

HOLIDAY DECORATING COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 20, 2022 VCA AGM

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Dale DesIslets



2021-2022 Review

- We marked the 10th anniversary of The Village Holiday decorating by adding numerous additional lampposts and garlands in the parks, thanks to some materials donated by residents.
- If this year had a theme, it was “more lights everywhere”. Where we usually hold a few strings of lights back as spares, we decided to throw everything we have at the trees... and you noticed! Lots of comments about The Village being brighter and better than ever.
- Once again, we extended the lighting season for about a month, to January 30, to offset a second gloomy COVID winter. That too was well received, so maybe we should make it permanent?
- We were pleased to welcome new residents and volunteers to our decorating teams: Naomi Laming, Josh Squeo, and Dave Hill. If you would like to volunteer next season, please contact me at: vcadecorteam@gmail.com
- Most important, a lot of your neighbours took the time to set up decorations in late fall, and pack them away again in mid-winter, and help assemble, then distribute the lumières on December 23. Many of these folks have been volunteering for a number of years. They deserve your congratulations for making The Village a point of pride, not only in our neighbourhood, but throughout Niagara-on-the-Lake.

They are:

Joe Allevato
John Anderson
Dave Antaya
Dana Branscombe
Heidi and Mark Brown
Karen Brown
Mike Carruthers
Wendy and Richard Connelly
Frank Coster
Dave Hill
Rob Fahlman
Jim Filyer
Warren Fraser

Ron Klein
Craig Kozak
Janet Lamb
Naomi Laming
Jim McKay
Doug Phibbs
Roy Sampson
Josh Squeo
Ardeth and Rick Staz
Lyn and Gordon Stratford
Diane and Alan Walker
Jim Wallace

My apologies to anyone I missed

Thanks once again to every resident who sent emails when they saw reindeers blown over, lights out, or garlands askew, and who took the time to complement our team members as the decorations were going up or coming down. You are great neighbourhood volunteers too, and we appreciate it.

Special thanks to **Warren Fraser**, who took on the extra task of repairing and giving new life to many malfunctioning sets of lights each season; to **Dana and Debra Branscombe**, who offered up their garage as a staging area for decor distribution and short-term storage (a bit longer this year because of the January blizzards); and **Mike Carruthers** in particular, who is always ready for a challenge; (annoyingly) always early for every project, who never complains-except for the weather, and is a great partner in leading the decorating work.

Thanks to all – a great team!