 688-2444 ext. 265 for the Town Crier.

The VCA Executive Update

By way of a reminder nominations for positions on the VCA Executive are now being accepted and VCA Members are encouraged to participate. The positions open are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Recording Officer and Corresponding Officer.

All Members of the Executive are expected to attend monthly Board meetings and the two General meetings held each year. They will also assist in Committee work and work on Special Projects that may arise. Should you have any questions regarding the positions and/or require a nomination application form, please contact a member of the Nomination Committee:

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Forward Planning Committee Update

As was announced in a letter to all residents a few weeks ago, the Executive Board received The Forward Planning Committee Report on October 18, and a small revision to one section was completed on October 21, 2016. The report with its entire set of appendices will be placed on the web site as soon as possible. The Report will be accompanied by a short preamble from the Executive that is the result of further review and added input from subsequent investigations.

Niagara-on-the-Lake Public Library

The NOTL Public Library is now closed for the Interior Renovation Project. Public computers, printing services, magazines, newspapers and paperbacks are available in the Community Centre Café. On January 3rd, library service resumes in the Community Centre with a small but varied selection of materials including new titles and inter-library loan service. NOTL Public Library members are also entitled to borrow from any Niagara Falls Public Library branch free of charge until June 30th, 2017. For more information about the project, please visit www.notlpubliclibrary.org/renovation.html . A video about the project is also available at www.notlpubliclibrary.org/renovation.html .

What's Happening in Town

Film Series (Feature Films) – Shaw Festival

December 17, 31, January 6, 13, 20 and 27 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Festival Theatre,
10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0 Canada

Penguin Swim / Red Roof Retreat

December 26

First Night. The St Andrews Society invites you to a New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance

December 31, 2016 @ 8:00 pm - January 1, 2017 @ 1:00 am

Niagara-on-the-Lake Courthouse,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Canada

2016 New Year's Day Levee

January 1, 2017 @ 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Fort George,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0 Canada

Bravo Niagara! Presents Divine Brown

January 14, 2017 @ 8:30 pm - 11:00 pm

Peller Estates Winery,
290 John St East,, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0 Canada

Sparkle & Ice Diamond Gala

January 20, 2017 @ 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Niagara-on-the-Lake Courthouse,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Canada

Niagara-on-the-Lake Icewine Village

January 21, 2017 @ 11:00 am - January 22, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Queen Street Icewine Village,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario L0S 1J0 Canada

Bravo Niagara! Presents Molly Johnson

January 21, 2017 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Niagara-on-the-Lake Courthouse,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario Canada

**Niagara-on-the-Lake Icewine Festival – Flash and Panache Cocktail
Competition**

January 21, 2017 @ 9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Queen Street Icewine Village,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario LOS 1J0 Canada

White on Ice Dinner

January 27, 2017 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Queen Street Icewine Village,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario LOS 1J0 Canada

Bravo Niagara! Presents an Intimate Look at Oscar Peterson

January 27, 2017 @ 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Festival Theatre,
10 Queen's Parade, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario LOS 1J0 Canada

Shop, Sip, Sample and Savour

January 28, 2017 @ 11:00 am - January 29, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Queen Street Icewine Village,
26 Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario LOS 1J0 Canada