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THE TUG AT PIER 4



SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

As far as I can tell it doesn't have an official name but as you're walking along the Pier 4 walkway, you'll come across a red & white tugboat with a big blue 4 painted on her stack. Please forgive me for wondering if this little tug was something special aside from letting kids, run, jump, and play on her deck and in her pilothouse. So, my curiosity got the best of me.

I found out this little tug is a bit of a Frankenstein, meaning she's two ships melded into one. Each ship has a story to tell.

The hull is from the H.M.C.S GLENELLA, one of three Glen Class tugs built by Canadian Dredge & Dock Company of Kingston, Ontario for the Royal Canadian Navy (R.C.N) in 1944. The war was over before she was to enter service and by that time most R.C.N vessels (tugs too) were decommissioned. They were re-assigned to the auxiliary fleet and staffed by civilians under the control of the Queen's Harbour Master.

Their official duty was to keep ports secured for both the military and civilian shipping.

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COVID-19: WHAT STAGE ARE WE AT?

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING

As I write this, Hamilton has been given the green light to move to Stage 2 of re-opening after weeks of growing hair and growing tired of seeing the same old things on TV. Now, we can make an appointment to get a haircut, eat a meal or have a drink on a patio, go to the mall, tour and taste at a winery, brewery or distillery. Some outdoor pools and splash pads are helping to cut the heat but playground structures are still off limits. Some libraries will be able to provide pick-up service for items that you have on hold. Provincial parks will reopen for camping and we can go to the beach.

If all goes well and we still pay attention keeping a safe distance, wearing masks if we cannot maintain that distance and washing our hands often and well, we may be in Stage 3 by the time The Breezes goes to print.

In Stage 3, the Ontario government will look at opening

- remaining workplaces and services while emphasizing working remotely where possible
- dining in for restaurants
- more personal and personal care services
- all indoor and outdoor recreation facilities including playgrounds

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OLD HAUNTS OF THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY ROBYN GILLAM

Among the many small business casualties of the Covid-19 Pandemic is Emma’s Back Porch, the storied bar and eatery on Old Lakeshore Road in Burlington. However, while the business is gone, Emma is still there, even though she died in 1943. The ghost of the former innkeeper and her two children have been known for many years, with sightings of floating figures and poltergeists’ pranks.

Emma’s establishment was sited close to land and water transportation. Such places are borderline, between land and water, places of exchange, at the beginning or end of important journeys and of what is legal or illegal. Their stories are filled with strong emotions and violent acts. The North End, old Port Hamilton, between lake and railway line, was reputed to be home to many shady activities. Where are its ghosts?



Most old North Enders claim to have never heard of such things. “You don’t believe in ghosts do you?” someone asked, but I’m not easily put off. The celebrated ‘Dark Lady’ haunts the old Customs House on Stuart Street, almost, but not quite, in the North End. She manifests in the cellars amid bone chilling cold, where she was buried following an untimely death en route to the port. A gentleman dressed in 19th century office attire has also been seen in one of the front rooms. There are several haunted places nearer the escarpment, so why not closer to home?

With Emma in mind, I focussed on old inns. Fischer’s Pier 4 Pub and Hotel at James and Wood Streets, has an eerie history, going back over 50 years. The building itself, dating to 1851-2, stands en route between the port and the railway line, an obvious first stop for newly arrived immigrants. How-

ever, there are few details about life there before 1910, when the hotel was purchased by the Murphys, who lived in an apartment on the second floor with their five children. ‘Long John’ Murphy, known as an athlete, was also celebrated in cockfighting circles throughout the Great Lakes Basin.

Later on, their grandchildren would come to play in the unused third floor of the building. One of them, Pat Murphy, described it having a weird, frightening atmosphere. She said that things would go bump or squeak, and sometimes it was just too scary to stay there. After the Murphys sold the building in 1950, the third floor remained boarded up for over 40 years.

When Ed Fisher purchased the building in 1993, he discovered the staircase to the third floor hidden behind a wall. It led up to a mysterious space filled with winding passages and hidden spaces under the dormer roof. Old children’s toys and schoolbooks contributed to impression of a place frozen in time.



Although the third floor is now renovated and occupied by guests of the hotel, an eerie feeling remains, especially on the staircase, one of the few unaltered parts of the



original building.

You don’t need to believe in ghosts to enjoy hearing about them. Such tales are common in old haunts like the North End. We look forward to hearing your stories.

The author would like to thank Ed Fischer for his informative tour of the hotel. Stories about ghosts mentioned can be found online at HPL, WAHC and various paranormal websites.



ABOVE: THE MURPHY FAMILY



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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.

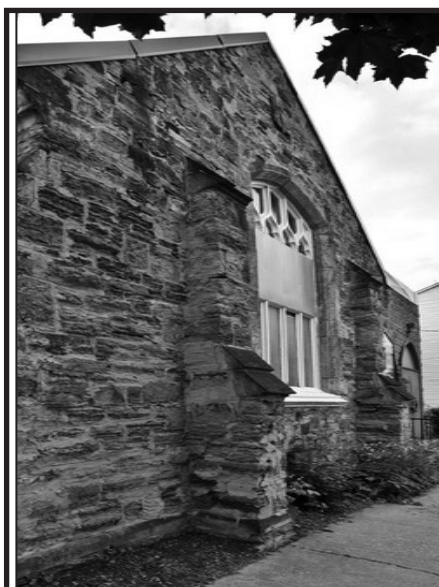
In the meantime please remember those that are struggling - Whoever is able is encouraged to support local food banks, local businesses, and to keep a watch for our neighbours who are isolated or in need. We also thank members of the community and our parishioners who have continued to support St. Lawrence 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

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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.

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



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. Here are a few reviews of titles that we have enjoyed. To borrow them or place a reserve, go to <https://hpl.bibliocommons.com/>.

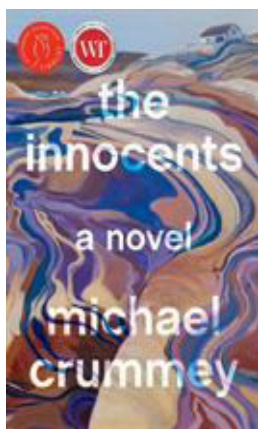
The Other Typist by Suzanne Rindell

Rose is a typist in a New York City Police precinct in the early 1920's – prohibition. This is not a police procedural. This is not a romance. This story is full of twists and turns with great character development. –Rather plain and prudish, Rose is absorbed by a new typist, Odalie, and her totally different life style. The first part of the book is okay as Rose and Odalie become acquainted, but the rest is fixating as we go through twists and turns with this new relationship and are totally entranced to know what will happen next. With the overall ambience of the 20's, we see the seediness and opulence of the time. I don't want to spoil it for you, so I will just say it is awesome. I read it before the pandemic and I am still thinking about it after reading many more books. Janice Stone

Educated by Tara Westover.

The youngest of seven children, Tara was raised in rural Idaho on a part farm/part scrapyard. Her fundamentalist Mormon family did not believe in government run schools, but did believe in preparing for the Days of Abomination. Her proselytizing father preached that the government brainwashed kids in public schools and that church run schools were infiltrated by the Illuminati so that they could raise generations of socialist Mormons. Her young life was working on the farm, in the scrapyard and in the kitchen. But Tara

wanted more. She wanted an education. The memoir chronicles her struggles with her dominant father, her unsupportive mother, and a verbally and physically abusive brother in order to reach her goal. A captivating, inspiring and heartbreaking story permeated with ideological mania, outlandish physical trauma, and politically charged paranoia. Paige Turner



The Innocents by Michael Crummey.

Beautifully written, The Innocents was shortlisted for three major literary awards in 2019. This is an extraordinary novel - emo-

tionally precise, vivid in its portrayal of nature, and subtle in its exploration of the relationship between life and story. Evered and Ada are young when both their parents die from illness. Now brother and sister fight to survive on their land situated on the isolated north coast of Newfoundland. They must work as a team, but their loyalty and connection to each other is severely tested when a ship anchors in their cove. Paige Turner

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Set in coastal South Carolina, the story follows the life of Kya Clark, AKA 'The Marsh Girl'. Abandoned by her siblings, her mother and finally her father, Kya survives on her own in the family shack in the marsh. She is reclusive and regarded by the townsfolk as a wild creature. Kya becomes a talented and knowledgeable naturalist and eventually through her self-illustrated books, an acknowledged expert on marsh flora and fauna. When the town football hero and Romeo is found dead in the marsh, Kya is immediately suspected and is jailed and charged with murder. She is ultimately cleared of the charges through the efforts of her few supporters and a clever lawyer. An excellent read, both for the characters and the suspense, but also for the description of the life of the marsh. Kit Darling

PIER 4 TUG

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In 1947 Maritime Towing & Salvage assumed ownership of H.M.C.S GLENELLA. She had the first of two lifetime name changes. Now called BANSWIFT she was put to work in Halifax Harbour and for the next 15 years, she was a tow truck of the waterways, pulling disabled vessels, maneuvering large boats in and out tight spaces and guiding ships through dangerous or busy sections of the harbour.

Canada Steamship Lines Ltd took over her registration in 1962, and then renamed her The BAYPORT. The tug operated in the waters of Georgian Bay until she was sold to Harry Gamble in Port Dover in 1973. Gamble in turn sold the vessel to Meridian Bulk Carriers in 1976. BAYPORT's working days were soon over when her main engine failed, shortly after that the BAYPORTS's registration was suspended in 1978.

As for the pilothouse on this little tug at Pier 4 her story is even more interesting. It starts in 1947; two ships were built at the Montreal Dry Docks by Vickers Canada Ltd for the Hall Corporation (Hallco) of Montreal. Their names were NORTHCLIFFE HALL and her sister ship SOUTHCLIFFE HALL.

NORTHCLIFFE HALL would spend her first 10 years hauling bulk cargo between Montreal and Toronto. She was then converted to a liquid tanker in 1957 and received a name change to CAPE TRANSPORT in 1961. Still with Hallco, she proudly traveled throughout the Great Lakes. The Cape encountered heavy waters on Oct 27th, 1963 while sailing on Lake Huron 14km off Harbour Beach, Michigan. She fought through a fierce three-day storm with winds in excess of 112 km/h with heavy rain. CAPE TRANSPORT's steering gear was severely damaged, she lost her radio and her windows were smashed on the pilothouse

from the damaging waves. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries or deaths to her crew.

Right after the storm she was towed to Windsor and moored there for the winter. Then she was moved to Montreal where she sat along the LaSalle Causeway for several years. Wilt Corporation of Panama took over her papers and changed her tonnage and had her converted to a barge in Toronto. Later she was to head to the Caribbean where she was supposed to serve as a water tanker. Unfortunately, she was too tall to fit through the Erie Canal and she was stripped of her pilothouse, railings and anything else protruding above her main deck.

Under tow of the Great Lakes tug the PRINCESS I she was taken across Lake Ontario to Sill's Marina at Sodus Bay N.Y where she spent the winter of 1977. CAPE TRANSPORT would be moved and shelter the next winter at the Port of New York. During the summer of '79 CAPE TRANSPORT travelled down the New York State Barge Canal and through the Hudson River to Clayton New York. She was scrubbed clean from top to bottom; even her tanks were cleaned out. The Cape had her final name change to WITTRANSPORT II in 1980. The name change, however, was only reflected on paper, the name CAPE TRANSPORT would remain visible on her bow. After three long years since departing Canadian waters she was towed into Port Royal, Kingston Jamaica.

The Cape was foundered in 1983, purposely filled with water and sunk to create an artificial habitat for schools of fish and reefs. It also served as a diving attraction for tourists off Jamaica's south-eastern coast.

Finally, McKeil Boat Works Limited put the pilothouse of CAPE TRANSPORT to the hull of the BAYPORT. The tug was donated to the City of Hamilton in July 2007 as a playground apparatus for children.

HWDSB

June 22, 2020

Dear families,

The final days of school are here. It is hard to believe that we are ending the 2019-20 school year without saying goodbye to staff and students in person.

We committed to families that we would be with you every step of the way. We are grateful that you have been receptive towards these weekly updates and found the information helpful. While these updates will no longer be weekly, we will communicate with you as necessary, and more frequently starting in August as we prepare for school reopening.

September School Reopening

On Friday, the Ministry of Education outlined its [Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year](#). At HWDSB, we have been working on local plans and exploring many scenarios to reopening our schools. With the provincial guidance, we can now move forward to finalize these plans. We will communicate our approved school reopening plan with our community after August 4, the date when school boards are required to submit plans to the Ministry.

To further assist and inform our plans, we will be reaching out to gather your thoughts about planning for September. We want to ensure that all students and families are well prepared and know what to expect when returning to school. Your input will help finalize our plan.

Report Cards

Elementary report cards are being sent out to parents, guardians, and caregivers by the end of this week. Secondary report cards are being sent to parents, guardians, and caregivers and/or to students 18 years next week. If you are unsure if the school has your email, please submit your email address through the [contact form](#) on your child's school website. If you need a paper copy of the report card, please contact your school in the fall.

A [Report Card Frequently Asked Question](#) is available to help families understand how teachers are providing marks or grades to students during this school closure period.

#HWDSBArts2020

Staff and students are celebrating their artistic side in Dance, Drama, Music, Media Arts, and Visual Arts this week. Be sure to visit #HWDSBArts2020 on Twitter and Instagram throughout the week to see a few highlights from the virtual gallery.

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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.

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WALKABOUT COMMUNITY

REMEMBERING NORMA MAE HOLLIDAY

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Remembering Norma Mae Holliday, a friend to ALL - 1940-2020

On Sunday June the 07th 2020 my friend, and a friend to many, passed away peacefully in her favorite chair at home.



She was a shining star & a cheerleader to those she encountered throughout the halls & corridors of the Compass Community Health Center formally known as the North Hamilton Community Health Center. It was her home away from home. It was where you would see her smiling face, the wave and that magical twinkle in her eyes that reflected the spirit of Norma. She will be missed by the staff, friends and those she has encountered on this path that we call “LIFE”

I first met Norma 8 years ago when I started attending the “Mindfulness Monday Morning Meditation Group”. Norma was the anchor and co-anchor sharing, conducting and leading the group every other week a duty she shared with her co-anchor and her buddy Donna.

Norma’s groups expanded throughout the Center and was the start of the

walkabout throughout the Compass Community Health Center where her presence encompassed the halls.

Her involvement and commitments within other groups at the Center included:

- Mindfulness Meditation Mondays
- Take a Breath (TAB) choir group for those living with COPD
- The Artistic Dreams Academy (TADA)

But her Community involvements & connections also extended past the walls of the Compass Community Health Center and she was also a member of the Welcome Inn Community Center Senior’s Club here in the North End. She continued in her own Community and her own neighborhood of Stoney Creek.

I know where you shine, that shining example of a truly wonderful woman person that we will miss daily. She was one of the best huggers with “come over here & give me a hug” and she loved her Native Drumming Spiritual programs as well.

For those who met Norma she touched

their hearts throughout her 80 years here on earth and now beyond. A new shining star up in the Galaxies high up above, the twinkling of her eyes have now become another star now shining above come night fall.

My condolences to her husband Dave & her family as well to her friend Sandy. Her final request was to plant a tree in her memory.

In closing I want to share my cherished fondest memory of Norma Mae Holliday.

The Welcome Inn Community Center’s “SPRING FOLLIES OF 2017” with Norma with her Mop & Pail in tow singing the ending from the Carol Burnett Show....

“I so glad we had this time together to share a laugh or sing a song but before you know it’s the time to say so long.....goodnight everyone, take care.”

HOPA PORTS

Max Aicher North America and HOPA Ports join forces to bring new business activity to Hamilton’s working waterfront

HOPA Ports and Max Aicher North America (MANA) are pleased to announce an agreement to cooperate on the future development of a portion of MANA’s Hamilton harbourfront property.

In the course of modernizing its existing Hamilton facility, MANA has confirmed a 60-acre portion of its site as surplus to its operational needs. The site is located in the northeast corner of pier 18, within Hamilton’s Bayfront industrial area, and is served by marine, rail

and road transportation. The property includes open space for outdoor storage, and more than eight acres of warehouse buildings.

While MANA will retain ownership of the property, HOPA Ports will take on active management of the site, and will begin marketing the space immediately. “This land can be put to great use to attract economic activity and employment to Hamilton,” said Ian Hamilton, President & CEO of HOPA Ports. “We have a great deal of pent-up demand from modern industrial users who are looking for access to multiple modes of transportation, within the Greater Toronto-Hamilton market.”

The property will be managed under HOPA Ports’ subsidiary Great Lakes Port Management, established to manage non port-owned multimodal industrial properties in Ontario’s Greater Golden Horseshoe.



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GARDENING IN THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING



What a spring we're having! Hot, cold, panicky, rainy with a chance of Covid?

The following is a point of view with some collected observations loosely grouped around gardening.

As a landscape designer I've never, ever been so busy creating plans for people to get the most out of their yards (often building it themselves) including decks, raised veggie beds and patios to 'stock tank pools' and native planting plans. This seems to be the summer of learning to love where you are. As Douglas Tallamy might say 'Bringing Nature Home'. (Google it and read the e-book from our Hamilton Public library)

No yard? No problem. Bayfront park and various trails originally wavered on whether they were open or not but even in the downtown core there were little spaces to escape to. One of my favourites lately has been 'Lands Inlet' near Wellington north of Barton. I've been taking regular walks to this little space with its native perennials, trees and shrubs planted by the Hamilton Naturalists club and Environment Hamilton. I frequently see

Yellow warblers, a Northern Mockingbird, Red winged blackbirds, Song sparrows, Cedar Waxwings, a groundhog and multiple wild rabbits.

We can have nature at our back doorstep too. This solstice I became wildly excited when I saw a firefly in my extremely urban yard between Cannon and Barton. We also have a local Cardinal couple, and sometimes hawks (you can tell when all the other birds go silent) plus a monarch laid eggs on my milkweed today, thus justifying at least half the reason I have a garden. I added a birdbath to the front yard this spring and now I'm on the lookout for the sparrows splashing, see wasps and bees come to drink from the edge, and have a reason to check on the garden daily as I fill the bowl with fresh water every morning. Between the milkweed, the trees, the birds and caterpillars it fills a need to be in touch with the natural world and creates a multilayered 'orchestra' that 'low maintenance' Astroturf, asphalt and concrete never will.

Recently I talked with a client who's new to gardening; she explained how working in her yard, adding perennials and native plants, listening to birds, growing vegetables and watching for swallowtail caterpillars, has kept her from spiraling into a depression over Covid. I hardly think she's alone in that situation.

As a final 'snapshot' I'll leave you with this: The last couple of weeks I've been joined by a ladies choir who can't sing together inside so have started volunteering to help weed & maintain Sunset Garden (A volunteer maintained public parkette at Bay and Strachan where there's more than enough space to social distance) - this week they blessed the space with a song as the sun set, the shadows were long, it was truly magical.

If there's a silver lining to this spring it may be that many of us have had the space and time to prioritize what's important, what truly brings joy, how important a green space can be whether public or private.



We're taking a vacation! Yes readers, it's that time of year when The North End Breezes takes some time off during the month of August to regroup, rethink and redesign your monthly community newspaper.

Since April, the social atmosphere has meant that we published on-line only. Our priority, after getting the news to our loyal readers was the safety and well-being of our volunteer delivery teams. We know that you have still been enjoying the Breezes; our on-line presence increased by 57% . We were able to provide more colour and we tried our best to keep you informed of what was happening in the North End and in the neighbouring communities.

I'm a firm believer in print. There's nothing better than putting your feet up and relaxing with a cup of tea or coffee while you browse through the stories and articles that interest you and learn about what's happening. While the city has been on hold, the North End certainly has not. The developments are still happening

and our neighbourhood association, NENa, has kept us up to date. The new Hughson Street Baptist Church is winding up for opening soon so we have that to look forward to. Did we miss out on some of the annual events that have made North End history? Yes, the annual North End Reunion and North Ender of The Year Award were postponed, our annual rain barrel and plant sale were cancelled and the neighbourhood BBQ's and festivals were set aside. However, we are hopeful that as the city reopens we may have some Fall events to look forward to.

A special thank you needs to go out to our local restaurants, our churches and our service providers and especially our publication team of writers and organizers that made adjustments to still serve you safely and make sure you were still part of the North End Family.

So, what will September bring? That will depend on what happens with the city overall. Our hope is that you will find a copy of The Breezes on your doorstep, that we can gather safely to celebrate our dedication and diligence to adhere to the rules of safety and that you will work with us to continue to improve your North End Breezes. We have a busy year planned and we will need your help to prepare for our celebration of fifty years of publication so stay tuned for that.

We always welcome your stories, your photos and your memories to share with our loyal readers. You can email us at office@northendbreezes.com or contact us through our website at www.northendbreezes.com.

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PIER 8 DEVELOPMENT

SUBMITTED BY HERMAN TURKSTRA

When North End residents started working with the City in 2004 on the plans for the waterfront, the primary concerns were parking, traffic and protecting the neighbourhood as a stable child and family friendly neighbourhood. That was accomplished by an agreement that would see 750 to 1000 homes on Pier 8. This total number of units would have provided approximately 400 family units. Those family friendly units were important for several reasons. Our two schools would benefit from an increased supply of students. With families on both sides of Guise Street, the Pier 8 development would be less likely to become an isolated community. With parents living on Pier 8, questions of street safety for children would be as important for residents on Pier 8 as they are for the rest of the neighbourhood.

When the final plans were released in 2014, the number had been unilaterally increased by the City to 1600-1800 units. This not only seriously reduced the number of family units but seriously increased the traffic and parking demands. A number of local residents appealed the City decision to the Ontario Municipal Board. The OMB is now called the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal and in the summer of 2019, LPAT started a hearing of the appeal. The hearing turned into a mediation under the direction of the Chair of LPAT and a settlement was reached.

The settlement included traffic changes on John Street, completion of the protection of Ferguson Avenue, an improved entrance to the neighbourhood



designed to calm drivers and a proposal to build a tall building on Pier 8.

The resident appellants agreed to this, after consultation with a cross section of local residents. Because the City, the developer and the appellants all agreed that the number of units on Pier 8 was fixed at 1640 units, building a tall building would reduce the density of the rest of the Pier. This means a potential return to the original planned number of family units, which was a major issue.

In the settlement the City agreed to look at approving a tall building next to the Discovery Centre and hired Calvin Brooks as the architect to conduct that study. Mr. Brooks took the elevation of Hamilton’s tallest building, Landmark Place at 100 Main Street East, and carried its elevation to the waterfront. This produced a 45 story height for the new building.

Meanwhile, the developer had hired Bruce Kuwabara to produce the design. Bruce grew up in the North End and has had an amazing career, including receiving the Order of Canada. He knows our neighbourhood well. After a comprehensive study of the idea of a tall building, he produced a design for a signature building. The basic concept is to build a building that people will see as the signature of

the waterfront in the same way that the Marilyn Munroe (Coke) buildings are the signature of downtown Mississauga, the High Level bridge is the signature of our city entrance and similar buildings throughout the world become the brand of the City. Mr. Brooks said his criteria was that the new building should make people happy when they see it.

The 10 members of the NENa Planning Committee conducted their own study of the project and made a unanimous recommendation that the proposal should go forward to further study at 45 stories. That recommendation was presented to a public meeting held on ZOOM and has now gone to City planning. Next steps include looking at issues of traffic, parking, park access, harmony with adjacent planned buildings and wind hazards. That process is expected to take several months.

To be kept in the loop for future developments, please email the NENa Planning Committee c/o hturkstra@fastmail.fm. The NENa Planning Committee report is on the NENa website: <https://northendneighbours.blogspot.com>. The ZOOM meeting was recorded and the presentations can be seen by googling “NENa Pier 8 Video”. Residents can also subscribe to the NENa newsletter by going here: <http://eepurl.com/bbPR6X>

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

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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.

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HAMILTON GLASSWORKS: THE STORY CONTINUES

CONTRIBUTION BY ED STEWART

The Hamilton Glass Works ~ the story continuesIn the May edition of The North End Breezes, we featured an article by Brian Roulston on the Hamilton Glass Works. They produced several lines of “druggist” bottles which were usually blown in green, amber and flint (clear or colorless) glass ranging from individual doses of 1 or 2 ounces up to 16 oz. The bottles could be oval, round, square or rectangular. The Burlington Street factory would run special molds with the name of the drugstore or apothecary. Sometimes the name of the drug or medicine was blown into the glass. Burlington Glass Works manufactured lamps of different colors as well. When plant workers at Hamilton Glass Co had idle time they would practice and demonstrate their skills by producing decorative

objects such as witch balls, canes, paper weights and rolling pins, even today, these items are sought after items by collectors.

This article inspired one of our readers and an avid North End supporter to contribute his story. Ed Stewart writes: “As a boy growing up in the 20’s and 30’s at 190 Wood Street East, a glass hat holding toothpicks would appear at Sunday dinners and special occasions.

I was to learn that it had been gifted to an Aunt in the 20’s by a D. McLaren that was employed by the HAMILTON glassworks. I wonder if Brian Roulston ever found an employee list in his research. It is a miracle that a little glass hat, probably blown by D. McLaren found its way into the Stewart family and became part of our history and traditions”.

Do you have story to tell, a memory to share? Perhaps you have one of these decorative objects in your home or perhaps you know D. McLaren whose work lives on and is part of our history. Let us know at office@northendbreezes.com.



Welcome Inn Community Centre WELCOME INN UPDATE

With the summer weather upon us, it’s easy to forget about the COVID-19 pandemic. It is, however, still important to stay healthy and safe by keeping our distance and changing some of our normal practices! At Welcome Inn, we truly do want to help create a safe environment for everyone. On July 14, we will be reopening New Horizons Thrift Store! It will, however, look a bit different than before the pandemic. In an effort to keep everyone safe, we will be opening only with a few paid staff, and we won’t be selling anything except clothing to start. We’ve moved the other items to the side, so that there’s more room for you to shop! For the summer, we will be open Tuesday-Saturday, 11:00am-5:00pm.

For the past few months, you might already know that our food bank has expanded its hours of operation. Not only are we open longer each day (10:30-2:00pm), we have added an extra day (Tuesdays, 12:00-4:00pm) to provide barrier-free access for the city’s most marginalized community members, including the LGBTQ+

community and homeless individuals. Our food bank has shifted to a grab-and-go, hamper-style food bank in order to reduce the risk of transmission and keep our community members safe. And, for those who cannot access the food bank because they’ve been quarantined or have mobility issues, we are working with the City of Hamilton to ensure that emergency food hampers are delivered directly to their door.

For isolated and vulnerable seniors, Welcome Inn has gathered a dynamic team of volunteers who are now calling seniors on a daily basis, and we are partnering with the City to get emergency food hampers delivered directly to their doors. Welcome Inn has also been arranging for the delivery of personal items and medications, as well as puzzles and colouring books for seniors.

New for this summer is our remote summer day camp! Camp From Home is an exciting initiative that will give children in the neighbourhood an opportunity to connect with friends online, play games, participate in fun activities and connect one-on-one with some of our summer camp staff. Registration is now open!

If you have any questions about our programming, don’t hesitate to call us at Welcome Inn (905-525-5824).

ADOPT THE BREEZES

We hear stories every day that touch our hearts and make us wonder how we can make a difference. Should we bring a new pet into our family? Is there a child that needs a loving home? Or perhaps there is a cause that could use your support.

Thank you for supporting your community newsletter. Since 1971 this newsletter has been published in a variety of forms, but it is the partnership with our readers that has always been at the heart of what we do. This is seen in the financial stability of the newsletter as in 2015 24% of our income came through donations and fund-raising activities.

We’ve seen many changes over the past few years. Colour added to our newspaper, a website presence and Twitter bringing our social media presence to the forefront. Over the past few months, we have continued

to bring the news of the community to you in a digital format but as soon as the situation warrants, you will have a paper copy to enjoy while you sit on your porch with your cup of coffee. The on line readership has increased over 57% s we know you are still looking forward to the monthly edition of the Breezes. We continue to look for ways to balance our books and keep the Breezes sustainable as we approach our fiftieth year of publication.

We hope that you will join us with a financial gift that will allow us to continue to keep the people and resources of the North End connected. You will receive a charitable donation receipt for your donation. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Sincerely,
The North End Breezes Board

COVID-19: WHAT STAGE ARE WE AT?

CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

- performing arts and movie theatres with reduced capacity
- casinos, charitable gaming halls, horse racing
- gyms, indoor sports facilities and fitness facilities
- amusement parks and waterparks

training for indoor and contact sports

All of the above will still have some restrictions and public health measures in place. For information see: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/framework-reopening-our-province-stage-2>

Here is the contact info for government updates and for a few of our neighbourhood facilities. (Call or email to confirm whether they are open or not.)

Canadian Government <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus-disease-covid-19.html>

Ontario Government <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>

City of Hamilton <https://www.hamilton.ca/government-information/news-centre/news-releases/covid-19-update-updates-city-hamilton-28>

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FIRESTONE CANDA

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Thirty-four years ago, in 1986, some two thousand workers grabbed their lunch buckets and punched out for the last time at the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Canada. This huge plant founded in 1919 started out with a little more than 500,000 sq2 feet of floor space. It was located a mere stone throw from the steel plants that line Burlington Street. The first Canadian made tire rolled off the line here on August 15th, 1922. At the time Firestone was manufacturing the ‘Oldfield’ brand; named after automotive racing legend of the era Barney Oldfield.

The original cost of the plant was around \$2 million (\$26.5 million in today’s currency). The plant was built on reclaimed marshland and had been expanded at least twelve times over its 65-year history therefore increasing its floor space to 820,000 sq2feet.

Firestone of Canada was one of many factories in Hamilton, Canada and the United States that was converted for the war effort during WW-II. The Hamilton plant not only crafted an unknown number of aircraft tires, it was also one of 14 plants throughout North America that mass-produced over six-hundred thousand self-sealing aircraft fuel and oil tanks.

Harvey Samuel Firestone, the son of a prosperous farmer, was born on December 20th, 1868 in Columbiana, Ohio. As a young lad out of college he took a job as a bookkeeper for a coal company in Columbus, Ohio. Then he started working for his uncle at the Columbus Buggy Company. He held several positions within the company. Harvey had an idea that proved popular, that was to cover the wooden or steel wheels on horse carriages with a band of rubber over top the rims. He believed it would make a more comfortable ride.

Harvey moved to the Chicago area and started the Firestone-Victor Rubber Company with just one employee and continued with his carriage idea. Harvey even had a truck where he could go to his customers. The company name was soon changed to the Firestone Rubber Company.

It was here he met his new lifelong friend and business partner Henry T. Ford who came in to buy some of his rubber tires. Four years later the Chicago business was sold for \$45,000. This money financed Harvey’s next project the Firestone Tire & Rubber company of Akron, Ohio in 1900. The Firestone Tire & Rubber company would become the new kid on the block in an already crowded neighborhood with Goodyear Tire & Rubber, General Tire and B.F. Goodrich. At the time these companies were focused on tires for the bicycle industry, initially Harvey made and sold bicycle accessories, such as rubber handlebar grips and pedals. He even sold tricycles, baby walkers and baby buggies. However, this stuff did not interest Harvey, his mind was on buggies and then later a new thing called automobiles. At first Harvey relied on those Akron companies to manufacture the rubber for him. He simply fastened the rubber strips to the steel carriage wheels. Then Harvey thought he could make his own tires, he did just that three years later. They were not particularly good tires at first because they had no threads and that caused a few accidents. Once Firestone developed the pneumatic tire things got much better.

In 1905 his old friend Henry Ford placed his first order for tires, thus making Firestone the Original Equipment Manufacturer on his Model T Fords. Over the next Seventy-five years Firestone and Goodyear controlled 75% of the world’s automotive tire market.

Harvey Firestone also pioneered the concept of the car repair and service sector by creating a one stop “Service Station” under the Firestone brand. ‘Service Station Attendants’ filled your gas tank, checked the oil, cleaned the windshield, and changed or fixed your tires. They even made repairs to several makes of cars and trucks.

Near the end of WW-I the introduction of “Liberty Trucks” proved their usefulness by taking, men, food, ammunition among other things to the battlefield. Harvey Firestone had the foresight to see how it would be a game changer in delivering products to businesses across America. Harvey initiated the “Ship by Truck”

movement, the forerunner of the trucking industry.

Harvey S. Firestone passed away unexpectedly in his sleep due to heart failure in February 1938 at 69 yrs. old at his Miami, Florida estate. After Harvey’s death his four sons Leonard, Russell, Roger, and Harvey Jr. took over the company with the latter two gentlemen serving as Chief Executive Officers.

From the 1950’s through to the late 1970s Firestone was involved in scandals, recalls of 400,000 tires and alleged human rights abuses in Liberia. The company was losing a quarter million dollars a year and was over a \$1 billion dollars in debt. The former head of Zenith Electronics John Nevin was brought in to turn the company’s finances around. Unfortunately, that did not happen. Firestone started liquidating assets to stay afloat. Nine out of seventeen North American Firestone plants were shuttered; six of them were closed in one day. Hamilton’s plant was among those nine plants.

John Neven moved the company to Chicago. Neven had limited success with turning the ailing company around, however, it was too little, too late. He negotiated the sale of the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company to the Bridgestone Tire Company Limited in 1988. Bridgestone is a Japanese company founded by Shojiro Ishibashi in 1931. Firestone Tire & Rubber Company received \$2.6 billion, considerably less than it was offered for the company 15 years prior.

Bridgestone moved the now merged companies to Nashville, Tennessee. In 2012 on the 20th anniversary of their merger the tire division received a new name, Bridgestone Americas Tire Operations, LLC. That year a \$100 million technical center was opened in Akron, Ohio.

Phillip Environmental bought the plant off Firestone in 1991 then sold it to Hamilton’s Public Works-Waste Management Division in 2001.

The Hamilton Firestone plant on the corner of Burlington Street East and Hobson Road no longer exist. It was left in a state of disrepair and vulnerable to trespassers and urban explorers, it was torn down in 2012.

HAMILTON *Trillium* AWARDS

Temporary Digital Awards Program for 2020

Public Health restrictions to support the health and safety of staff, volunteer judges and property owners during the COVID-19 response does not allow for the Trillium Program to run as it does in a normal year.

This year, gardeners will have the ability to nominate themselves for a chance to win a White Trillium Certificate. Self-nominations are open June 15th to July 15th.

Trillium Award Self-Nominations

- The nomination period is open from June 15 to July 15, 2020
- Nominees are required to upload 3 photos of their front garden with at least one (1) photo capturing the entire front landscape of the property.
- Nominations can be made for residential and business properties in any City of Hamilton ward.

To learn more, visit engage.hamilton.ca/trillium-awards-2020 to submit

Trillium Award Volunteer Judges

We are looking for people who love to garden and want to contribute to their community. Register online to become a Volunteer Judge.

How are the properties judged?

Volunteer judges review every nominated property in the city. They use the following judging criteria to make their decision:

- curb appeal
- landscape maintenance
- landscape design principles and elements
- elements of design

See more information about what the judges are looking for at <https://www.hamilton.ca/city-awards/trillium-awards-program>



WHAT'S COOKING IN THE NORTH END?



GRILLED VEGETABLE PASTA SALAD

This classic Grilled Vegetable Pasta Salad features smoky fire kissed vegetables and a homemade creamy balsamic vinaigrette.

Prep Time: 20 min | Cook Time 30 m | Total Time 50 m

Total Cost: \$9.65 recipe / \$1.21 serving

Servings: 8 (1.25 cups each)

INGREDIENTS

GRILLED VEGETABLES/PASTA

- 1 zucchini \$1.05
- 1 yellow squash \$0.88
- 1 red bell pepper \$1.79
- 1/2 red onion \$0.43
- 1 pint grape tomatoes \$2.49
- 2 Tbsp olive oil \$0.26
- Pinch Salt and Pepper \$0.05
- 1 lb penne pasta \$1.00
- 1/4 bunch Italian parsley (flat leaf) \$0.25

CREAMY BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

- 1/3 cup olive oil \$0.69
- 3 Tbsp balsamic vinegar \$0.33
- 2 Tbsp mayonnaise* \$0.17
- 1/2 Tbsp Dijon mustard \$0.05
- 1 clove garlic, minced \$0.08
- 1/2 tsp dried basil \$0.05
- 1/2 tsp salt \$0.03
- Freshly cracked pepper \$0.05

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wash the zucchini, yellow squash, and red bell pepper. Remove the stems, then cut them into large slices or pieces (remove the seeds from the bell pepper. Slice the red onion into thick slices.
2. Place the zucchini, yellow squash, red bell pepper, red onion, and grape tomatoes on a large baking sheet and drizzle olive oil over top. Gently toss the vegetables until they are well coated in oil. Sprinkle a pinch of salt and pepper over top. (Grape tomatoes are generally too small to place directly on a grill, so if using a grill just add the tomatoes to the salad fresh.)
3. Grill the vegetables over an open flame until they are charred and tender. OR, adjust your oven's top rack to be about 6 inches below the broiler unit and turn the broiler on to high. Place the baking sheet under the broiler and watch it closely until the vegetable become charred and tender (about 10-15 minutes, depending on your oven and distance from the broiler).
4. Allow the vegetables to cool slightly after grilling or broiling. Bring a large pot of salted water to a

boil to cook the pasta. Once boiling, add the pasta and boil for 7-10 minutes, or just until the pasta is tender. Drain the pasta in a colander and allow it to cool slightly (until it's no longer steaming).

5. While the pasta is cooking and the vegetables are cooling, prepare the creamy balsamic vinaigrette. To a jar or bowl add the olive oil, balsamic vinegar, mayonnaise, Dijon, garlic, basil, salt, and pepper. Whisk the ingredients together or close the jar and shake until combined.**
6. Once the vegetables are cool enough to handle, chop them into smaller, 1-inch pieces. Roughly chop the parsley leaves.
7. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, chopped vegetables, and parsley. Pour the vinaigrette over top, starting with half and adding more to your liking. Gently stir the pasta and vegetables until everything is coated in dressing. Serve immediately or refrigerate until ready to eat..



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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!

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

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