

DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 21, 2021 - VCA MEETING



Committee Chair: Dale Desllets

2020-2021 Review:

- This year, we added additional garlands on lampposts and trees along Macdonell as far as the community mailbox area, more lights on more trees (and on existing trees) in Dietsch Park, and lumières in the small park on Brock Street between Kirby and Murray, thanks to a donation last spring from the Hawley family.
- We decided to extend the lighting season for about a month, to January 31, to offset the gloom of a Covid winter, and received positive feedback from the neighbourhood.
- In case you missed it, our Village lumière display in 2019 won an Award of Excellence at the Niagara Biennial Design Awards, which was announced last November. Part of our submission was a short video (donated by Doug Widdicombe) that highlights our annual lumière display.
- Most important—none of the wonderful tree, lamppost and lumière displays would be possible without the contributions of many of your neighbours who volunteered in good weather, and (often) bad to set up, look after, and take down the lights throughout the neighbourhood. Let's give them some recognition---they are:

Joe Allevato
John Anderson
Dave Antaya
Dana Branscombe
Heidi and Mark Brown
Karen Brown
Mike Carruthers
Randy Churchill
Richard Connelly
Frank Coster
Noel Curran
Rob Fahlman
Jim Filyer

Warren Fraser
Chris Henry
Ron Klein
Craig Kozak
Janet Lamb
Jim McKay
Doug Phibbs
Roy Sampson
Ardeth and Rick Staz
Lyn and Gordon Stratford
Diane and Alan Walker
Jim Wallace

Apologies to anyone who was overlooked

Special thanks are due to **Warren Fraser**, who has repaired and revived countless sets of malfunctioning lights each season; to **Dana Branscombe**, who lets us use his garage as a staging area for decorations distribution and lumière assembly every year; and **Mike Carruthers** in particular, who cheerfully volunteers for everything, is always up for a challenge, and is a solid partner in organizing the decorating work.