



CORNER HOUSE OR CORNER STORE?

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN GILLAM

Once upon a time there were small neighbourhood shops all over the North End. Old North Enders describe them as being all along Mary Street and other nearby thoroughfares, mostly on corners.

There was one at Mary and McCauley and another further along at Simcoe, still around in the 1960s, when children would pass it on the way to school. Those who could afford it would stop there for sweets. An important landmark was Vic and Norm’s (later known as Jonesey’s) prominently located on the south east corner of Burlington and James. It was gone by the end of the 60s, leaving a vacant lot for many years. These stores were hubs and their proprietors widely known, like George Passmore, who ran a convenience store at Ferguson and Picton.

A few stores still exist, such as Eastwood Variety, overlooking the park on Burlington at Mary and James Milk at James and McCauley. Ed’s variety at James and Wood closed only a few years ago. It advertised “delicious Kaisers and hot dogs,” but was known for Portuguese style sandwiches, still missed by its former patrons. What



HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF MARY & MCCAULEY

happened to these neighbourhood stores? They are part of a bigger story.

In mid 1800s, people across Europe and North America flocked to live and work in large cities. They needed access to food sources within walking distance of their homes and workplaces. Without home refrigeration, meat and dairy products had to be within easy reach. Local shops appeared in these new urban areas to provide fresh food and other commodities. They were often operated by women or entire families. Located in residential

buildings, these businesses could be run without leaving the house.

In the 20th century, local shops began to be undercut by large retail outlets. With home refrigeration, stores moved to more profitable, non-perishable wares, like liquor and tobacco. For example, Scheter’s grocery at Ferguson and Picton became the Picton House, a popular North End watering hole, now mini-condos. Owner occupied buildings were replaced by rentals and proprietors living offsite.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 3

I ❤️ THE NORTH END

Support your North End Breezes Community Newspaper.

T-shirts are only \$15 or 2 for \$25.

Proceeds help to keep your free neighbourhood paper arriving at your door.

Navy Blue or Royal Blue, all sizes available.

Call Chris: 905-528-2010
northendbreezes.com

office@northendbreezes.com



Brusey Awnings | Just a shade better

Between You And The Sun Since 1929!

**497 Hughson Street North, Hamilton
L8L 4N8
Ask for Rick Brusey**

905-522-5625



Jason Farr
Councillor, Ward 2 - Downtown
ALWAYS ENGAGING
71 Main Street West
Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
Telephone: 905-546-2711
Fax: 905-546-2535
E-mail: jason.farr@hamilton.ca
www.jasonfarr.com



dedicated to the core

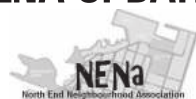


**We are here
to help you!**

**Andrea
Horwath**
MPP Hamilton Centre

20 Hughson St. S., Suite 200, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 2A1
905-544-9644 | ahorwath-co@ndp.on.ca

NENA UPDATE



Next Meeting:

Wednesday February 5, 2020
7PM - Bennetto Community Centre

Just a quick reminder that NENA meets at the Bennetto Community Centre on the first Wednesday of each month, except when it falls on a holiday. Last month, NENA's meeting was moved from New Year's Day to the following Wednesday.

Representatives of the Jamesville redevelopment group and their planners, T. Johns Consulting Group, were invited to answer questions about the draft concept plan revealed at a community meeting in December. Representatives for CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) and Indwell were also present and answered questions relevant to their part of the project.

The main themes raised by residents in attendance were:

- (1) environmental concerns, specifically about energy efficiency, storm-water management, provision for car-sharing and electric vehicles, bike-parking, and the preservation of mature trees on site;
- (2) curiosity as to what the market housing will cost and more clarity on the forms it might take, as well as who the affordable units will be intended for and what level of affordability will they offer (i.e. singles, couples, families with children, seniors, people with accessibility or other special needs, and so on); and
- (3) concerns from nearby residents about parking and traffic impacts given the project will add 500+ new households and the draft concept plan shows new private roads running mid-block from Strachan to Ferrie north-south and connecting Simcoe East with Simcoe West across the site east-west, which could increase thru traffic.

What we heard in response:

- (1) the exact number of parking spaces to be provided on-site is still subject to change as the concept plan becomes a site plan, but it is anticipated that one parking space would be provided for each market residential unit in an underground parking garage, while non-market residential units will have reduced parking provided (the CHH building will have a small surface parking lot);
- (2) the proposed 5- and 8-storey apartment buildings, for CHH and Indwell respectively, will be built to passive-house

standard, which costs slightly more to build but is extremely energy efficient in terms of heating and cooling (saves money, results in greater comfort for residents, and is better for the environment);

(3) still unclear exactly how many rental units of what size and depth of affordability will be provided by Indwell, but they specialize in supportive housing that falls in deep affordability range and a portion of their units will offer housing of that sort (CHH's building will include 46 replacement social housing units);

(4) the environmental performance of the market units will depend on market feedback, but that there is a desire to build to higher standards than the minimum required if feasible;

(5) the ability to preserve mature trees on site is still being investigated, but the need to remove contaminated soil and construct underground parking will disturb root systems and/or require the removal of most trees on site—the developer seemed to understand the value of preserving the boulevard trees and indicated it is a priority to do so to the extent that is feasible; and

(6) that it is too earlier to know exactly what the price-point for the market units will be, but the target market was described as including young families with children suggesting a significant number of 2+ bedroom units will be included.

An overall point was made that the plans are preliminary and will change. It was expressed that there is a desire to hear input from residents. So now is the time to make your thoughts and concerns known to us at NENA or to the developer (www.reimaginejamesville.ca).

Many of you will have already noticed, but the John Street bridge has re-opened and Ferguson Avenue is now repaved. Remember to be extra careful in snowy and icy conditions travelling northbound over the bridge as there is a 4-way stop at Strachan that is on a relatively steep incline. Slow down before descending into the neighbourhood.

Please remember to clear the sidewalk in front of your property and help your neighbours with their portion if they are away or otherwise unable to clear it. Let's keep the North End a safe and friendly place for everyone to get around during the winter months.

Let us know your thoughts and concerns. Email us at nen.president@gmail.com or attend our monthly meeting. NENA wants to hear from you!

For more up to date information visit www.NorthEndNeighbours.com

THIS IS YOUR STREET

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Mary Street was at one time considered a major street to the old Port of Hamilton; it was once called Gore Street named after the Gore District here in Hamilton. The street was later renamed Great Mary Street which of course later was shortened to just Mary Street. In 2008 the Ferguson Bridge was built over the CN tracks. Its primary objective was to allow a way for emergency vehicles such as Fire, Police and Ambulances to cross over the train tracks when both Victoria Avenue and Wellington Streets were blocked due to crossing locomotives. A pedestrian bridge was built on Mary St. just behind Food Basics, cutting off all vehicular traffic to northern end of Mary Street.

Today, many North Enders do their grocery shopping at the Food Basics store on the corner of Barton and Mary. This store was originally built as a Dominion Store sometime in the early 1970's. In the late 1800's William Malcom and Alexander Souter built The Malcom & Souter Furniture Co., Limited at the front of this property. Malcom & Souter Furniture Co. manufactured high end top quality furniture. Malcom & Souter shut down in 1969. It is also noteworthy that (according to a Wikipedia article) Thomas Bain the 8th Speaker of Canada's House of Commons under Sir Wilfred Laurier was at one time the president of Malcom and Souter.

Hamilton Cotton and Canadian Knitting Company occupied several buildings at the back of this property. The Hamilton Cotton factory produced a variety of yarns and fabrics. James Mason Young a

Scottish merchant along with several other local area merchants and manufacturers founded the factory in 1880. The factory, at its peak, employed more than 500 workers, many of them women from the North End at a time when women were just starting to enter the workforce. The company owned factories in Marysville N.B., Montreal as well as Trenton and Woodbridge Ontario. In 1962 Hamilton Cotton and Canadian Knitting Company was shut down due to competition stemming from foreign manufacturers. Again another interesting side note... Hamilton Tiger Cats current owner Bob Young is the grandnephew to James Mason Young.

Mary Street also features one of the oldest houses in Hamilton. It was built before Canada's Confederation in 1867. It is a small wood and stone structure located at 176 Mary St. It was renovated in 2013.

As we travel towards the Bay we come to Picton Street. A grand old church called the St. Lawrence- the Martyr Parish. The church is built on a piece of land formerly called Bayside Hill. Construction for the church began on a cool (10°C) rainy Sunday May 6th, 1890 with the laying of the cornerstone. Eight months later the church was ready to receive her first mass on November 23rd of that same year.

As we continue down Mary we come to the end of Mary at Brock St. Eastwood Park and Arena are located here between Mary and Ferguson Ave. An excellent article about the history and area of Eastwood Park and Arena was submitted by Robyn Gillam back in the December 2019 issue of The North End Breezes. You can check it out on our website www.northendbreezes.com.

MATTHEW GREEN

Member of Parliament
Hamilton Centre



Matthew Green, MP
Hamilton Centre

905-526-0770
matthew.green@parl.gc.ca



CORNER HOUSE OR CORNER STORE?

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

The rise of large, franchised retail operations spelt the end of the family-run businesses which could not compete with their low prices and economies of scale. However, even chains or franchises can't stay ahead of big box stores and online marketing.

While corner stores have mostly vanished from the North End, these buildings can be identified by their unmistakable architecture. From the 1850s, corner properties with a distinctive, canted or smoothed corner entrance were built all over the western world. This entrance was often flanked by large windows to display merchandise and its interior connected to dwellings behind or beside it. A number of these buildings still exist in the North End, although modified for residential use. In all but a few cases, the corner door has been blocked off and the display windows are gone, ex-

cept for Ed's Variety, which was only recently vacated. However, although these vanished stores may never return, they are still remembered by older residents and their distinctive appearance makes the past come alive.

The author would like to thank George Pavlov and his Facebook friends for their vibrant discussions of this important aspect of local life.



CORNER OF PICTON & MCNAB



ED'S VARIETY AT THE CORNER OF JAMES AND WOOD



HOUSE AT THE CORNER OF MARY AND SIMCOE



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish 'where faith builds community'

125 Picton Street East,
Hamilton, ON L8L 0C5

Pastor: Rev. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass: 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:

Tues: Mass at 7:00 p.m.
Wed: Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Thurs: adoration and
opportunity for confession
6:15 p.m. and Mass 7:00
p.m.
Fri: Mass at 8:00 a.m.

*please check our website to confirm weekly
mass times*

Phone: 905-529-3921

Call the parish office to book an appointment with the priest, book a home visit for the sick, inquire about sacraments, and for hall rentals.

email:

stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com
facebook.com/stlawrencehamilton/
www.stlawrencehamilton.ca

Office Hours:

Mon 9am-1pm
Tues 9am-3pm
Wed 9am-3pm
Thurs 9am-3pm
Fri 9am-1pm

Call the office for hall rental information or visit the hall rental page on our website
<http://stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals/>

PARISH HALL FOR RENT St. Lawrence Church (Corner of Mary & Picton Sts.)

Need a place to host a Holiday Party, Family Birthday, Shower, Reception, Anniversary or Special Event.

For more info, to obtain a copy of the Hall Rental Agreement or to check availability, please call
(905) 529-3921

Or Email us at:
stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com



HUGHSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

CONTACT INFO:

905.527.3972 | office@hughson.ca
www.hughson.ca

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday
9AM - 4PM

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
BENNETTO SCHOOL
10:00AM

47 Simcoe St E, Hamilton, ON

Hughson Street Baptist Church has been a part of the North End since 1887. Each Sunday we gather for a lively time of worship with music, and relevant teaching from the Bible. There is a program for children who are babies right through Grade 8. During the week we have several Youth centered programs and our Coffee's On drop-in on Friday mornings. Give us a call, or check the website for details: www.hughson.ca

BENNETTO
COMMUNITY
CENTRE

450 Hughson Street North
905-546-4944
www.hamilton.ca/rec

FEBRUARY 2020

February is a good month to
think about your heart!

Participate in one of these programs
and get your heart beating faster.

WATERFIT **MONDAY 11:05-11:50 am**
 TUESDAY 11:05-11:50 am
 WEDNESDAY 11:05-11:50
 FRIDAY 11:05-11:50 am

FAMILY DAY SWIMS – On February 17th, we are
offering several swims for you to participate in.

10:15 -11:00 am Leisure Swim 55+
11:05-11:50 am Water Fit
12:00 -1:00 pm Leisure Swim 18+
1:15-2:15pm Leisure Swim

On Land and In Gym

FAMILY DAY PROGRAMMING

Open Gym (Family) 10:15-11:45am

Open Gym (9-12yrs) 11:45-1:00pm

Open Gym (13-17yrs) 1:00-2:15pm

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Book Mobile 2:30- 4:00pm	Open Gym (6-12yrs) 5:30- 7:00pm	EarlyON 9:00- 12:00pm	Open Gym (Family) 5:30- 7:30pm FREE	Open Gym (Family) 1:00- 3:00pm
	Open Gym (13-17yrs) 7:00- 8:30pm	Book Mobile 6:30- 8:00pm		

Looking to rent a space for you next event; dance recital,
baby shower, bridal shower, birthday or reunion. Why not
try one of our many rooms? Please call and inquire about
our low hourly rental fees.

KIDS COLUMN: STREET PUZZLES

SUBMITTED BY SHERI SELWAY

AUTHORS ALY, ABBY, EILEEN, AND JACK FROM BENNETTO SCHOOL

This month we looked at a map and a book about the North End by Bill Manson.
We talked about our neighbourhood then created some puzzles, mostly about the streets.

Which Street?

By Abby and Jack - Answers on page 7

1. Which park used to be a Glassworks Factory?
2. Which 2 streets rhyme?
3. Which street has the longest name?
4. Which street can have 2 pronunciations?
5. Which street has a pedestrian only bridge?
6. Which street is worth 5 cents?
7. Which 2 streets are the first AND last name of a Hamiltonian?
8. Which 5 streets stop and start again?
9. Which street has the first rain garden in Hamilton?
10. What is your favourite place in the North End?

Street Search

By Eileen

W	M	A	C	A	U	L	A	Y	M	A	X	Y
J	E	J	A	M	E	S	A	C	B	R	N	O
B	O	L	H	N	C	T	H	A	R	E	I	N
F	A	E	L	R	U	S	M	A	R	Y	G	M
O	N	Y	S	I	R	A	C	T	H	A	N	A
M	S	E	C	O	N	E	Y	B	U	B	A	C
B	U	R	L	I	N	G	T	O	N	R	P	N
L	N	I	W	G	S	P	T	T	O	N	E	A
N	I	C	O	L	I	P	I	O	C	I	S	B
T	N	O	O	I	M	N	C	C	N	O	I	E
W	L	L	D	N	C	E	I	G	T	L	U	N
O	W	G	D	U	O	S	I	N	O	O	G	I
F	E	R	R	I	E	K	C	O	R	B	N	R
M	J	A	M	E	S	N	L	C	F	E	E	A
L	Y	A	E	M	U	J	H	L	A	J	R	H
N	O	S	H	G	U	H	A	O	E	O	I	T
P	I	C	A	B	A	R	Y	R	J	W	E	A
C	N	N	O	S	U	G	R	E	F	B	O	C
S	T	R	A	C	H	A	N	B	R	C	K	H
J	F	C	F	B	H	N	W	K	L	M	E	R

John, Catharine, Ferguson, Strachan, Simcoe, Bay, Burlington, Picton, Nicol,
Wood, Guise, MacNab, Wellington, Macaulay, James, Mary Ferrie, Brock, Hughson



COUNCILOR UPDATE

Hello, Breezes Readers! Time for some more North End updates and this issue we will do so with our 2020 vision.

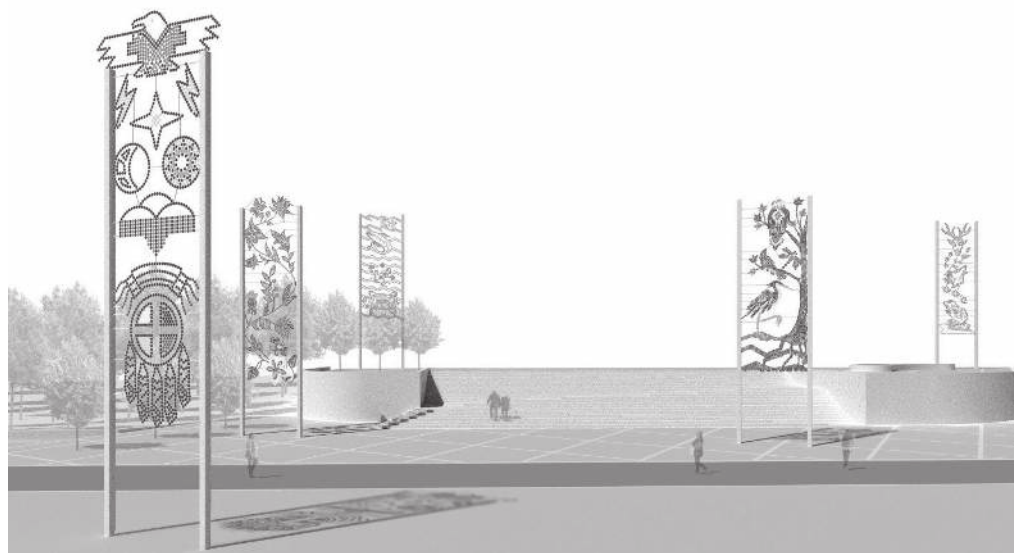
Jamesville

The mixed income community momentum continues to grow on the Jamesville City Housing HAMILTON site. We have recently reengaged with residents with updates from our City Housing CEO and staff, proponents of the exciting project and Planners.

I am hopeful that in the coming months we will see the demolition take place in order to make room for a community built for all.

West Harbour

Over the winter we have been very busy with our master plan down by your bay. Budgets for much of west harbour plans have been finessed and approved by Council. You will soon see even greater activity on Piers 8, 7, 6 and 5 as much of the infrastructure plans are complete and the surface is readied for build. The public promenade along piers 5, 6 and 7 is sure to be another



North End jewel.

The public art process conducted by the Waterfront Trust (Project Manager on the promenade) has concluded and the winner revealed. Soon, the foot of James will be home to some beautiful art untitled, All Our Relations which features five 40' tall works made of steel and glass and focuses on our indigenous roots.

Thanks to our artists and the volunteer selection committee. To learn more visit hamiltonwaterfront.com/public-art

Looking forward to sharing more throughout 2020. Here in your Breezes and around our beautiful North End.



Until next time, Breezes Readers, please remember I am always a phone call or email away.

Councilor
Jason Farr

The North End Breezes Team

The Breezes is published on the first day of the month and delivered to 4,200 homes and businesses. Contact us at 905-523-6611 x.3004, by email at office@northendbreezes.com or on our website: www.northendbreezes.com

Published by:

North End Breezes Board of

Directors: Paul Havercroft, Ian McDonald, Chris Pearson, Emily Graham, Rose Divecha

Editorial Assistant: Kit Darling

Co-Ordinator: Brenda Duke

Layout + Design: Katie Fitzgerald

Circulation & Distribution: The Board, JoAnn Osti, Sheri Selway, Sandra Hudson, Cameron Kroetsch and Steve Osborne along with a dedicated team of volunteers.

The articles written represent the opinions of the individual and must meet the Mission and Vision of The Breezes and the Board of Directors as set out. Articles may be edited for length, tone, clarity and are subject to publication based on available space. We strive to publish articles based on these principles and the applicable time frame for the content.

Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication. We appreciate an early notice by the 10th of the month if you want to reserve ad space and early submission gives us time to edit your articles. Pictures and logos are accepted and will be included as space allows.

NORTH END BREEZES MISSION:

The North End Breezes is a not-for-profit team of enthusiastic volunteers who produce a monthly newsletter in order to promote community connectivity and mutual support by engaging our North End Neighbours.

NORTH END BREEZES VISION:

The North End Breezes will be a vital resource that promotes harmony, pride and collective community action in a diverse and dynamic neighbourhood.

Help us grow your Breezes.

We are looking for ideas, submissions, advertisers. Please email your thoughts to office@northendbreezes.com or call 905-523-6611 x.3004. Leave your contact name and number and we'll get back to you.

Do you already contribute to our publication? Are you interested in sharing your thoughts about layout, design and content? Let's get together! I'd love to hear your ideas. Email or call and let me know. Thanks, Brenda

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Moving forward, The Breezes is looking at new ways to stay afloat! A solid base of volunteers to deliver to our residents in certain areas, contacts to deliver door to door in apartments and a wider network of drop stations and maybe we'll narrow down our distribution area. It's all in the works and depends on you. Do you walk around your neighbourhood? Pick up your kids at school, walk your dog? If you want to meet your neighbours and learn about your community, we need you! Please email office@northendbreezes.com



FEBRUARY EVENTS

February is Here! It's Leap Year so there is one more day to pack in all of the things to do, celebrate and think about. It's Black History month, Psychology Month, Winterfest, Freedom to Read Week, Family Day, Valentines Day and more. Here are some family friendly and neighbourhood events. Some are free and some have a fee.

Date	Time	Details	Address
SA 1	10-3	Hamilton Seedy Saturday - Seed swap, vendors, gardening book exchange, workshops & more https://greenventure.ca/seedy-saturday	Boy & Girls Club 45 Ellis Ave.
TU 4	Noon	Seniors Diners Club \$4:50	Welcome Inn
	4:30	Education Rights: how to work with school staff to support your child's academic success. Presented by Empowerment Squared	Central Library Register a.batick@empowermentsquared.org or 905-393-5370
WE 5	7	NENA monthly meeting	Bennetto Community Ctr.
FR 7	Noon	Concert – Jesse Luciani, Guitar & Voice	Central Library
	5	Friday Night Art Tour	Central Library
	6	... docent led Art Tour	Art Gallery of Hamilton
TU 11	Noon	Seniors Diners Club \$4:50	Welcome Inn
	7:30	Litchat – hosted by Gary Barwin	Central -4 th floor
FR 14		Valentines Day	
	12:45	Concert - David Pell, HPO Principal Trombonist	Central Library
		Art Crawl	James St. North
MO	17	Family Day	
	12 - 4	Trains, trains & More Trains – drop in activity centre all about trains	Museum of Steam & Technology
TU 18	Noon	Seniors Diners Club \$4:50	Welcome Inn
TU 25	Noon	Seniors Diners Club \$4:50	Welcome Inn
FR 28	Noon	Concert- Gunter Ott Blues Band	Central Library
Black History Month			
SA 1	5:30	Rev. John C. Holland Awards - Tix @ https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/reverend-john-c-holland-awards-2020-tickets-79535269131	LIUNA Station
WE 5	2	Griffin House Stories - Enerals Griffin was an early black settler in Ancaster	Central Library
TH 10		Ancaster Film Festival presents:	Cineplex Ancaster
	1	Queen and Slim	
	4	Toni Morrison – The Pieces I Am	
	7:15	Queen and Slim	
MO 17	1:30	Tales by Moonlight – a celebration of African culture through stories, dance and drums	Central Library
FR 21	12	Jackie Washington Day Tribute Concert	Central Library
SU 23	2	Honour Before Glory, movie about Canada's black regiment in WW1	Central Library
SA 29	12	To Kill a Mockingbird – 60 th Anniversary Book discussion and film	Central Library
Winterfest – Special Events			
For full listing of all events, details and Tickets for special events, https://Hamiltonwinterfest.ca			
FR 7	7:30	Comedy Night	Waterfront Trust Centre
SA 8	8	Owen Pallett Live Concert	Waterfront Trust Centre
SU 9	11 - 4	Hamilton Flea – unique vendors	Waterfront Trust Centre
	1	Owen Pallet Live Concert	Waterfront Trust Centre
WE 12 - 15	7	Hamilton Aerial Group – This is Here	Waterfront Trust Centre
MO 17	9 – 3	The Big Brunch – presented by Chef Shane McCartney of Saltick restaurant	Waterfront Trust Centre

Winter Storytimes @ Central Library (Jan. 13 – Week of Mar. 2)	
Baby Time (Birth – 2 yrs)	WE 10:30
Toddler (2– 3yrs)	TU 10:30
Family (birth – 5 yrs)	TH,FR,SA 10:30

Movie Night Bennetto Community Centre	
FR 28, 5:30	Kids must be accompanied by an adult

Free Movies @ Central Library	
Family Movies	SA 8,15,22,29 3PM MO 17 3 PM
Adult	TU4,11,18,25 6PM WE 5, 19 1PM ; FR 7 1PM SU 16, 23 2 PM
NFB	WE 12 Noon
Good Morning	TH 6 10
Japanese Film Festival	SU 2, 9 1PM



Have a neighbourhood event to list?

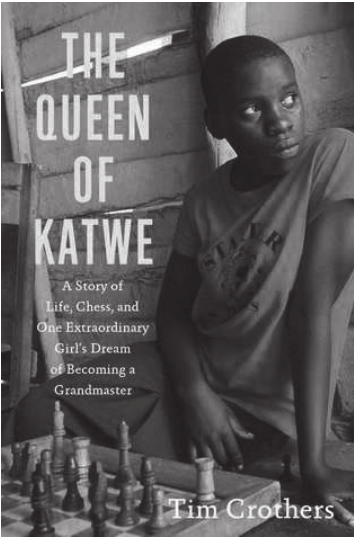
Send to:
events@northendbreezes.com
by the 12th of the previous month

A BIG THANK YOU TO KIT DARLING WHO COMPILES THE EVENT LISTINGS EACH MONTH!

BOOK CLUB CORNER

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING

At our January meeting, we discussed **The Queen of Katwe: The Story of Life, Chess and One Girl’s Rise from an African Slum** by **Tim Crothers**. Phiona Mutesi is a young girl living with her mother and siblings in Katwe, a slum in Kampala, Uganda. This is the inspiring story of a young girl who had all the strikes against her – she was a girl, living in a slum, in Uganda, in Africa – and she could neither read nor write since her mother could never make enough money to consistently keep her in school. Then she met Robert Katende, a missionary working with the slum kids to help them gain life skills through sport. As well as soccer, he initiated a chess club. He also fed the children a bowl of porridge which



was often their only meal of the day. Phiona soon showed promise and eventually advanced to winning tournaments in Kampala, nationally and some international tournaments. She became the subject of a Disney movie and was given a scholarship to Northwest University. While she no longer played competitive chess, it was the vehicle for her to find a new future.

And here are some recommended reads available from the Hamilton Public Library. Visit the Bookmobile at Bennetto Recreation Centre on Tuesday (2:30 to 4:00) and Thursday (6:30 to 8:00) or go

online at hpl.ca to reserve a copy.

The Seven or Eight Deaths of Stella Fortuna by Juliet Grames

This novel begins in Calabria, Italy and ends in Hartford, Connecticut. But it is more than a story about Italians emigrating to America on the cusp of WWII. This is the tale of family transgressions and Death that stalks Stella Fortuna like a curse for all her life. Memorable characters and fascinating bits of history add to the cachet of this author’s debut novel. Paige Turner

This Little Light by Lori Lansens. Following in the footsteps of Atwood’s Handmaids Tale, Lansens’s latest novel details a dysfunctional America that builds on current tensions in the United States. Rory Miller lives in a wealthy gated community, something of an outsider. Her parents are non-practising Jews and social activist lawyers. Their comfortable existence is disrupted by

the arrival of new neighbours, members and proselytizers for a fundamentalist Christian movement. A bomb goes off at the high school “American Virtue Ball” and Rory and her best friend run for the hills. They are suspected of being the bombers and are pursued by armed drones, social media trolls and attack helicopters. A dystopia that seems almost possible. Kit Darling

Have you read any of our recommendations? Liked any of the same books we talked about or disagreed totally? Let us know at bayareabookclub@bell.net.

We have been asked whether anyone can join the book club. Our books are supplied by the Hamilton Public Library and come in a bag of 12. This obviously limits us to 12 members at a time. We currently have 12 members, but if you wish to be put on a waiting list, email us at the above address. Alternatively, check out the many book clubs run by the Hamilton Public Library.

I DOUBLE DARE YOU!

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING



A couple of weeks ago I heard a loud, odd 'squaaawk auwkkkk' and looked up to see two huge Red tailed Hawks in the top branches of our big old Maple trees. That may not be unusual in some areas, but we live in the downtown core, near Barton and Mary streets, so I was quite impressed.

In fact, our house is the most 'treed' property in the neighbourhood, as a result folks often linger a little on the corner. If it's a hot day, someone may chat with a neighbor or stand in the shade waiting for their kids to be dropped off by the schoolbus, stop to ask me about the garden, even give a little compliment.

Sadly though, I'm finding that as we need trees and greenspaces more, for mental health, for clean air, for shade, for habitat, we're losing our front gardens at an alarming rate.

Look over there, a few majestic trees. Now, look over here and see paved front yards, cars pulled right up to the porch steps....but why?

When parking pads go in they leave very little space on typical downtown lots for a tree, or any kind of rainwater catchment. The current by-laws state that 50% should be permeable and or green but this is rarely the case. A walk around Beasley or the north end shows many properties don't meet this requirement and more frustrating still, many have alleyways that could accommodate parking pads behind the house.

I actually love on-street parking, it creates a safety barrier for anyone walking along the sidewalk, it calms traffic because drivers need to slow down to pay attention, it allows for guest parking but most of all it usually means lots of trees on a street. - **BUT...**

When a front parking pad goes in:

A curb cut with a sloped sidewalk is installed; this is a real pedestrian hazard for half the year due to snow and ice.

Up to 100% of the frontage becomes impermeable to rainwater. This puts a greater load on our now infamous sewage problem and contributes to more raw sewage flowing into the lake.

Any large canopy tree, to create shade or habitat, will never be planted.

Streets without trees are significantly hotter, have lower property values, are less pleasant to walk down and have increased crime stats due to fewer 'eyes on the street'.

Everyone wants to live on a street with lots of trees but very few people seem to want to plant them. (I know because I've knocked on doors and asked people).

What can you do? Call or write to your councilor and express that you'd like to see a freeze on any and all new parking pad applications & please, please, pretty please plant a tree! I double dare you!

In fact, if you get a tree planted in your downtown front yard by the city, I'll go a step further and do a free landscape sketch to add native perennials instead of lawn. I can be reached at candyvenning@gmail.com

Candy Venni is a landscape designer, tree hugger and aspiring bird nerd.

CRIME STOPPERS

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN MCKNIGHT

Hello, my name is Kevin McKnight and I am your Program Co-Ordinator for Hamilton Crime Stoppers. Subsequent articles will focus on our current events, crimes we are trying to solve and we will be asking for your TIPS. But first I would like to start you with a little bit of history and how the program works.

The first Crime Stoppers programme in Ontario started in Hamilton. Early in 1982, Hamilton Police Chief Gordon V. Torrance attended an International Chiefs of Police Training Conference and saw a presentation on a new concept that would make a difference in policing. He brought the idea back to Hamilton and asked one of his officers to study the Crime Stoppers program in order to establish such a programme in Hamilton.

This initiative was carried out with the help of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and its members. After months of planning, Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Inc. started operations in May 1983.

A civilian Board of Directors from the business, professional and citizen community was formed. The Board is responsible for setting policies for the operation of the program. These included promoting the program, raising money from the community to pay rewards and cover the costs of administering the program.

Crime Stoppers is a citizen program that works to help stop, prevent and solve crime. Crime Stoppers is an investigative tool that relies equally on the co-operation of law enforcement, the media and the community. Crime Stoppers is a non-profit charitable organization, is separate and not funded by any police service or government. Crime Stoppers encourages citizens to contact Crime Stoppers anonymously with information about crimes already committed or about to be committed. The guarantee of anonymity, the promise to not appear in court as a witness, and the offer of a cash reward has proven to be an effective tool.

The TIP-line number 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). It is open 24/7 and we do not subscribe to caller display.

Visit crimestoppershamilton.com for more information and to watch previous re-enactments. Follow us on social media:

Instagram: [crimestoppershamilton](https://www.instagram.com/crimestoppershamilton)

Twitter: [@stopncrime](https://twitter.com/stopncrime)

Facebook: [Hamilton Crime Stoppers](https://www.facebook.com/HamiltonCrimeStoppers)

HOPA PORTS

PORT UPDATE:

2020 COMMUNITY NIGHTLIGHTS

Port Tours

HOPA was able to give the community a closer look at Hamilton's working waterfront this year through Doors Open Hamilton at 210 Hillyard St., Port of Hamilton boat tours on the Hamilton Harbour Queen, and a walking tour of Sherman Inlet.

#FightHungerThisSummer

HOPA organized the first ever #FightHungerThisSummer food drive. As a result, over 860 lbs of food donations, non-perishables, hygiene and baby products were collected for Hamilton's Welcome Inn Community Centre in the North End and Oshawa's Simcoe Hall Settlement House.

Supporting Our Community

HOPA was able to support a number of community organizations this year through donations, including a donation to Liberty for Youth in support of their Bright Choices Program, and CityKidz to help provide sustainable funding to cover transportation costs.

Community Events

HOPA participated in several community events in the North End this year including Park n' Party and the Hamilton Harbour Fishing Derby.

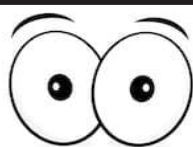
EV Chargers

Two new electric vehicle chargers at 605 James St. N were installed in September, and are now operational and available for staff and public to use.

As shipping season comes to an end, HOPA looks forwards to spending another year with our North End Neighbors in 2020!

Answers to "Which Street?"

1. Bayview Park
2. Mary & Ferrie, John & Strachan
3. Wellington or Burlington
4. Strachan (Strawn or Stracken)
5. Mary
6. Nicol
7. Mary Ferguson (wife of Peter Ferguson)
8. Ferrie, Picton, Macaulay, Simcoe, Catharine
9. Bay Street (near Simcoe)



LOOK WHAT'S COMING!!

Annual Rain Barrel Sale! May 9, 2020. Preorder your Rain Barrel and pick up flowers for Mom while you support the Breezes! Watch for updates on our Face Book Page and check our website

North Ender of the Year Award! Help us choose North Ender who has made a difference in our community! The Breezes is collecting nominations and we are looking for volunteers to help judge. Email us and watch for updates!

We're Tuning 50! The Grand Celebration will happen in June 2021 and we need your help! The planning starts now and our team will need to collect draw prizes and silent auction items. Please email us for details and to join our team.

Email: office@northendbreezes.com

Website: www.northendbreezes.com

Twitter: [@northendbreezes](https://twitter.com/northendbreezes)

WALKABOUT COMMUNITY: FAEMA COFFEEHOUSE

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month’s Walkabout finds me sitting with Mario Ferri of Famea coffeehouse fame. Mario Ferri is Hamilton born & raised and is proud of his Italian Heritage and his Roots. Mario has been with the Famea Canada and group of Companies since 1993. Did you know that Mario was once featured as Mr. Java appearing in the Hamilton Spector in 1993, the same year that he started with the company.

A Brief History:

Faema’s start or roots originates from Naples to Toronto. For over 61 years, since 1958, Faema Canada has been introducing espresso and cappuccino coffee and equipment to Canadians. 1958. Faema is a family run and owned business, with other locations & showrooms in Hamilton, Mississauga, Vaughan & Toronto. For more information or for the History of Famea please visit their webpage at www.faema.ca



FAEMA HAMILTON is located at 265 James Street North at Colborne Street. It is a City of Hamilton historical site and the former Brass Foundry building built in 1873.

It was there that I sat and chatted with Mario Ferri who is the shopkeeper and general manager of the Faema Canada home location here on 265 James Street North. It has been a Hamilton staple here since 1985. Mario has recalled many memories growing up here in Hamilton and special memories of this location. Mario has noted

the changes on James Street North; from the people and the changing demographics of the street to the neighborhood itself. This little pocket on James North I still like to refer to as little Italy.

From Faema coffeehouse and espresso & cappincio bar of 1958 where neighborhood friends gathered, grabbed a coffee, sat and read the morning paper to today where the same happens. Nice to see something’s never change and remain the same.

Mario is excited about the changes to the Hamilton location with its Jura Boutique shop which opened this past Christmas. But come this summer in time for Super Crawl we’ll see the outdoor patio/espresso & cappincio bar with many different international coffee’s and serving specialty cold European drinks. Bringing that European feel and vibe and to sit trainspotting back in time. It’s like coming full circle.

Mario has revealed that everything is growing and involving. I asked his motto for the shop: “A Destination for Specialty coffees since 1958.

I asked his favorite quote: “Live & laugh”

Vision: “ Famea is now presently under renovations with a new look for the changing face of the building as reflection of the changes of the shops on James Street bringing Faema & Jura Boutique going from the original shop set up here in Hamilton circa the mid 1980’s to 2020.

Exciting changes for this full operation cafe capturing the opulence of yesterday and coming to today. “Keeping into the roots and origins intake and really coming full circle”.

Mario, Bella, Bella for the insightful history of Hamilton and Hamilton’s James Street North. The history, the people and the ever changing forward movement of the James North shopping district.

It really was a stepping back in timeYesterday, today & tomorrow.

Thanks for the espresso and for sharing a trip down nostalgia lane. From 1958, 1985, 1993 to 2020. Transporting back in time and coming full circle coming back home once more. Thanks for taking the time to sit and chat and the history of James Street North 101.

Till next month, take care of you and those around you. Cheers



Welcome Inn Community Centre
40 Wood St. E. 905.525.5824 info@welcomeinn.ca

Looking for a way to make a difference in your community?



So many Volunteer Opportunities available:

Food Bank. 10 - 2. Monday, Wed, Thurs, Fri
New Horizons Thrift Store.

Community Visitors to visit local seniors in their homes this winter.

Children’s After School Club Mentors.
Monday - Thursday. 3 - 5:30.

Volunteering is one of the best ways to meet people in the neighbourhood and make a difference in the community!

Interested?
Connect with Ruth to talk about possibilities.
ruth@welcomeinn.ca / T+ 905.525.5824

Donations and Volunteers Needed!!

Do you want to feel good about where your donations are going?

ALL of the New Horizons proceeds fund the Welcome Inn Community Centre programs.

Food Bank is open on Friday’s Now!!

Our Food Bank hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and **Friday!**
11:30am -2pm

WHAT'S COOKING IN THE NORTH END?

Pasta Primavera

Total Time: 35 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients

- Broccoli – coarsely chopped
- Zucchini
- Carrots
- Peppers (assorted colours)
- Garlic
- Onion
- Canned tomatoes
- Penne pasta
- Olive oil
- Salt

Instructions

1. Chop vegetables, fry onions and garlic in olive oil in a large pot
2. Add chopped vegetables to large pot
3. While vegetables are frying, boil pasta
4. Add can of diced tomatoes to vegetable mixture
5. Drain cooked pasta and add to vegetable mixture



Banana Coconut Baked Oatmeal

Total Time: 55 mins | Servings: 6

Total Cost: \$4.29 recipe / \$0.72 serving

Ingredients

- 1.5 cups mashed ripe bananas* \$0.68
- 1 large egg \$0.27
- 1/4 cup brown sugar \$0.08
- 1/2 tsp vanilla \$0.14
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg \$0.05
- 1 tsp baking powder \$0.06
- 1/2 tsp salt \$0.03
- 1/3 cup unsweetened shredded coconut \$0.31
- 13.5 oz. can coconut milk \$2.17
- 3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats \$0.51

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Coat the inside of a 2-3 quart casserole dish with non-stick spray.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the mashed bananas, egg, brown sugar, vanilla, nutmeg, baking powder, salt, and shredded coconut until evenly combined. Add the coconut milk and whisk until smooth again. Add the rolled oats and stir with a spoon until combined.
3. Pour the oat mixture into the prepared casserole dish and bake, uncovered, for 45 minutes. Serve warm or refrigerate until ready to eat. Pairs well with cold milk poured over top.



HER MAJESTY'S ARMY & NAVY

96 Macnab St N, Hamilton

905-527-1000

“Your Neighbourhood Place for FUN”

Open for Business ~ Drop In!

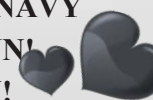


**WON'T YOU BE OUR
VALENTINE?**

VISIT THE ARMY & NAVY

YOU'LL HAVE FUN!

COME & ENJOY!



Entertainment! Thursday 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Bring your dancing shoes, kick up your heels and have a great time!

**GENERAL MEETING
February 23rd
VALENTINES CELEBRATION
February 13th**

Call for details - 905-527-1000

Feb 6, 2020

***City Kiddz**

Feb 13, 2020

*** Tim Hiebert**

Feb 20, 2019

*** Phil Myles**

Feb 27, 2020

***Big John and**

The Night Trippers



Where else can you find

The best bar tenders. Great members and friends you have not met yet

Join us for euchre every Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00pm.

**Darts ~ open house on Saturdays
6 boards available**

**WE ARE CLOSED SUNDAYS, BUT IT IS
NEGOTIABLE
Call 905-527-1000**

GOOD FOOD BOX

Pick up your box at Welcome Inn, or Eva Rothwell Resource Centre! Place your order by the second Wednesday of every month, and pick up on the 3rd Wednesday from 2-5!

High quality, fresh produce at a fair price!

\$15 for a large box (\$20 value)

\$10 for a small box (\$15 value)

Order at NHCHC
or Eva Rothwell.

Call for info:
905-523-6611 ext 3007

Brought to you by:

The Eva Rothwell
Resource Centre
at Robert Land



Pathways to Education

Seeking Volunteer Tutors

Academic Tutoring for High School Youth

Make a long-lasting, positive difference
3 hours each week is all it takes.

Learn More • Register
905-523-6719
pathways@nhchc.ca

Pathways
to Education

Pathways to Education NHCHC
is proudly hosted by
North Hamilton Community Health Centre

NorthHamilton
Community Health Centre

Celebrations of Life

Pre-Planning

Aftercare Support

Full Service Funerals and Visitations

Circle of Life

Cremation and Burial Centre Inc.

Direct Cremation, No Hidden Fees
\$2,489.30

Includes: Coordinating Activities- \$350. Documents - \$425.
Shelter of Remains - \$225. Transfer Vehicle - \$415.**
Cremation Container - \$195. Cremation - \$550.
Death Registration - \$45. Coroner's Fee - \$75. HST - \$209.30*

905.628.8558

* Incl. unlimited Proof of Death Certificate. ** 2 staff, 24 hr. availability

100 King St. E, Dundas • www.circleoflifecbc.com

Are you Pregnant?

YOU'RE INVITED TO...

Welcome Baby Program

We provide the following at this program:

- Access a Registered Dietitian and Public Health Nurse.
- Pregnancy and post natal education
- Meet other moms
- Healthy snacks and recipes
- Food vouchers
- Bus tickets
- Free prenatal vitamins.
- Free Vitamin D drops
- Free child minding for children under 6.

Where?
Compass CH – 438 Hughson Street North

For more information contact:
Cory at: (905)-523-6611 Ext.3047

Letters to the Editor

Did you enjoy an article? Was there something we missed? Is there something you don't like?

Or maybe you have an update we missed? The Breezes is YOUR paper! Help us spread the news you want to hear. Email office@northendbreezes.com

TRY COLLEGE FOR FREE

**City School can help you
take your first step
toward college.**

- Earn up to two free credits with City School that apply to various programs at Mohawk College.
- Build in-demand skills with courses or workshops.
- Explore career opportunities in Hamilton.

**We offer FREE college credit courses
at the following Hamilton locations:**

- Central Library
55 York Boulevard, 4th floor
- Eva Rothwell Centre
460 Wentworth Street North
- Red Hill Library
695 Queenston Road
- Mission Services
196 Wentworth Street North



Apply Today!

mohawkcollege.ca/trycollegeforfree

📞 905-575-2489



City School

by
MOHAWK

Just another reason to join our folding team!

Coffee & Donuts supplied by:

GRANDAD'S DONUTS

Hamilton, ON L8L 1J7

289-700-0905



Support our supporters!



Are you tech savvy? Do you have a few hours each month to help update our website?

We are looking for a dedicated volunteer to help us keep The Breezes in the news!

Training provided. Please email us at
office@northendbreezes.com

SIMPSON & WELLENREITER LLP

Anthony Wellenreiter (905) 525-4520

David Reid Simpson (905) 527-1174

***Wills * Estates * Real Estate**

***Mortgages * Litigation *Business Law**

**950 King Street West, Hamilton
In the Heart of Westdale Village**

OUR CORNER ♦ Bar & Grill ♦

Breakfast (8am-12pm, 7 days a week)

2 eggs, homefries, toast, bacon, ham or
sausage

2 eggs, homefries, toast & peameal bacon
Omelette (ham, onion, peppers, mushrooms
& cheese)

12" Subs

Veggie, Assorted (Mild/Hot)

Salami (Mild/Hot), Pizza, Ham

Pork Cutlet, Roast Beef, B.L.T.

Turkey, Meatball, Chicken, Turkey Club

Homemade 7oz. Hamburgers

Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Banquet Burger

Karaoke Every Other Saturday

January 4, 18

February 1

905-523-0584

**496 James St N,
Hamilton, ON
L8L 1J1**

NORTH END BREEZES FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

Ad content subject to approval by the Board of Directors in keeping with the Mission and Vision of North End Breezes. Call 905-523-6611 ext 3004 or email office@northendbreezes.com

Send your upcoming events to events@northendbreezes.com to be included in our monthly calendar and on our website: www.northendbreezes.com

Children's Birthday Parties: Make your child's birthday the talk of the neighbourhood. Earlee the Entertainer will make it happen Magic, balloons, paintable tattoos for only \$75.00 per hour North End Neighbours – special rate of \$65.00 per hour Earl Ross – 289-439-0166

Take off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) meets Monday evening at 7pm-8pm at the Eva Rothwell Centre 460 Wentworth st. N Call 905-544-5088 . First night is free! Come and join us!

Community Garden, VON Hamilton – Show off your green thumb! Volunteers are required to assist with our garden on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings for a couple of hours. Interested gardening enthusiasts can contact Janis at 905-529-0700 x2251 or voncsshamilton@von.ca.

Hamilton – Let's Do Lunch! VON Hamilton is in need of volunteers to help deliver hot and frozen meals over the lunch hour. Driver and server spots are available for our downtown routes. Call 905-529-0700 or email voncsshamilton@von.ca to find out more.

Children's Birthday Parties: Make your child's birthday the talk of the neighbourhood. Earlee the Entertainer will make it happen Magic, balloons, paintable tattoos for only \$75.00 per hour North End Neighbours – special rate of \$65.00 per hour Earl Ross – 289-439-0166

Downtown Delivery Driver: Looking for a MATURE adult to do deliveries in the City of Hamilton's lower city. Trips / tips / extras you keep. You should have a float of at least \$75 to make change for customers as a float will be provided to you to purchase items. If you are interested, please call 905-921-9339 and ask for Pearl.

Personal Support Worker wanted part-time alternate Saturday mornings from 9:30 AM to 1 PM. Job includes personal care, meal preparation and using a mechanical lift. \$17.50 per hour. Also looking for someone to help with supper meal once or twice a week for 1 to 1 1/2 hours. You do not need to be a personal support worker for this supper hour. \$17.50 per hour. Please send resume to lstoeten17@gmail.com or call 905-528-6159 after 10 AM. Located near the Bayfront Park on a bus route.


Be a driving force in your community! Drivers are needed to provide transportation for seniors to get to medical appointments. Flexible schedule and mileage reimbursement. Please call 905-529-0700 or email voncsshamilton@von.ca

Hospice Volunteer Visiting– VON Hamilton is looking for caring, sensitive volunteers to visit and support people with a life-threatening illness through the end of life journey. Visits are a couple of hours per week. To join our compassionate team of volunteers call 905-529-0700 or email voncsshamilton@von.ca

Part-time Dispatcher; Looking for a mature adult to answer phone and dispatch orders to drivers, Weekends only to start Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon. Looking for some local here in the North End. As we are in walking distance. Training provided and after training you can work out of your own home. Please call 905-921-9339 ask for Pearl

Sewing & Dressmaking. Students and clients wanted. Lessons or alterations available. Ages 6 to 106! Expert in African apparel. Please call Hyacinth 289-308-6176

Minion Parties, Costume Parties. Various characters. For kids and adults. Call Sandra at 289-925-5990



JOIN OUR TEAM!!

The Board of Directors is looking for an eager volunteer to bring new ideas and skills to the table.

Now in our 48th year, The Breezes is looking to put some new wind in our sails that will lead us forward. New technology! New ideas! More community events! New volunteers! YOU can be part of that team!

Email office@northendbreezes.com



Even if you don't own a boat, **YOU** can be a member.
Our membership is open to everyone!

RHYC was established in 1888, Our club provides a year-round facility offering an exceptional waterfront experience. Social memberships are available to enjoy our beautiful pool, dining facilities, meeting rooms and patio.



For membership information or a visit please contact us at
(905) 528-8464 or email: sail@rhyc.ca



FISHER'S PIER 4 PUB
554 JAMES STREET NORTH
905 526 9622



SUPERBOWL LIV
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND
GREAT TV VIEWING
DRINK SPECIALS
FOOD SPECIALS



VALENTINES DAY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14th
Leave the ambiance to us
Special menu items will be available
Reservations recommended
905 526 9622



CHARITY PAINT NIGHT
AT FISHER'S
WED FEB 26TH
\$45 A PERSON
6PM



Colleen Harrison
Broker of Record
Bus: **905-308-9777**
Cell: **905-515-5102**

Email: bluephoenixreal@hotmail.com
BLUE PHOENIX REAL ESTATE LTD.
Brokerage

30 Year Member **RAHB**

Now at 334 James St. N.

Artcrawl Dec. 13th from 6-9PM Drop in for coffee at new location

Website Design & Support Services



Marie Mushing
16 Anson Ave.
Hamilton, ON L8T 2X3

905-387-1883
marie@peopleinconnection.com

Websites that Work!

www.peopleinconnection.com