

Village Community Association
 Social Committee Interim Report
 April 1, 2022-October 10, 2022



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<p>VCA Social Committee (SC)</p>	
<p>The goal of the VCA Social Committee is to help create a community environment that is friendly and fun, especially during the past years with the continuing COVID pandemic. We plan and execute opportunities for people to socialize and meet their Village neighbours.</p> <p>Almost all the SC events are self-funding with additional social events sponsored by the VCA (porch decorating contests, anniversary sunset social). VCA members get a discount on user-paid events. Prizes are sourced from VCA loyalty partners or local vendors.</p>	<p>Social Committee Members:</p> <p>April – July 2022: Cathy Saytar, Coleen Wallace, Anne Robinson, Cindy Durdan, Wendy Filyer, Heidi Brown, Lindy Van der Wagen, Terri Watson, Patricia Pehar</p> <p>August 2022 – October 2022: Lindy Van der Wagen, Terri Watson, Patricia Pehar, Heidi Brown, Nancy Bailey</p> <p>In addition, we are fortunate to have additional volunteers who helped with specific events. Thank you to all who participated with us in 2022.</p>
<p>Activities & Events</p>	<p>Results</p>
<p>Sunset Social at Pilliteri – Barrelhead Patio – May 31</p> <p>Getting the Village residents together after a long winter with food, wine and music.</p>	<p>The first event of the 2022 year. An amazing evening with warm spring weather and sunshine. The \$15.00 ticket price included an appetizer salad/antipasto bar and live music presented by John Kossup. 92 guests came out to socialize, renew acquaintances and meet new people. Great feedback from this sunset social.</p>

<p>VCA 20th Anniversary Sunset Social – August 10 Celebrating The Village. This free event was sponsored by the Village Community Association.</p>	<p>90 Village residents, both new and long-time Villagers, joined in the fun with 2 cakes and ice cream treats at Dietsch Park for a celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Village Community Association. Donations for Newark Neighbours were collected and provided a trunk-load of “back to school” lunch and snack foods.</p>
<p>4rd Annual VCA Golf Day – September 7 Getting out and having fun. Originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Golf Course, the tournament portion of the golf had to be rescheduled to September 28 due to the overnight rain and extremely wet golf course. The dinner portion of the event, was still held in the dining room at the NOTL golf course on September 7.</p> <p>On September 28 shotgun start had the teams of 50 golfers out on the links starting at 2 pm.</p> <p><i>Self-funding event included golf, carts, snacks, gift and prizes.</i></p>	<p>September 7 - Golf Dinner & Door Prizes The dinner was enjoyed by 78 Village residents and friends. The evening was a wonderful opportunity to get together and enjoy socializing. There was quite an array of door prizes this year. Thank you to all who donated prizes for this event.</p> <p>September 28 - Golf Tournament. Despite the cold and windy weather, the feedback from the attendees was that this was another wonderful day on the links. At 5 pm the golfers, the social committee and volunteers gathered for a beverage and the award ceremony for the winning team and individual skill prizes. The putting contest was a big hit again with the three finalists receiving bags of coins – 1st prize 70%, 2nd prize 20% and 3rd prize 10%. Even if you were not the winning individuals there were great golf gifts and treats.</p>

<p>Porch Decorating Contest – October 9- Segment 1 Making it Festive. Autumn/Thanksgiving Theme decorating contest sponsored by the VCA</p>	<p>October 7 had VCA President Ardeth Staz and Vice President Carol Perrin walking the Village to judge the first segment of the October porch decorating contest. The judging themes were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most Colourful • Best Thanksgiving Theme • Best Wreath <p>3 Winners received prizes to enjoy Thanksgiving weekend.</p>
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Upcoming 2022 Plans:

<p>Porch Decorating Contest Segment 2 October 31,2022</p>	<p>Halloween Themed Porch Decorating Contest</p>	<p>Village residents have the opportunity to win one of three prizes for Halloween themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spookiest Décor • Most Creative Pumpkin Carving • Wackiest Décor Element
<p>Light Up the Village Tree Lighting & Walkabout Pot Luck November 27, 2022 The VCA Social Committee and Village volunteers are hosting an outdoor social to complement the annual Tree Lighting event with the 2nd Annual Walkabout Social event.</p>	<p>On November 27, 2022, Light up the Village will include 3 hospitality stations for an outdoor Pot Luck to held in the Village parks. Village residents are encouraged to put up their own lights early to add to the festive Village vibe. After the official Village Tree Lighting event, residents and their</p>	<p>Tree Lighting: Dietsch Park Hospitality Locations: Norton Park Garrison Village Drive Park Brock Street Parkette</p>

	<p>guests can stroll the village streets, take in the holiday décor and stop to sample the goodies at the hosted parks. The Social Committee is looking for volunteers to provide appetizers or baked goods to provide to the potluck station closest to their residence.</p> <p>In addition, Villagers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food products to support the Newark Neighbours Holiday Food Drive.</p>	
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