

Mayor's Office



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City of Niagara Falls

Drive is on to build up bank of “Snow Buddie” volunteers

Some residents in Niagara Falls have been waiting all winter to be matched with a “Snow-Buddie” to help clear their driveways and walkways. The “Snow Buddie” program, operated by Community Support Services of Niagara (CSSN) tracks residents in need of assistance and matches them with volunteers in their area who can clear snow outside their homes in the winter. Right now, the need is greater than volunteer numbers can support. Laurie Elliott Leach, “Snow Buddies” Coordinator explains, “In Niagara Falls, the volunteer list is so short, we have not been able to assist most of the residents who need a little help to get through the winter season.”

Mayor Diodati is leading the call for volunteers in Niagara Falls. “Simply put, we need volunteers. There are so many good people out there in our city who are willing to help. We are getting the word out now to say “We need you!”” The Mayor invites interested volunteers to contact CSSN at cssn.on.ca or **905.682.3800 X 28**. Please join us as we work to spread the word and build up the bank of “Snow Buddie” volunteers for the last month of winter, and for next year.

**Thursday, February 24th at 8:30 am
at 4362 Third Avenue**

Snow Buddies will be on hand to talk about what it means to them to help a neighbour in need, and the other benefits of the program. The public will also be able to meet with residents waiting for assistance, and hear first hand, the reason this service is so important to members of the community.

The aim of the program is to assist seniors and residents to stay in their homes longer. Patricia Regier, Program Manager says “CSSN provides many services to help senior’s stay living in their homes. Snow Buddies is part of the Safety at Home program, with a goal to help senior’s stay healthy, safe and strong.”

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