

BIA has events planned starting in June

By Bill Rea

Midnight Madness is not going to be hitting Bolton this August, but there are other new events in the works for the summer, planned by the Bolton Business Improvement Area (BIA).

BIA Chair Jean Carberry said banners have been prepared to promote the new events, and they have been posted on the streets of the village.

"The idea is that they're publicizing the events to come," she said.

The events include the Bolton Farmers' Market, which soon will be starting another year in the municipal parking lot in Bolton, operating every Saturday.

And there are going to be a lot of other happenings taking place every fourth Saturday over the coming months, starting June 25.

They will include Music and Dance at the Royal Courtyards, sidewalk sales involving local merchants and Art in the Park. This will be in the park where Queen Street crosses the Humber River. As well, they are planning A Taste of Bolton, in which local restaurants will be offering special menu items.

There is some regret at not having the Madness this year, and Carberry said it could be resurrected in coming years.

"It seems to have changed over the years," she said, adding the costs were mounting.

She added it used to be an evening with all the local businesses taking part.

"It kind of evolved away from that," she observed, adding it wasn't benefitting the local businesses as much any more.

She also pointed out the construction taking place on King Street this summer represented another complication.

Carberry commented that the Farmers' Market has been attracting people to the core Saturdays. "We're hoping that every fourth Saturday, additional attractions will bring a lot more people," she said.

