



VCA Annual General Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026

President's Report April 15, 2026

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It has been a quiet winter with many Executive members and residents escaping to warmer locations during the long cold and snowy season!

I'm happy to report on the following:

1. VCA Facebook page

We now have 90 members who have joined but they are a very quiet bunch! We encourage everyone to 'like' or post more. We want to keep this site informative, helpful to Village residents and positive. With this in mind, we have been reluctant to post messages that are strongly political instead of neutral. With an election coming up this fall, we are looking for your feedback about what you think about us allowing political messages. We would also appreciate any other feedback on our site.

2. Welcoming new additions to the Commons

When a new business or organization moves into The Village, as President, I have been delivering a welcome note and introducing myself. So I was happy to welcome Lindsey and her Foodland staff, to have talked to LoveBee Products owners who will move in soon, and to contact the franchise owners of Oliv. I will continue to represent the VCA in this delightful task!

3. Loyalty Partner Showcase on April 23

Carol Lake and I have been organizing this showcase, and are pleased to have 12 of our Loyalty Partners participating. There will also be a few presentations for you to choose from. We also have several door prizes draw names from those who attend. Although this event is not open to the general public, Village residents are welcome to bring a non-resident friend! Come visit with our new partners and learn more about their business and products or services.

4. New Membership Lead

We are very pleased to welcome Jackie Gane to the role of membership lead. We are very thankful to Judy Huntington-Mckay who served the VCA so well over the past 5+ years, bringing our numbers up to all-time highs. Jackie is already bringing new ideas to the

role, as you will have seen by the new signs reminding residents to support the VCA. We will continue with ideas from last year's focus group to try to find ways to engage more residents.

5. Ravine Clean-up

Upon our request, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority has done a clean-up of the pathway in the Ravine, removing 'surprises' that spring had uncovered. While we would have liked more trimming and branch removal, we are happy to have the pathway and edges tidier and safer to walk on.

6. Last of the Focus Group Action Items

The Executive have been working on several items since last spring:

- Monthly coffee meetings at the Community Centre have attracted small but fun groups, including new residents which was the idea behind these gatherings. Please join us whether you are new or not!

The Executive have not yet implemented the following:

- Convene groups with like interests, such as walking, biking or in future, wine or scotch tasting. Perhaps include board or card game nights during long winter nights.
- Connect residents who need help with those who can provide it – eg. Pet walking/sitting, rides to appointments, grocery or other pick-up, computer help.

Many thanks to the Executive and committee leads for your dedication to The Village and to the VCA, and for supporting me as president.

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