



*Village Heritage... Village Character... Village Pride*

**May 1, 2011**

## **NEWSLETTER:**

The Manotick Village and Community Association, Inc. (an Ontario not-for-profit corporation) is now one eventful year old. Your Board members, along with other energetic and dedicated association volunteers, have worked hard to hold community events, represent the community's concerns to city council and staff and provide our village and surrounding community with access to information through our website, public forums and special interest meetings.

Plan to attend our **Annual General Meeting Tuesday, May 31 at the Manotick Legion (7 -10 pm):**

As part of the meeting we'll be carrying out a facilitated 'visioning' session on the future of Dickinson Square. Manotick is blessed with lots of talented people who can provide useful and practical ideas towards this issue. Why not give your input?

### **Membership Drive:**

In the next few months the MVCA will be holding its membership drive. Members of the association, the Board and I will be knocking on village doors to sign up new memberships. If you are a MVCA member then it's time to renew! If you aren't then I hope that you and your family will consider joining. Whether you are able to participate in our community-oriented work or simply enjoy our functions, your membership makes a contribution to the quality of life of our village. We need you!

### **Examples of MVCA work in 2010/2011 include:**

- Our Transportation Subcommittee has presented its ideas to City Staff for improving pedestrian safety -- especially on both Bridge St. and Manotick Main St., as well as keeping abreast of the developments with regard to vehicular traffic through the Village. Details can be found on our website.
- Our Advocacy Subcommittee has held public information meetings and represented concerns to city staff and developers regarding various projects that will have an impact upon quality of life in the village.
- Our Recreation subcommittee continues to press for a 'pool to school' path connecting the Long Island Aquatic Centre to St. Mark High School.
- We've represented our village at the Federation of Citizens' Associations, attended the Parks Canada's workshop recreational boating on the Rideau River and the City's preliminary meetings on the long overdue 5-year review of Manotick's Secondary Plan.
- As a member of the Dickinson Square Heritage Management, Inc. (DSHMI) we've raised concerns regarding the future disposition of the Square and the need for a four-season cultural facility to both expand the village's current recreational infrastructure and provide an ongoing revenue stream to support the heritage activities surrounding the Mill and Dickinson House.

- As in past years, we provide awards to two outstanding graduating students, one from South Carleton High School and one from St. Mark High School, for their participation in community work.

- Last Fall we co-sponsored an All-Candidates-Meeting to give the community the opportunity to learn of the positions of the candidates for Councilor of Rideau-Goulburn Ward (in collaboration with the Manotick Kiwanis, the Manotick BIA and the Rideau Chamber of Commerce) and to provide a forum for discussing the community's concerns with them.

- In addition, we held two mini-festivals: Picnic-in-the-park, in September, to celebrate the end of summer and to support the Terry Fox Run and Shiverfest, in January (co-sponsored with the Manotick Mews Merchants Association). Both of these events consisted of a variety of activities, food and fun ~ free of charge to all ages. Our Shiverfest Chili Cookoff was a great success. The proceeds from our sale of judges passes to this event went to support Manotick's Seniors' Centre. The past success of these events has encouraged us to extend their scope a little

this year. Picnic-in-the-Park, held in September, will include more live music as well as a Box Car Derby for aspiring car mechanics and engineers (with the assistance of friends and family). Watch for details in flyers in the stores.

To gain a more comprehensive sense of MVCA's goals and activities, you are welcome to attend the monthly Board of Directors meeting at the Manotick Library (held every 3rd Wed. of the month). You can also visit our website at:

**[www.manotickvca.org](http://www.manotickvca.org)**, where you will find information including how to renew your membership online using our secure PayPal account.

If you have time, stop by to say 'hello' at the MVCA booth at Dickinson Days this coming June.

## **Order your Rain Barrel Now!**

On Wednesday, April 27th the City of Ottawa imposed a ban on the use of municipal water for outdoor purposes. If you are on municipal water then you are banned from watering gardens and lawns, filling swimming pools, washing cars, etc. until this ban is lifted (reportedly as late as sometime in August).

The City will be providing \$50 per household towards the purchase of a rain barrel to help sequester rainwater for outdoor use, if you are connected to city water. The MVCA has found a source of good quality rain barrels for \$55 each. The MVCA will receive \$10 for each rain barrel sold. **You must place your order online** (with the option to pay online as well or with cash on the day of pickup) from **[www.rainbarrel.ca/manotickarena](http://www.rainbarrel.ca/manotickarena)**

**Note:** No household limits and no residency requirements are imposed however, only barrels ordered in advance are guaranteed to be available. The date of the pickup is **Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9AM-1PM** in the Manotick Arena parking lot.

If you are a senior and need your rain barrel delivered to your home, call (613) 292 3626. However, you will still need to place your order online at the address given above.

Sincerely yours,  
Brian Tansley, President