

# Wayne Gates MPP, NIAGARA FALLS

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I am writing this letter to note the work of John Lally of Lally Homes in Niagara Falls. John was one of the primary forces in improving Ferry St. between Main and Stanley. This stretch of Ferry Street has vastly improved with the beautification of this building and surrounding area.

John and his partners put local people to work and hired local contractors to renovate both the interior and exterior of what would become the Emerald Retirement Residence. They tore down an old two-story motel and created parking and green space to provide for visitors and residents of this new 112 suite retirement residence. John's vision was always to provide luxury living at an affordable rate for local seniors.

John followed through by creating a great residence with excellent living conditions at an affordable rate. He also provided 40 full time jobs in a year-round industry for employees living in the Niagara Region. I was pleased to attend, along with local businesses, politicians and residents the grand opening, Chamber of Commerce Business After Five, Big Band Night, Happy Hours, Christmas, St. Patrick's Day and several other special occasions at this facility.

John and Lally Homes has been a positive member of the community in Niagara. They were involved with fundraising efforts for Niagara Health Big Ride for Cancer, Associated Charities Toy Drive, Mitten Drive and fundraisers. The Emerald became the Readers Choice Award winner of Best Retirement Home in Niagara for 4 straight years. They were also nominated by the Mayor of Niagara Falls for the Best New Business of the Year.

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John is a great advocate for the business community in Niagara. He is always willing to help others succeed in business and he is generous with his time and expertise. He has a lot to be proud of for his accomplishments in Niagara Falls.

Sincerely,

Wayne Gates, MPP

Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and Niagara-on-the-Lake