

Village Community Association

Annual General Meeting

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Holiday Decorating Committee Report

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Though this season was again mostly without snow, we did our best to bring some colourful holiday cheer to the neighbourhood. Unfortunately, the snow arrived just as we began to tear everything down.

Once again, it was great to see that many residents followed our decorating lead and added lights and decorations to their own properties.

After a resident unfortunately tripped over one of the extension cords, we spent some time re-routing and securing connections between trees and lamp posts-and in some cases, stringing cords well above ground from the top of one tree to the next. This effort will continue next holiday season.

This is a confirmation of the merit of our annual reminder to "Stay off the Grass and Stay on the Path" during the lighting season, particularly at night or when the ground is covered by leaves or snow. This year we posted a link on the VCA homepage asking residents to let us know if they saw lights out, decorations blown down, or any other related issues, and we were pleased to get some reports of needed repairs, so that feature will return to the website next holiday season. Everyone can be a decorating volunteer, even if it just means keeping an eye on the decorations from your front door. We appreciate your help.

Residents can also support our decorating efforts by contributing to our operating costs. Please contact either the VCA President or Treasurer to make a donation.

It is always encouraging to have neighbours stop and chat while we are setting up or tearing down, commenting on what the holiday lights mean to them, offering thanks and encouragement. It is also great to hear from people from outside the neighbourhood recognizing our work and effort too.

As always, I would like to thank the volunteers who took the time during a busy season to set up the lights on the many trees and lamp posts throughout the neighbourhood. Volunteers have been doing this over a

number of years, and we are always happy to see new volunteers join as well, and this year was no exception.

It's important to highlight volunteer work, so I would like to recognize their contribution here. They are: Joe Allevato, Dave Antaya, Dana Branscombe, Karen & Craig Brown, Mike Carruthers, Frank Coster, Jim Filyer, Warren Fraser, Ed Hare, Dave Hill, Shirley & Rob Hutchison, Bill Jenkins, Craig Kozak, Janet Lamb, Jeanette & Bruce Murdoch, Roy Sampson, Ardeth & Rick Staz, Chris Thomas, Alan & Diane Walker, Jim Wallace, and Susan & Joe Wery. My apologies to anyone I missed.