

WALKABOUT COMMUNITY: MAVE VARIETY

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month's Walkabout finds me at my favorite Convenience/Variety store and my gardening Center once again this year. Located on the James Street North strip and located at 227 James Street North you will find:

Mave Variety; a love established staple serving Hamilton & Hamilton's North End since the 1970's. It is a mom, pop and daughter trio operation that makes up our neighbourhood shopkeepers offering essentials and much much more.

I sat and chatted with mom & daughter as pop was managing the shop. Mom is the wonderful Ling Zhang and her enchanting daughter Susan Yu and her pop's the happy Steve Zhao.

This year's plants & flowers were in full bloom and flanked the sidewalk and created a curbside appeal with the sweet scent of Spring & Summer. Absolutely beautiful!! Their gardening Center is a curbside of brightness & color. Susan has a love for gardening and always works hard...."if you want something go for it. Think creatively and out of the box."

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN GILLAM



Over the past couple of months, I have seen more animal activity in Pier 4 Park than usual. Apart from the poignant contrast to humans confined to their homes, it seemed that the ducks, geese, swans and various land birds were more relaxed, mostly ignoring the few people that ventured out.

After time spent frolicking in early March, the water birds vanished for a while, before reappearing with their young ones. First came the Canada Geese, with their greenish yellow goslings, to feast on the fresh new grass, the baby birds almost growing while you watched. Later, the Mute Swans shepherded their families across the water, the cygnets peeping in fear and excitement. Male Redwing Blackbirds in their red security vests patrolled their homes in the tall reeds plants, and while Robins and swallows rushed around looking for building materials, the little swallows were already sitting on their nests in the Pier Pavilion roof. Catching insects over the water, they kept up endless conversations with each other.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 5

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

THIS AIN'T HOLLYWOOD

The following article was originally published in The Hamilton Spectator, written by contributing columnist Graham Rockingham.

The Iconic Hamilton rock club This Ain't Hollywood has been sold following an 11-year run of bringing live entertainment to James Street North. The current owners of the 127-year-old property at 345 James St. N. are Molinaro, Glen and Jodie Faulman, and Doug Malcolm. The club was named after the title of a 1982 song by Hamilton punk band The Forgotten Rebels.

Co-owner Lou Molinaro said the purchase offer, from a group called Amaprop Canada Inc., came as a surprise because the club has been closed since March 16 (the club's weekly bingo night) due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The deal is set to close in August.

"It happened so fast, it's kind of surreal," said Molinaro, who announced the sale Sunday evening. "It was a generous offer considering we're in the middle of this COVID-19 crisis."

A collective "oh no" was voiced by the many patrons of the Establishment over the years. (Posted on Face Book) "Took a while to collect my thoughts on what I really wanted to say now that it's official that This Ain't Hollywood is closing. When a strong, constant pillar of our tight, but arguably small music scene falls down, it's hard to process it all through the rubble. So I spent a few days looking through my photo archives looking for T.A.H shots for inspiration.

What were my favourite shows there? Too

many to count!

Favourite times I've played there? With Cowlick, High Kites, The Dill, some one-offs.

Moments & things I'll never forget? Every music show, every art show, the little touches and photographs that are collected and displayed throughout. So many memories!

Sometimes it felt like I only knew a few folks when I went there. But other times I knew EVERYONE! I'll NEVER forget any of that.

Thank you to Lou Molinaro and Glen and Jodie and the wonderful rock and roll staff. It was a club house. A home away from home for SOOO many people.

Huge loss for our "music city", but it sure was fun while it lasted. Especially relevant now when I think about how we used to be allowed to be shoulder to shoulder, laughing and dancing and crowd surfing and rocking and experiencing music TOGETHER!!! Priceless.

I know there's a lot of other GREAT venues in town that will pick up the slack and do a great job doing so whenever this ends.



I also know that all good things must pass, and that venues change and our amazing music scene needs to shed its skin once in a while to shake things up, and that this is not the end of the world....but I'll grieve it just the same.

This Ain't Hollywood, & all the bands, if you're listening, thanks so much for all of these memories and much more!"

I spoke with Katherine Stokes who worked at This Ain't Hollywood since 1995. It's a big adjustment but she has so many memories from her years there. She'd like to thank Glen, Jodie, Lou and Doug – the best people to work for. And a special thanks to the many customers who have become friends over the years and are forever in her heart.



Please check the article by Ken Hirter that was featured in the April edition of The North End Breezes on our website www.northeastbreezes.com





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

125 Picton Street East,
Hamilton, ON L8L 0C5

COVID-19 UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM
ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR PARISH

The impact of Covid19 has been far reaching. Since mid-March, the church has been closed, and our office is being operated remotely. Within St. Lawrence Parish and the North End, the entire community is grappling with this incredibly trying situation. We've seen businesses struggling, individuals trying to figure out how to make ends meet, people living alone are feeling isolated, and indeed everyone struggling with the emotional impact of a steady stream of difficult news. In difficult times we can usually rely on the support of our faith community, at Mass and through other programs, to provide spiritual comfort and support. Sadly the nature of this pandemic has removed our ability to gather as a faith community in our beautiful church and even funerals have been limited to a very small graveside gathering only.

We have not however simply gone away, and while we may not gather in person at St. Lawrence, this does not mean that the celebration of our faith has ended.

In fact we are currently celebrating the Easter Season, gathering "virtually" for Sunday Mass on 'Facebook live', and our parish office staff continue to respond to the needs of our parishioners and community as best we can (albeit remotely).

As Catholics, we often describe ourselves as an Easter people - for it is through the divine mercy of Jesus, by His cross and resurrection that we receive new life. It seems the Easter season has taken on a new significance this year. The readings from the third Sunday in Easter, speak about how the apostles meet Jesus on the road, and recognize him when he breaks bread with them. We may feel like we are on a long and difficult road right now but we continue to live with faith and hope and we all look forward to the opportunity to celebrate God's mercy once again in person in the breaking of the bread.

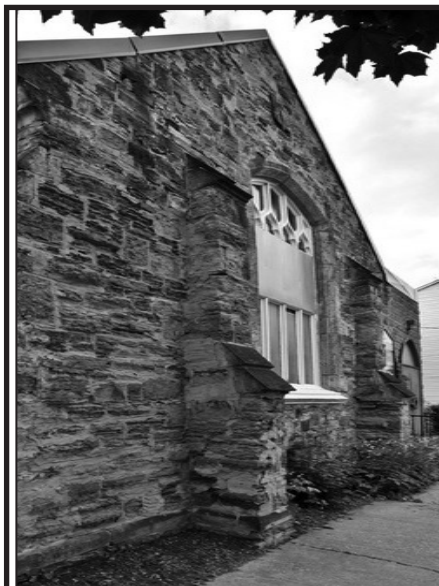
In the meantime please remember those that are struggling - Whoever is able is encouraged to support local food banks, local businesses, and to keep a watch for our neighbours who are isolated or in need. We also thank members of the community and our parishioners who have continued to support St. Lawrence Parish financially at this time. Since our Parish's only source of income is usually our Sunday collection - your continued support helps us to pay the bills and keep the church in good repair.

Sunday Mass Streaming

Sunday Mass is streamed on Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. live at <https://www.facebook.com/stlawrencehamilton>

During the closure, the parish office can be reached by email stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish updates are shared at <http://www.stlawrencehamilton.ca>



HUGHSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

CONTACT INFO:

905.527.3972
office@hughson.ca
www.hughson.ca

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

A MESSAGE FROM HUGHSON STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Hughson Street Baptist Church has been serving in the North End of Hamilton since 1887. Our church has moved from a place where it was nearly empty to the place where we have had to move our worship services to the school across the road from our church.

God graciously provided the funding for us to purchase a building located just a block away from our existing church. The new facility at 500 James St N was 30,000 square feet compared to our current 8,000 square feet. However in order for it to accommodate our church and the housing, we have demolished the building and are preparing to build something new. When completed,

500 James will be the largest passive house church and affordable housing complex in North America (possibly the world?) @ Hamilton, Ontario.

Not only will the new building serve as a place of worship in ministry, but it will also offer 45 apartments for the marginalized. A partnership with Indwell, a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities, the dream will become a reality.

The building has started and it is anticipated that it will be ready in 2020. This cannot be done without help from people who believe that Hughson should grow, in order to serve.

The total cost of the project is \$19 million. We have secured \$6.3 million in government funding for the housing portion, and raised another \$6.6 million, which leaves us still needing another \$6.1 million to completely finance the project.

Please watch the following video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqvKEVLCl7Q> to find out more about the ministries and vision of Hughson Street Baptist Church. You can also download our capital campaign brochure Growing to Serve for more information. Or if you are ready to partner with us on this project please fill out our online financial commitment form.

You can check out the Website <https://www.hughson.ca/pages/the-capital-campaign> email office@hughson.ca or call 905- 527-9372

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Like so many other leagues and camps, Hughson is sorry to announce that the North End Soccer League has had to be cancelled for this summer. Thanks for all the support and inquiries but to help us through this virus we won't be able to gather.

Watch our website for details about our Children's Cross-trainers programs. We are considering a couple of weeks in August.

BENNETTO COMMUNITY CENTRE

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



**To help slow the rate of COVID-19 infection in
Hamilton, the City of Hamilton is closing all
Recreation Facilities temporarily.**

BOOK CLUB CORNER

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING AND THE MEMBERS OF THE BAY AREA BOOK CLUB

Since the Hamilton Public Library is closed due to Covid-19, we didn't have access to copies of the same book to read and discuss. Instead several members met online and talked about books that they have read recently and would recommend. The following titles are available from HPL on-line in e-book and /or E-audio book format for you to download with your library card. You can get an electronic library card on-line if you need one. <https://www.hpl.ca/online-registration>

FICTION

- Before We Were Yours** by Lisa Wingate
- Beneath the Tamarind Tree** by Isha Sesay
- Eligible** by Curtis Sittenfeld
- Five Wives** by Joan Thomas
- The Huntress** by Kate Quinn
- The Innocents** by Michael Crummey
- The Lost Girls of Paris** by Pam Jenoff
- The Other Einstein** by Marie Benedict
- The Secret Orphan** by Glynis Peters
- The Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris
- The Tenant** by Katrine Engberg
- The Things We Cannot Say** by Kelly Rimmer
- Tidelands** by Philippa Gregory
- Unsheltered** by Barbara Kingsolver

NON-FICTION

- Beautiful Scars: Steeltown Secrets, Mohawk Skywalkers and the Road Home** by Tom Wilson
- Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators** by Ronan Farrow
- The Library Book** by Susan Orlean
- Educated: A Memoir** by Tara Westover
- Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil** by John Berendt
- A Very Stable Genius: Donald Trump's Testing of America** by Philip Rucker

NORTH END NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION (NENA) UPDATE



SUBMITTED BY NENA PRESIDENT

Due to the COVID 19 situation NENA cancelled its regular in-person monthly meetings for April and May.

We were able to hold online meetings in May using Zoom, to hear presentations from the City, Brook McIlroy and KMPB on a proposal for a signature tall building on Pier 8. These meetings were related to the 45-storey tower proposal reported on by CBC Hamilton, The Spectator, The Bay Observer, and Public Record.

The first meeting was held early in May with the NENA planning committee, which agreed the concept was worthy of further study. A second meeting was then held on May 20th via Zoom to allow interested members/residents to view the presentations and ask questions.

Access details were sent out via our email list and posted on our website. To ensure you are notified and have access to future online meetings make sure to sign up for NENA email updates. We are a volunteer run organization and like to keep you informed, but we need your help to make that a manageable endeavour.

Video of the May 20th meeting has been posted on YouTube and can be viewed via links provided on our website or by searching on YouTube for "May 23 2020 NENA Pier 8 Video" (for convenient viewing it has been split into 4 parts).

The tall building proposed has not been approved by City Council and still needs to go through the planning approval process, including a program of public consultation and a statutory public meeting.

The number of residential units approved for Pier 8 continues to be 1645. That was the number of units approved by City Council in 2017. The proposal for a tall building on Pier 8 was precipitated by an LPAT settlement reached last year between the approved developer Water-

front Shores, the City of Hamilton, and a North End group Harbour West Neighbours and Herman Turkstra (chair of NENA's planning committee) who appealed the zoning by-law approved by City Council. The settlement reached does not allow for an increase in the maximum number of residential units permitted.

Part of the overall LPAT settlement, which included provisions to ensure parking needed for waterfront development on Piers 6-8 be located north of Guise Street, also agreed to bring forward for consideration a proposal for a residential or mixed-use building in mid-rise or high-rise form on Block 16 of the Pier 8 development. That is approximately where the parking lot for the Discovery Centre, roller rink, and Williams Café is located today.

Depending on the height in storeys approved for Block 16, the developer of Pier 8 would be required to provide additional "family" units as part of the overall development.

One of the key objectives of the North End residents who appealed the Pier 8 zoning was to ensure that the overall development include enough larger, multi-bedroom units suitable for families.

The settlement reached last year includes a provision in the LPAT approved zoning that requires a minimum of 15% of the residential units built on Pier 8 have 2-or-more bedrooms. Approval of a mid-rise or high-rise residential or mixed-use building on Block 16 would require additional 2-or-more bedroom units be provided—with the precise number dependent on what is eventually approved, including no additional 2-or-more bedroom units if the outcome of the planning process leaves the permissions for Block 16 unchanged.

The North End appellants were willing to agree to this provision in large part because KPMB, the lead architecture firm for the Pier 8 project, is highly regarded and includes internationally renowned architect Bruce Kuwabara who was born in Hamilton and raised in the North End. His presentation is part 3 of the videos posted to YouTube and well worth watching regardless of your initial reaction to the idea of a signature tall building on Pier 8.

We hope you will take the time to watch the presentations on YouTube and send us your feedback on the proposal via email to nen.president@gmail.com.

NENA also hopes you and your loved ones are safe and healthy and practising the necessary social distancing during the COVID pandemic.

For more up to date information visit www.North-EndNeighbours.com



LEAVE IT TO BEAVER

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

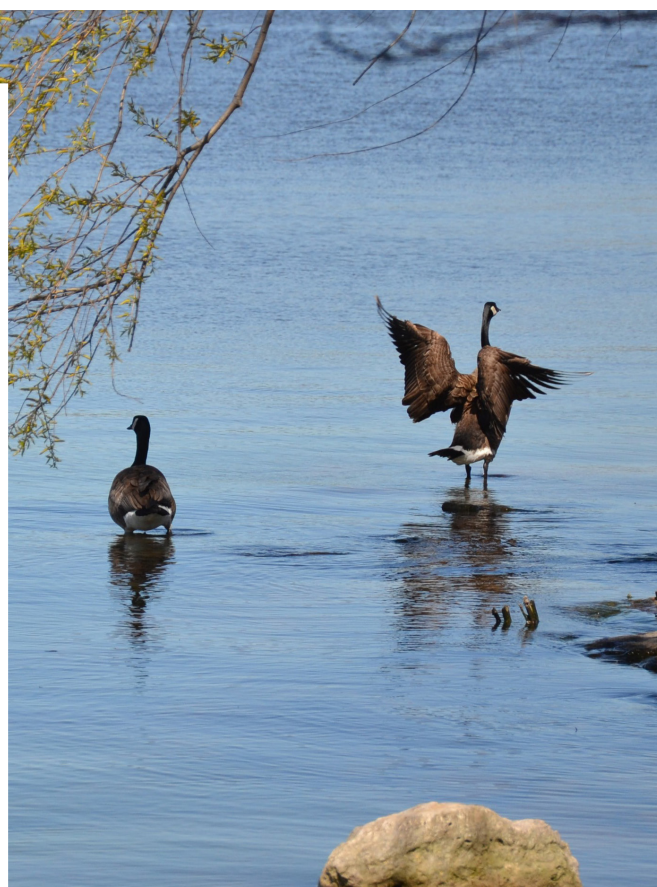
Even less visible animals had been busy, like the beavers felling small trees in the park. All this led me to reflect on how the world goes on without people so much in evidence.

Although the environment around the bay is nothing like it was before the city existed, the current situation shows how quickly other animals can take advantage of temporary human absence. However, with warmer weather and the easing of restrictions, the birds are far less in evidence. Motor boats create new wave patterns as they speed through the cormorants' feeding ground and there are human rather than goose families on the grass. The other day, I noticed a van from Wildlife Protection with flashing lights, from which came loud bird-like noises. The driver explained that it was a digitized recording that combined distress calls from gulls and birds of prey. The intention was to dissuade Canada Geese from using the lawns and relieving themselves. I remembered that the geese had complained about this kind of human activity to me last year and wondered if it would have any lasting effect. Of course, humans made the park, but the animals were there before that and the issue is how to share it, which raises some larger questions.

The temporary absence of humans from the outdoor environment, due to quarantine shows dramatically their effects on it. It is much quieter and cleaner, with air pollution levels dropping by as much as 30% in some



places and noise levels greatly diminished. Places apparently devoid of all life are suddenly populated. Of course this comes at a huge human cost—fear, impoverishment and dislocation, but the pandemic was able to spread due to expanded human activity and penetration of the surrounding environments. Among many calls to rebuild the economy and heal society, we should listen on those that ask us to consider building a more sustainable, environmentally friendly economy and infrastructure. Bike sharing and lanes, retrofitted buildings and community gardens should be expanded. More support for enhanced public transportation, cleaner air travel, sustainable energy and conservation and repair of our environment are too important to ignore, and as the efforts of the community and government in the last two months have shown, anything is possible.



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

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

WALKABOUT COMMUNITY

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Her parents instilled instilled those principles and taught her to apply everything to life & living.

Motto for the shop: “Bring the neighborhood what it needs..... especially at this time.”

I asked Susan what is her favorite flower is. The Sun Impatience perfectly reflects Susan’s personality bright, dramatic with a sunny personality. Happiness, hope in the flowers that bloom. Those April showers did bring forth those May flowers for our June gardens, patio, decks and windowsill planters.

Please check out Susan’s gardening page on Instagram @mavesvarity or to place an order please call 905-522-6825. In keeping and supporting community this year’s Flowers & Plants and purchasing through independent greenhouse gardens. Special thanks to Susan Starfield of Sunnyside Greenhouses in the town of Lincoln.

Steve, Ling & Susan would like to thank their neighbors, the 5 Star Bar & Grill for allowing use of their sidewalk curb for the extended garden Center this year. A special thanks from me Ling for your gardening tips for my rooftop garden once again for this year.

Especially this year shop & support



your local small businesses as they slowly start to soft open once again along the James Street North strip. They will sure be happy that you did.

Thanks Steve, Ling and Susan. Till next month take care of you and those around you.

Cheers



THIS AIN'T HOLLYWOOD: INTERVIEW WITH OWNER STEVE COLVILE-REEVES

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA DUKE

I spoke with the new owner Steve Colvile-Reeves. First let me tell you that Steve is well known and respected in the GALA Neighbourhood where I live. He has purchased several properties in the Barton Village area and is a kind and generous landlord, very involved in the community and Chair of the Barton Village Business Improvement Area.

Here’s what he has to say:

“Thanks for reaching out Brenda and I’m very excited about the purchase of 341-345 James Street North.

In that regard we are reaching out to the music community to see if there’s any interest in continuing the legacy of This Ain’t Hollywood but at the same time we recognize that the trend for live music across all the major markets is receding. In Toronto especially several of the nostalgic places have closed and I know because I play in a rock band and have played at a number of great venues that are no longer around including the Cadillac Lounge where we played one of the final shows late last summer. Sad to say but both my sons listen to Hip Hop and Rap and they’ve both been on a strict diet of the Stones and Beatles since they were little. Go figure?

As you may know my company has always been associated with historical buildings and I have renovated three on the list in Toronto. Better said we target buildings dating back to the Victorian and Edwardian periods. These structures are of high interest because they were incredibly well built and have timeless features and craftsmanship that never go out of style. When combined with the parameters of deconstructivism these features are exposed and transform the original stately design into a more modern clean shell capable of hosting a variety of businesses with a simple but chic backdrop. My philosophy has always been to restore a building to its former glory while creating open interior spaces where letting in the natural light becomes the secret sauce.”

If you’d like to contact Steve, please email scolvillereeves@rogers.com and he will be in touch.



7 STEPS TOWARDS SUPPORTING NATURE WITH YOUR GARDEN

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING



This spring we longed for nature like never before, quiet streets meant clearly hearing birdsong. With more time to notice each flower, you may want to know how your little or large, patch of urban garden can contribute, here's my top seven ways.

1. Birds: planting native species in your garden that support our feathered friends not only in the seeds & fruit a plant provides but also the insects and larvae it is a host to. Birds primarily feed their chicks soft caterpillars & other insects in spring, in fact, that's all chicks can eat. One good example is Arrowwood Viburnum, a caterpillar host that also bears fruit for mature birds before they migrate.
2. Butterflies: provide larvae for birds and aside from being beautiful are diminishing in numbers and along with moths and bees, pollinate flowers. Consider adding Echinacea, Aster, Liatris, Chocolate Boneset, and the Monarchs all time fave, Butterfly weed /Asclepias. (not Butterfly Bush which is borderline invasive)
3. Native Bees – much has been written about the diminishing numbers of bees, but less about the approx 3 500 different native bee species in North America alone. The European honeybee is NOT endangered and in some studies is shown to be in competition with native bees for the

same pollen. Your garden could be providing a pollen rich buffet for bees. Monarda, Helianthus, Goldenrod, Liatris, Hyssop, Echinacea, are all great choices

4. Native Plants OK, you've heard this before, but why should you bother planting natives in the garden? Simply, they have evolved alongside the very birds, bees and butterflies (see above) that need them for food and shelter. (& vice versa) Native Trees are one of the earliest pollen sources for the bees as well as providing food and habitat for insects and birds. Consider planting a city tree (free through the City of Hamilton) or if space is limited try a smaller native tree, Pagoda Dogwood, a multistem Serviceberry/Amelanchier or Redbud/Cercis canadensis (all shade tolerant btw)
5. Beauty and mental health; Aside from making your neighbourhood more beautiful, seeing green makes us happier & even live longer. I don't have the space here to explain but please ask your friend Google. It's science so it's real! Numerous studies have shown reduced anxiety, depression and aggression for those living near parks, mature trees or with ready access to a garden.
6. Growing your own, veggies & Herbs The satisfaction of picking herbs or veggies from your own garden is delightful and if you try it you'll understand the reward. Community gardens are a great place to learn, even if you're not ready to manage your own plot, they always need volunteers.
7. Invasive Species: As you add native plants to draw in all the creatures, start to eliminate the plants that cause major problems for our local ecosystems. Periwinkle, Ivy, Lily of the Valley, Garlic Mustard, Phragmites and the most aggressive, Japanese Knotweed, should all be learned so they can be removed from wild spaces and even our own backyards. After all, it's because these plants were in gardens and then 'escaped' that we now have such problems in conservation areas and parks. Remember that these species provide no nutrients or food of any kind for local insects or birds because they are from other continents.

SENIOR'S KITCHEN: AT-HOME EDITION

Simple Scone Recipe

Prep Time: 5-10 mins

Cooking time: 15-20 minutes

Total Time: 20-35 minutes

Ingredients

- 3 cups All-purpose Flour
- 1 1/2 tbsp Baking Powder
- 1 1.2 tsp Salt
- 1/3 cup Butter (cold)
- 1 cup Milk

Optional Additions:

- Cheese (shredded)
- Herbs
- Dried fruit

Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 400 °F and line a baking tray with parchment
2. Place the flour and butter in a mixing bowl and then use your fingertips to rub the butter together until the mixture forms fine bread-crumbs
3. Make a well in the center of the mixture and add 1 cup of milk. Mix until the mixture forms a soft dough, adding an extra dash of milk if the mixture is dry.
4. Lightly flour your counter. Transfer the dough to the floured surface and knead until smooth (about 3-4 minutes).
5. Pat the dough down with the palm of your hand until it's about 2 cm thick. Cut out the scones either using a round cutter or a glass, or cut it into triangles using a knife. If there is dough left-over, pull it together and repeat the process. You should end up with about 15 scones.
6. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes until the scones have risen and the tops are golden. Serve warm and enjoy!

MATTHEW GREEN

Member of Parliament
Hamilton Centre



Matthew Green, MP
Hamilton Centre

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



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



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



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

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!

OUR CORNER ◆ Bar & Grill ◆

Our Corner would like to say,

Thank you to all the front line workers during these trying times. Everyone has done a amazing job trying to keep us safe, happy and alive.

To our customers we miss you and hope to see you all real soon. Stay safe and enjoy your time with your love ones no matter how you get to communicate and love them even from a distance.

905-523-0584
496 James St N,
Hamilton, ON
L8L 1J1

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



Celebrations
of Life

Pre-Planning

Aftercare
Support

Full Service
Funerals and
Visitations

Circle of Life

Cremation and Burial Centre Inc.

Simple Cremation, No Hidden Fees
\$2,676.45

Includes: Coordinating Activities- \$455. Documents - \$425.*
Shelter of Remains - \$275. Transfer Vehicle - \$415.**
Cremation Container - \$195. Cremation - \$560.
Death Registration - \$47. Coroner's Fee - \$75. HST - \$229.45

905.628.8558

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

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

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

THE GARTSHORE-THOMPSON OFFICE BUILDING

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Where Bay Street meets Burlington, a foot path slopes down in a zig zag fashion to Leander Drive. A modest red bricked, single-story Victorian style building appears directly below the historic Sail Loft (1869) which prominently overlooks both Hamilton Bay and the former Gartshore-Thomson Office Building.

This old building was originally built around the turn of the 19th century by Alexander Gartshore and once had its own commanding view of Hamilton Bay when it stood on the southwest corner of Stuart and Caroline Streets. The building was donated to the City of Hamilton in 1992 by the Fracassi Family and is used today for meeting spaces and public washrooms.

The Gartshore name goes way back to 1838 to a time when Alexander's father, John Gartshore, a millwright by trade, started the Dundas Iron Foundry & Machine Shop on Hatt St. in Dundas with the financial help of James Bell Ewart then 24 yrs. old from Surrey, England.

Ewart worked as a store clerk and a postmaster in Niagara-on-The-Lake and opened a general store in Cootes Paradise as a teenager, he worked between the two places for 5 years. Ewart owned several mills in Kitchen-Waterloo, Chatham-Kent, Ayr, and St. George areas. He heavily invested in wheat and traded with other mills. James owned shares in the Desjardins Canal System and founded two road building companies the Guelph & Dundas 1847 and Dundas & Paris in 1850. Ewart also operated as a land agent and held a considerable amount of property in Hamilton and Dundas. He owned 3 banks in Dundas and held prominent positions at others over the years.

John Gartshore a former native of Lanarkshire, Scotland moved to Fergus, Ontario in 1829 where he built the first grist (flour) mill in Canada. Unfortunately, it burnt down a short time later.

When Gartshore and Ewart joined forces, they started out by making steam engines and retrofitting many of the passenger ships and freighters that travelled through the newly created Desjardins Canal. Soon the Dundas Iron Foundry & Machine Shop with its 110 employees were building grist and lumber mills alongside lakes, rivers, and streams around the countryside.

In 1845 Sir Allan Napier Macnab and James Ewart travelled to England and secured financing for the Great Western Railway (Now Canadian National, C.N.) which travelled through Hamilton's North End.

A year later the Dundas foundry suf-

fered a catastrophic fire and at the same time one of J.B Ewart's mills, the Galt Mill went up in flames. Because of Ewart's financial status he was able to refinance the mill in Galt and the Dundas foundry. However, he paid a heavy price for that and with the wheat market in a virtual tailspin at the time, he suffered heavy losses and carried a considerable debt load for the rest of his life. Ewart's final project was his dream of building a major port on the western shore of Lake Simcoe. The town of Belle Ewart was named in his honor. James Bell Ewart died in 1853.

John Gartshore's foundry now at its peak with 150 men on the company payroll won the contract to build stone crushers, steel tracks and other related equipment used to build the Great Western Railway. Between 1856 and 1859 the Dundas Iron Foundry & Machine Shop manufactured the original steam engines among other things needed for the Hamilton Water Works on Woodward Ave. Tap water would soon be available in every household in Hamilton.

In the mid 1860's the Dundas Iron Foundry & Machine Shop manufactured a 17.5-ton anvil for the Great Rolling Mills in Hamilton. Alexander Gartshore was born in Dundas on November 18, 1839 and was well educated at Dr. Tassie's School in Galt which was famous across Canada, the U.S and Europe for its no nonsense approach to the core subjects of languages, math, geography, physics, and biology. Up to 40 boys would stay at the school during the semester. They were prepared for competitive exams into the some of the best colleges and universities, medical and law schools.

At 15 Alexander went to West Point Foundry in Cold Springs, N.Y, located just across the Hudson River from the famous West Point Academy where he learned the machinist trade. A few years later Alex returned to Dundas and worked in his father's foundry before being made a partner in 1865.

By the 1860s the town of Dundas was losing its status as an important financial hub. The dredging of the Burlington/Hamilton Bay and the building of the Great Western Railway opened Hamilton up to new commerce. However, with the introduction of The Hamilton-Dundas Street Railway (HSR today) Dundas became popular as a residential or bedroom community.

With this and with the popularity of mills and steam engines on the decline, the writing was on the wall for the Dundas foundry, it entered receiv-



ership in 1869. The foundry was leased to former Scottish immigrant Thomas Wilson a 25-year employee and General Manager. Thomas Wilson ran the company until his death in 1891, after foundry was permanently shut down.

Thomas Wilson served as town councilor for several years and was voted in as Mayor of Dundas twice; initially in 1876 and again in 1885.

John Gartshore retired from the foundry in 1870 and moved to Toronto where he started a small-scale operation called Toronto Car Wheel Company which specialized in chilled iron car and locomotive wheels. Three years later Mr. Gartshore returned to his native Scotland where he suffered a stroke and died a few days later. John Gartshore was remembered as a kind-hearted philanthropist.

Alexander and his new business partner Thomas Cowie, who lived at 171 John St. in Hamilton's North End and former supervisor at his father's old Dundas foundry for the last 10 years, formed the Gartshore-Cowie Foundry at Stuart & Caroline. In 1896, Alexander incorporated the former Gartshore-Cowie company as Gartshore-Thomson Pipe and Foundry Ltd. James C. Thomson was then named Vice President and General Manager. His son James A. Thomson became a Supervisor for the company.

Alexander then specialized in making water, gas, and sewer pipes. They supplied every major city from Quebec to British Columbia with most of the equipment needed to build their initial water, sewer, and natural gas infrastructures.

In 1940 the Hamilton foundry was sold to Canada Iron Foundries. The factory continued to operate until the 1980's. Phillip Environmental used one of the offices in the old Gartshore-Thomson office building during the area's clean up and before it was moved to its present day location.

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

Lawn Mowing: I am a 14 year old boy looking to make some money over the summer by mowing lawns in the north end. If interested call Ezra Oucharek at 905-517-1661.

For Sale: BIKINIS: Hand crocheted, Made to order, Very daring. \$95.00. Call Beryle @905-540-4242 for an Appt.

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 Call 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.

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.

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

A NOTE FROM THE BREEZES

As we navigate our new normal, we recognize that things can change at a rapid pace these days. As such, please understand that while Breezes content is relevant at the time of printing, some information may not be accurate as policies change to address the Covid-19 outbreak. Thank you!

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



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



JOIN OUR TEAM!!

The Board of Directors is looking for eager volunteers 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. If you have skills in technology, event planning or fundraising, we can use those skills to grow our team. The North End Breezes relies on our volunteers to bring the community news to you. We require minimal commitment of two hours per month. Contact us for details and to discuss how you can be part of the team! Email office@northendbreezes.com

Miss you all so very much.
We look forward to seeing
all those smiling faces soon.
#Stay home
#Stop the spread
#Save lives

PLEASE DONATE NOW

YOUR COMMUNITY!
YOUR SUPPORT! MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!

The Breezes is supported by your generosity! Hundreds of volunteer hours go into each publication but we need your help to cover those essential costs of printing and delivery. A tax receipt will be issued to the address noted. Please send your cheque to North Hamilton Community Health Centre at 438 Hughson Street North or visit our website www.northendbreezes.com to make a donation through paypal.

During this time of social distancing, we are still accepting e-transfers to:

office@morthendbreezes.com

HER MAJESTY'S ARMY & NAVY
96 Macnab St N, Hamilton
905-527-1000

"Your Neighbourhood Place for FUN"

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARMY & NAVY:

Due to the current COVID-19 situation, and the State of Emergency that was just declared, we are CLOSED until further notice.

Although it pains us to do so, because we know how much our members enjoy Thursday night bands and our dart leagues, the health of our employees, and customers, must take priority.

We will keep our members informed as to when we will reopen. Do not worry about us at this time; worry about your fellow members and friends and family. Stay healthy!



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.



THANK YOU
TO ALL OF
OUR FRONT
LINE WORKERS

"A referral occurs when you send someone you love to someone you trust."



MARIANNE HOBSON
Mortgage Agent
Licence # M08004925
C. 905.973.9266
marianne@hobsonmortgages.ca
F. 866.805.7785

578 Upper James St.
Hamilton, ON L9C 2Y6
1.877.677.7778



