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THE TRACK GANG DOES IT AGAIN!

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA DUKE ON BEHALF OF BEAUTIFUL ALLEYS

Twice a year, Canadian National Railway (CN) joins The Track Gang to close a section of rail line and provides staff and equipment to help us and keep us safe by stopping the trains. Remember, it is illegal to trespass within 45 feet of the tracks for your safety! That means walking, biking, and crossing the tracks. You can be fined! Or be the victim of an accident. CN also provides the funding to purchase additional tools, refreshments, CN “bling” and disposal bins in addition to bags and gloves we receive from Team Up to Clean Up.

On May 6, 2023, dedicated volunteers from Beautiful Alleys and the community partnered with CN to clean one small stretch of property adjacent to the tracks. I say “small stretch” because there’s over 600 miles of CN rail throughout Canada. Beautiful Alleys and The Track Gang are the only community group to have this unique partnership in Canada. We tackled from Victoria to Cheever...again! In the past five years, we have focused on the area from Wentworth to Cheever consistently. Our efforts paid off when we finally saw less illegal dumping from Wentworth to Victoria and we can look forward to beautifying that area.

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CHANGE IS COMING! RE-ENVISIONING THE HSR

SUBMITTED BY SHERI SELWAY

Hamilton has had some form of transit since around 1874 when horses were used to pull carriages as transit. Then we had trolleys, which were discontinued around 1990, and that is how HSR got its name – Hamilton Street Railway!

Good transit is extremely important to cities. Even though we are “car dependent”, a good transit system (including bikes!) helps reduce traffic and lowers emissions. One bus can take the place of many cars. And not everyone even has a car, so fast and dependable bus service is extremely im-

portant to getting to school, shopping and work and frequent service encourages users!

Using a bus is also good for our health in another way because almost all trips involve walking!

The City is redesigning the entire Bus network! <https://www.hamilton.ca/home-neighbourhood/hsr/riding-hsr/re-envision-hsr>. There is a pdf of the proposal submitted to Council, and a map of the new routes. A warning, at first glance it appears that the Bayfront bus, our beloved #4 bus, has been eliminated. In fact, the route is #1 on the map, and if you enlarge it 300 times, you can see that it pretty much follows the current route from the Hamilton GO terminal down along Burlington Street to the Heritage Green hub at Upper Mount Albion and Paramount. Another key item which may have some impact on our neighbourhood, is the

elimination of the Macnab Street Frank Cooke Hub and making the West Harbour GO station the new downtown hub.

The new design features 18 “hubs” across the city, consistent operating hours, new routes, and better connection to GO transit.

Our bus service is changing and the City wants your help, comments and ideas! What works? Where can they improve? At a recent public information centre people suggested more frequent service to some lines, washrooms at the new “hubs”, free transit in the downtown core and more. What are your ideas and suggestions.?

You can contact the Reenvision HSR by phone 905 528 4200 Option #2 or email at reenvision@hamilton.ca

West Harbour Track Work

May 2023

Project Overview

GO service is expanding to serve you better – with more frequent service, more stations, cleaner technology and more connections.

Across the entire network, our goal is to deliver more than 10,000 train trips a week. You won't need a schedule because you know the next train will be coming soon. GO Expansion will transform the rail network from a commuter service into an all-day rapid system.



Why are we doing this work?

Currently, trains leaving West Harbour Station must back up toward Aldershot Station before they can continue to east Hamilton and Niagara region. When trains arrive at West Harbour from Niagara, they must pass West Harbour, and then back-in to the station. The current project will solve this issue by connecting the dead end track at West Harbour Station to the main line.



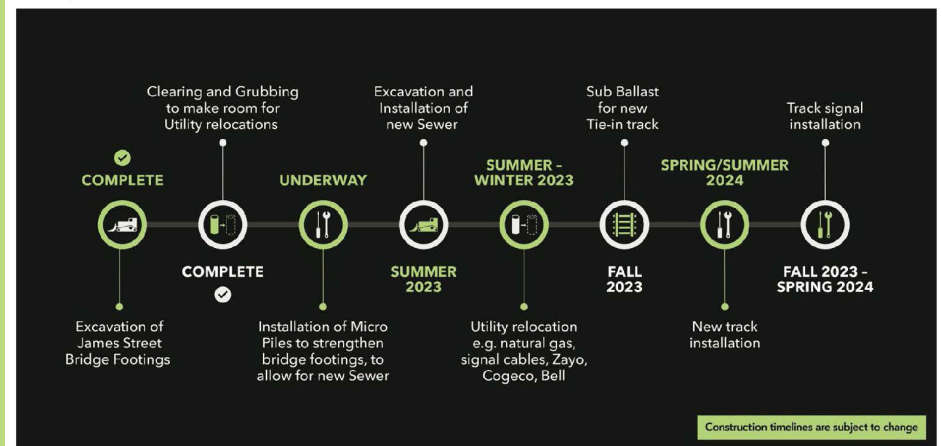
What You Need to Know

When construction is complete, there will be a 20-minute reduction in commuter time. This work will help facilitate future GO rail service to Confederation Station and beyond to Niagara region. Construction timing is subject to change but the project is expected to be finished by late 2024.

Information as of May 2023

METROLINX

Anticipated Construction Timeline



Why are we doing this work?

To make room for the new tracks, an existing storm line is being relocated south of the new tracks. As this new line will be lower than the James Street Bridge footings, the footings must be strengthened/deepened.

Photo shown left: Existing, exposed bridge footings are visible and will allow for the micropiles installation and future footing enhancements. Photo shown right: Above ground utilities to allow for future grading to connect future track switch.



Utility Relocation

Existing utilities at the location for the new tie-in tracks must be relocated before the tracks can be installed. While every effort has been made to relocate utilities to the south, space limitations meant several utilities had to be relocated to the north side of the tracks, causing the removal of some shrubs and trees.

Collaborative efforts are underway to ensure trees and shrubs will be replanted on surrounding municipal properties nearby.

Photo shown left: Subcontractor installing conduit utilities on the north side of the track between John and Catherine Streets.

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ADDING GARDEN RESIDENTS

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

June is the month we start really spending time outside, not just tapping a toe onto the deck but actually putting out a chair and drinking it all in, maybe.... even planning things out a bit. Beyond the basic needs of a patio and or a deck or a bit of one and some more of the other, I'd encourage you to make plans for some other visitors like birds and insects, build it and they will come! Last month I witnessed a Tree Swallow take up residence in our custom built birdbox. The sweet tweets and aerial acrobatics aside, creating the right conditions for birds is a fabulous teaching moment for young children, or everyone really. (I'm still excited that they chose our structure to nest in!) And if you aren't ready this year – learn what



“Pokemon Go” for future bird nerds (myself included).

Not everyone has the space but if you have a yard and want to create some lovely memories for yourself and or with children; doing a little good for local insects, birds and adding fabulous plants to the garden – here are a few suggestions:

Plan for a birdbath – up on a pedestal with a gentle slope so butterflies and bees can take a sip. Place it within sight of your kitchen window so you can catch the Robins bathing while you brew coffee. Keeping it in sight will also remind you to regularly refresh the

species might be in the area with a free citizen science app like ‘Merlin’, knowing who’s who, just by their song, it’s the

water.

Plan for less lawn and more native plants. It’s fascinating to see a hummingbird come for nectar on Wild Columbines (*Aquilegia canadensis* is very easy to grow from seed) or Cardinal flowers (a good native plant for wetter areas). Penstemon is adapted to a wide assortment of conditions as is Monarda or Obedient Plant - those trumpet shaped tubules are what hummingbirds are adapted for.

No garden but maybe a safe spot from cats or traffic? A simple hanging basket of Zinnia, Salvia, Fuchsia, Petunias and/ or Nasturtiums (very easily grown from seed) will bring Hummers and Butterflies galore! Did you know? Hummingbirds use the delicate threads of spider webs for material to build nests. And hummingbirds often steal insects that are trapped in spider webs. So leave the webs and learn to appreciate all the good spiders can do as part of theweb of life (pun intended).

More than just pretty, remember that birds are doing a great service to gardeners by feasting on caterpillars, ticks and generally keeping things balanced so there’s no need for pesticides or traps. (Please never use glue traps - they can kill birds and frogs as well as small mammals). Having a beautiful yard that’s literally humming with life is one of the greatest achievements any gardener could hope for.

* want to create the right dimensions and site a bird box specifically for Tree Swallows? – instructions here: <https://treeswallows.com/tres/index.php/nest-boxes-for-tree-swallows/>

Interested in a bird house for other species – plans for all types here: <https://70birds.com/birdhouses/>

Want great information about native plants and pollinators specific to your region? Check out Pollinator.org (a tremendous amount of well researched information)

WARD 2 UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY WARD 2 COUNCILLOR
CAMERON KROETSCH



Things are heating up as the warmer weather has arrived. When I've been out riding my bike through the North End it's been really great to say hi to some of you in person.

If you see me, please feel free to ask me to stop and chat. I'd love to connect with you, especially if we haven't had an opportunity to meet in person. If you're keen to make that introduction happen join me for our third Neighbourhood Town Hall at the Church of the Ascension in Corktown, June 28 at 7:00pm. This is the half-way mark for our tour of all 6 of Ward 2's

neighbourhoods in 2023 and we're looking forward to being in the North End later this year.

As usual, there's a lot going on in the North End. I wish this month's update included more about CN Railway's appeal of the Jamesville development, but I'm still waiting to hear back as are you. What I know is that the parties to the appeal will be meeting in late June with the Ontario Land Tribunal to discuss the appeal at a case management conference. I remain hopeful that things will be resolved before this needs to go to a hearing.

You'll be relieved that the Mary Street Pedestrian Bridge has reopened. I have received quite a bit of good feedback about making improvements and I've asked City staff to consider a wooden plank construction similar to the Pearl Street Pedestrian Bridge; potentially painting the steel structural elements; and installing a handrail for those who need it. The City will be getting back to me and I hope to have good news about

these features to share in a future Breezes update.

As I promised in the last edition, a quick update about the trees that Metrolinx took down - City staff have confirmed that the Strachan Street greenway, as some call it, will be getting a replanting. It is likely going to take place in the fall. When I have an exact date, I will share it.

Closer to the water's edge, big changes are coming to the Hamilton Waterfront Trust (HWT). As recently appointed Chair of the Board of Trustees, I have begun a campaign to introduce more transparency to the organization and, at a recent meeting, shared all of the Board's current financial documents for public review. The HWT also just finished hiring a new Interim Executive Director who will be helping the organization transition as the work on Piers 5, 6, and 7 winds down and the HWT's assets are reviewed by an external auditor. In case you missed the news, City Council decided to begin the process of dissolving the HWT and will be making a final de-

cision about the future of the Trust later this year.

I'm also keeping busy serving on all of the City's Standing Committees - Planning; Public Works; Public Health, General Issues, Emergency and Community Services; and as the 2023 Chair of Audit, Finance and Administration. It's a lot of work but it's important that I'm at each one. As the heart of the City, between the waterfront and the escarpment, the home to many institutions and organizations, Ward 2 is rarely left off a Standing Committee agenda.

My commitment to you as your Councillor means being present to weigh in on decisions that impact the residents of Ward 2. It's a lot, but I have a great team supporting me. To that point, and as always, the Ward 2 Team is here to support you. Please reach out to us at Ward2@hamilton.ca or through our office phone number at (905) 546-2197.

- Cameron Kroetsch

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Last fall, we did the Emerald to Cheever site and collected three (3) tonnes of illegal dumping. This spring, we picked up four (4) tonnes! That's not the direction we want to take. Neighbours are tired of complaining and hope that some volunteer group will show up or their calls to by-law will be acted on. In the meantime, it is attracting disease and rodents.

Did you do some renovations and load up your truck? Was it easier to bring it to a public space than to pay twenty dollars at a dump? Did you know you can request a waiver for dumping fees from the city?

Do you have too many diapers and too much garbage for the one bag limit? Did you use the tags the city sent you? Did you call for more? Did you know there are extras given to multi-unit homes or families with extra need? Do these illegal dumping habits justify spending over two million dollars a year of our tax dollars on picking up and disposing of illegal dumping?

Let's get this fixed! We must stop abusing our neighbourhoods, our volunteers and our city.

Until that happens, we want to thank the volunteers and supporters who make it possible. It means a lot to work together as a community and gathering after to celebrate with a pizza lunch from Macy's Food Mart. Thank you all for helping to Keep Hamilton Clean and Green.



WEST HARBOUR UPDATE

THE FOLLOWING IS A COPY OF THE EMAIL SENT OUT TO THOSE ON THE E-MAILING LIST FOR WEST HARBOUR UPDATES:

May 18 Community Event Meeting Materials Are Available

On May 18, a Community Consultation Event was held to provide an update on various West Harbour projects and initiatives including a proposed rezoning application on lands referred to as the Pier 8 "Greenway" to permit parking underneath the Greenway. Meeting materials, inclusive of West Harbour Project Overview, Greenway Pedestrian-Connection Project, Greenway Rezoning, are available on the City's Waterfront Redevelopment Community Events and Updates webpage.

<https://www.hamilton.ca/build-invest-grow/planning-development/waterfront-redevelopment/waterfront-development-community>

Contact Information:

City of Hamilton, Municipal Land Development Office

Email: westharbour@hamilton.ca

Ph: 905-546-2424 x 2085

To receive West Harbour email updates, sign up at: www.hamilton.ca/WestHarbourSignUp

WALK THE BLOCK IS BACK(-ISH)

Hello fellow North Enders, and happy summer. Hopefully some of you will remember the Walk the Block event that some volunteers put on (and that was so wonderfully supported by so many of you) last August. By popular demand, we're bringing the event back - with a twist. This year's event will combine the Walk the Block event with a community-wide yard sale on Saturday, June 24, from 8-noon.

If you don't know what Walk the Block is, or just need a refresher, it's a free, community-wide event to celebrate and bring attention to the value and benefits of walkable, pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods. Last year, that was expressed with small-scale, neighbour-driven events throughout the North End, and featured a free community barbecue at Welcome Inn.

During last year's event, we had a great time taking in the porch concerts, visiting the dog-friendly "take-a-stick, leave-a-stick" installation, quenching our thirst with a delicious lemonade, contributing to a sidewalk chalk masterpiece, picking up some Murphy's Treats for our dog Ozzy, reading all the lovely messages our neighbours left on a "Why We Love The North End" poster, and of course, getting the chance to meet many of you at the community barbecue.

This year's event will be a little different. By combining Walk the Block with a community-wide yard sale, we hope to increase engagement and foot traffic throughout the neighbourhood by providing even more opportunities to participate. We want to continue the spirit of Walk the Block, so we're encouraging you to participate however you want.

If a yard sale isn't your cup of tea, we invite you to choose another event or way to celebrate. You can host a garden tour, put on a porch concert, organize a food drive, teach your neighbours how to juggle, or decorate your front yard with 100 pink flamingos (but don't do that, because that's what I'm going to do)!

And while we would love to host another free barbecue this year, unfortunately, that doesn't seem possible now. Last year's event was sponsored (in part) by community partners involved in ongoing development projects in the neighbourhood. As some of our neighbours raised concerns about this relationship, we decided not to engage with these partners this year and haven't found another sponsor. Although we won't have a barbecue this year, we're continuing to engage with community stakeholders to try to bring back the barbecue for future events.

Barbecue or not, we hope you'll join us and participate either with an event or simply as a neighbour by rolling, riding, scooting, skating, or walking the block. Participating in community events like this is so important in bringing neighbours together. We hope it helps promotes a sense of belonging and pride in our neighbourhood and encourages all of us to take an active role in our community.

For more information about the event, or to register to have your yard sale or Walk the Block event registered on our free event map, visit www.walktheblockhamilton.com or email me at thompskeith@gmail.com

Hope to see you all there on June 24!


**North End
Yard Sale**

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**Walk
the
Block**

June 24 8AM - NOON
NORTH END NEIGHBOURHOOD, HAMILTON

Visit www.walktheblockhamilton.com for
event details and to add your yard sale or
Walk the Block event to the event map.



HOPA

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HOPA UPDATE: THE PORT CAFE

Meet your new neighbour: the Port Café. This new quick lunch spot is located in the lobby of the HOPA building at 605 James St. N., and is open to the public, serving take-away breakfast, lunch and quick snacks.

Vivek Agarwal has had a passion for cooking since childhood. Watching his mother cook for the family "from morning 'til night" inspired him to pursue a career as a chef.

"It has always been a dream of mine to open something of my own," says Vivek as he prepares lunch for a customer. "HOPA offered the perfect opportunity to begin my journey with the Port Café."

Vivek began his professional career in 2015, shortly after graduating from culinary school. He opened the Port

Café in March this year. Whether you're looking for a simple bacon and egg sandwich, or a chicken fiesta rice bowl, he has something for everyone!

"I enjoy exploring different flavours; bringing them together to create a delicious experience."

Vivek's favourite dish is the Buffalo Grilled Chicken Sub, while his most popular dish is the Butter Chicken Burrito. He says there are plans to expand the menu this summer with a weekly special, and plans to offer ice cream for those hot summer days.

"I've already met some wonderful people from the community," says Vivek. "I believe with purpose, resilience and unwavering spirit, we will see the Port Café thrive."

We invite our North End neighbours to stop by to try out the Port Café.

Port Café Hours of Operation:

Monday to Friday: 8:00 am – 2:30 pm



Sunday Worship
10:00 – 11:30AM

Children's Ministry
Nursery to Grade 5



500 James St N, Hamilton

Contact Phone: 905.527.3972

Email: office@jamesnorth.church

Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9AM - 4PM

www.jamesnorth.church

James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for more than 135 years. We have been more than just a worship gathering on Sundays as we meet as many people during the week as we do at our Sunday worship times. We believe the Lord has called us to a very simple philosophy of ministry – we seek to bless the North End of Hamilton in Jesus' name.

We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday at our morning worship gathering. We believe the gospel changes everything. The good news of the gospel is that the death of Jesus Christ has paid the price for our sin, taking the penalty we deserve on Himself, saving us with certainty because of His resurrection. The gospel grants us purpose, hope and a new perspective on joy and fulfillment. Life may not always be easy, but our hope in Jesus Christ gives us strength for the journey.

We also offer the hope of Jesus to others through our ministries and programs. There are several weekly ministries that you and your family can attend. You could come by on Fridays from 9-11am for Coffee's On where our Food Bank is open to help those who need a little boost. We have children's programming running on Tuesday nights during the school year. Check our website for up-to-date information for programs (www.jamesnorth.church) or give us a call at 905-527-3972.

We are located at the corner of James St N and Picton Ave, the building with affordable housing on top. We would be glad to welcome you.



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

125 Picton Street E., Hamilton, Ontario
905-529-3921

stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com

www.stlawrencehamilton.ca

In case of after hours emergency please call 365-888-1275

Pastor: Rev. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

~No Mass Monday~

Tuesday - Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Mass 12:00 noon (12:15 p.m. during school year)

Thursday - Confession and Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass 7:00 p.m.

Friday - Mass 9:00 a.m.

Saturday-Confession 9:30 a.m., Mass 10:00 a.m.

Please check our website for weekly updates/changes

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the parish office to make an appointment
to meet with Father Peter.

Parish News

Doors Open Hamilton - We will once again be participating in Doors Open Hamilton with volunteers providing tours and insight into the history of our church. Stop in and see us:

Saturday, May 6 (starting with Mass at 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
and Sunday May 7 starting at 12 noon after Mass until 4:00 p.m.

Also on Sunday May 7, our Catholic Women's League will be honoring Mary in the May Crowning at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome and there will be snacks and refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Save the Date! our celebration of
the Feast of St. Lawrence will be Sunday August 13

Hall Rentals are available!

Call the office or visit stlawrencehamilton.ca/hall-rentals for more information.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin or our parish website for further updates.

www.stlawrencehamilton.ca



Find Out What is Happening in Your Community with the North End Neighbourhood Association

MEETINGS EVERY MONTH

We meet the first Wednesday each month at

7pm. Meetings are currently on zoom.

Everyone is Welcome!

This is the place to meet your
neighbours and hear about what's
happening in the North End.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

www.facebook.com/NorthEndNeighbours

www.twitter.com/nenhamilton

Check out our website and
sign up for our e-newsletter at
www.northendneighbourhoodassociation.com

WALKABOUT: ARRUDA'S HARDWARE AND BUILDING SUPPLIES



SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Whether you were building an addition, back garden or deck; renovating or painting your bedroom, bathroom or living room, Arruda's has been a neighbourhood staple for 40 years.

The store is a generational family run and owned business. It was started by Jacinto Arruda whom immigrated with his wife Isabel to Canada in 1964. Proud of his Portuguese heritage and roots, Jacinto and his wife started their family and built Arruda's into a successful business. He served his community with strong work ethics and the business that continues to be operated by his children with the same principles. The store added a lumber yard in 1983 and became a family business with sons Manuel, Davide and daughter Elizabeth (Pereira) working side by side with their parents in the store.

Sadly, in December 2022 the family lost their patriarch when Mr. Arruda passed away at the age of 83. Husband of Isabel (nee Cabral) for 59 years, a wonderful father, grandfather and great grandfather. The family

decided to close the store as Manuel indicated it was time to move on.

The family sends this message to the community: In recognition of your business over the past 40 years we would like to extend a sincere thank-you! We will be saying farewell on August 31st 2023. We realize that without your support and loyalty, we would have not been able to accomplish all that we achieved over the years. All hard work that goes with running a family business is made worthwhile through your dedication.

I know many here in the neighborhood will miss this hardware store. Being a staple for over 40 years they will be greatly missed. Leaving many cherished memories and the family, friends and neighbours.

Please note that as of the writing, everything in the store is 50% off. Drop in before August 31/2022, share a memory and good cheer to this good old fashioned family run hardware store. They may be going soon, but the memories last a lifetime.

Wishing the family all the best in their next chapter.



ARRUDAS HOME HARDWARE,
17 Barton Street East

Phone (905) 521-2177

Thanks to Manuel for taking the time to talk shop and about his dad. From his dad and the family thanks to "ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS"

Remember to continue supporting the businesses in your neighborhood.



Welcome Inn is looking for **Community Visitation Volunteers!** Get matched with a senior to offer friendship and support over the phone or in-person. If you would like to know more, please email kari@welcomeinn.ca

Urdu and Punjabi Volunteers are encouraged to apply!

Living WELL Together

One of the best ways to help at the Welcome Inn is to donate food to our food bank!

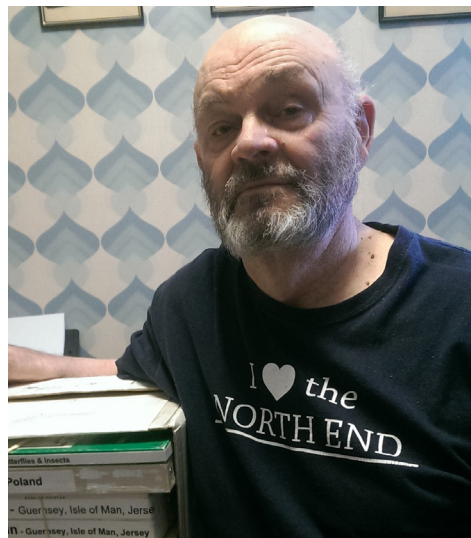
Non-perishable food items, including proteins, are always appreciated.



NEIGHBOURS OF THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY ELIZABETH POYNTER

My friend Tony Blanken is a proud North Ender. He and his wife Gwen moved to their home on Burlington Street in 1972. Tony is also a stamp collecting enthusiast and long-time dedicated volunteer with the Hamilton Stamp Club. For almost 30 years he has been a director and in charge of the Youth Programme for the Club. Although Covid halted the school programme for a couple of years it has re-started. The programme is open to young people ages 6 to 17 with clubs at four area schools (staffed by another volunteer) and a Youth Booth at monthly meetings and the semi-annual shows. Even in this era of Google and TikTok there is a lot of interest from kids. Tony is responsible for snacks, door prizes and taking care of the free stamps donated by people giving up their collections. He soaks off thousands of stamps every year for use by the Club. Tony's enthusiasm is obvious. He enjoys sharing the love he has for stamp collecting that he learned from his dad when he was 6 years old. He teaches kids how to carefully soak off their own stamps, a very important skill. They learn all about the different stamps so they can decide what to collect. And they have questions. What keeps him coming back year after year are the smiles on their faces and all the questions they



have. Many times he has come home to research an answer without the use of a computer. He has many files and books and all sorts of other catalogued material.

In November 2018 Tony was given a huge honour, the D. Howard Bryce Memorial Award which included a certificate and silver trophy he displayed at home for a year. This award is given by the Grand River Valley Philatelic Association in recognition of "long-term contributions to the hobby" (quote courtesy of the GRVPA website). The Association is made up of 16 stamp clubs as far flung as Owen Sound and St. Catharines. They clearly appreciate all his efforts. I know I appreciate him and Gwen as my good neighbours.

(Do you have a neighbour that you would like to celebrate? Send your note along with a photo to articles@northendbreezes.com. Be sure to get their permission first!)

HAMILTON CRIMESTOPPERS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

SUBMITTED BY KIT DARLING

Brenda and I attended the celebration of the formation of Crime Stoppers in Hamilton on May 18th. It was held at the Chamber of Commerce and we were among the media partners to attend.

The event commemorated the launch of Crime Stoppers of Hamilton. It was through the efforts and support of the Chamber at the request of Chief Torrance that the first Crime Stoppers of Hamilton Board was initiated and incorporated on May 18, 1983 – the first in Ontario.

Chief of Police Gord Torrance had been to a conference in the southern U.S. where he learned about the Crime Stoppers programme. Since it was a community-based programme, it needed a community or-

ganization to get it going – the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

Crime Stoppers is an independent charitable organization which raises funds to operate the programme. Citizens can provide information about a crime anonymously and possibly receive a reward for doing so. Since the beginning, over \$125 million in stolen property and illegal drugs has been recovered. More than 6,000 arrests have been made and 10,000 cases cleared.

For more information or to donate go to www.crimestoppershamilton.com.



JANE'S WALK 2023: HEY! YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BRIDGE

SUBMITTED BY CHARLIE MATTINA AND JEANETE EBY

This walk was inspired by an article in the North End Breezes: BRIDGES TO NOWHERE? VANISHED SPANS OF THE NORTH END - by Robyn Gillam, Nov 5, 2018.

The North End is a unique neighbourhood, bounded by the Bay to North and West, Heavy Industry to the east, and lots of railway tracks. The bridges over those tracks were the only real connection to the rest of city. This Janes walk was a memory of a North End childhood in the 1970's and how geography shaped the identity and perceptions of a neighbourhood.

Approximately 20 people gathered at Liuna Station at the statue of Leonardo Sciascia and continued over the James Street bridge into the North End, then east along Strachan Street to the Mary Street Bridge (which miraculously was open for the walk) crossing into the Beasley

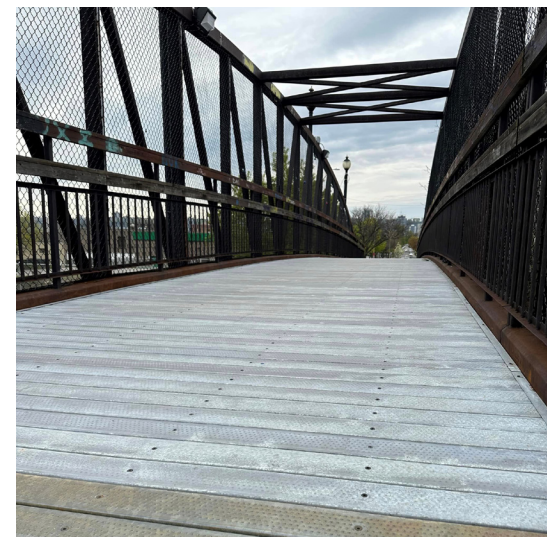
Neighbourhood along Murray Street (aka Corso Racalmuto).

Depending on which side of the Bridge you were on, the perceptions of the North End differed. In the North End side, it was a tight knit, self-sufficient, resilient and culturally rich community.

On the south side of the bridge, many viewed the North End as perilous "enter at your own risk," and "the wrong side the tracks." Most cities have these areas and in most cases this perception reflects the attitudes of the day.

Hopefully today the bridges are viewed as connectors rather than barriers.

Charlie lived in the city housing at James and Macaulay and like many ex-North Enders, his connections to the community remain.



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY UPDATES

CLOSURES • HPL branches are closed on Friday, June 16 for Staff Professional Development Day. The Bookmobile is also off the road, and Extended Access is unavailable. Regular service hours resume Saturday, June 17.

Branches are closed on Saturday, July 1st and Sunday, July 2. The Bookmobile is off the road. Extended Access is unavailable. Regular service hours resume Monday, July 3.

BOOKMOBILE SERVICE – POP-UP EVENT • The Bookmobile will visit Bayfront Park from 10 am – 12 pm on Saturday, June 3. Hop on board and browse for your weekend read, watch or listen for you and/or your family.

SUMMER READING BUDDIES VOLUNTEERS • Looking to volunteer this summer? Summer Reading Buddies volunteer applications are now being accepted until Monday, June 5. This is a great way to give back to kids in our Hamilton community looking to improve their reading skills. Keep them reading through the summer months! The Summer Reading Program will run from July 3 until August 18. Apply now at www.hpl.ca/volunteer-opportunities.

SUMMER READING CLUB BEGINS JUNE 24 • Summer Reading Club kicks off on Saturday, June 24 at all branches. Get ready for a fun summer filled with special performers, crafting, family-friendly concerts and so much more. Visit www.hpl.ca/src for the full line-up.

DRAW A BOOKMARK CONTEST • Draw an image of what you like to do, see, read, watch and listen to at the library. Three winners will be selected from

each age category: Birth-5 years, 6-9 years, 10-13 years, and, 14-18 years. Each of the twelve (12) winning bookmarks will be available, one per month, at all Hamilton Public Library branches and spotlighted on social media and website. Download the contest entry form and drop off your bookmark submission to your local Branch or Bookmobile visit before or on Sunday, June 25.

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2023 HAMILTON READS TITLE CHOICE IS UNVEILED • Read Nothing The Same, Everything Haunted: The Ballad of Motl the Cowboy by local author, Gary Barwin, this summer. Pick up a tic tac toe card at any branch or bookmobile visit, complete the activities and win yourself a stylish HPL Reads belt bag to sport around town. Visit our www.hpl.ca/hamilton-reads for full details.

SEND POSTCARDS TO SOMEONE SPECIAL • Pick up the two newest summer-themed postcards and send special greetings to seniors living in long-term care homes and socially isolated residents. Complete the mailing address (see <https://www.hpl.ca/Postcards>) and drop off at any branch – we'll take care of the postage.

AFTER HOURS STUDY HALLS • Looking for a quiet study space or space to work? The Turner Park and Valley Park Branches now offer after-hours Mondays-Thursdays, 8pm-Midnight (except on statutory holidays). The Dundas, Red Hill, Terryberry and Waterdown branches also offer this service. <https://www.hpl.ca/study-halls>

Infant-Parent Program at the Ron Joyce Children's Health Centre

Ready, Set, Smile! is all about Creating Meaningful Social Routines at Home with Toddlers. Participants will learn the importance of shared smiling, how social routines can increase interaction and promote communication and, get ideas and strategies to try out. Opportunities to ask questions and receive resources will be provided. This 60-minute, single session, virtual workshop will run on Zoom, Tuesday June 20th, 1:30 - 2:30p.m.

To register: For more information or to register, please call 905-521-2100 extension 77406, email IPP@hhsc.ca, or register online.

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/mcmaster-childrens-hospital/family-resources/course-offerings/ready-set-smile-winter-2023-virtual/erings/ready-set-smile-winter-2023-virtual/resources/course-offerings/>

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Open Swims: (18+) 9:45-10:45am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm (Family) 5:30-7:00pm (Open) 7:00-8:30pm	Open Swims: (18+) 9:45-10:45am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm (Open) 6:45-8:30pm*	Open Swim: (18+) 10:30-11:30am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm (Open) 6:45-8:30pm*	Open Swims: (18+) 9:45-10:45am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm (Open) 6:45-8:30pm*	Open Swims: (18+) 9:45-10:45am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm (Family) 5:30-7:00pm (Open - FREE) 7:00-8:30pm	Open Swims: (18+) 10:30-11:30am (Open) 1:15-2:45pm	CLOSED
Open Gym: (13-17 yrs) 7:00-8:30 pm	Open Gym: (Parent & Tot) 10:30-12:00pm	Open Gym: (13-17 yrs) 7:00-8:30 pm	Open Gym: (Parent & Tot) 10:30-12:00pm (Family) 5:00-6:30pm	Open Gyms: (9-12 yrs) 5:15-6:45 pm (Family) 7:00-8:30 pm	Open Gyms: (Family - FREE) 12:00-1:30 pm	
Water Fit: 10:45-11:30am	Lengths: 12:00-1:00pm 6:45-8:30pm* *2 Lanes Only	Water Fit: 9:45-10:30am	Pickleball: (18+) 12:30-2:30 pm (18+) 6:45-8:45pm	Water Fit: 10:45-11:30am	Pickleball: (18+) 1:45-3:45 pm	
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*Cardio Balance & Strength (55+) 10:00-11:00 am \$2.37 per visit				*Cardio Balance & Strength (55+) 10:00-11:00 am \$2.37 per visit		
*Chair Fit (55+) 11:00-12:00 pm \$2.37 per visit				*Chair Fit (55+) 11:00-12:00 pm \$2.37 per visit		

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Summer Registered Swimming Lessons

Session #1 - July 4-20 (every Tues, Wed, Thur - PM)				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Private	6-6:30 pm	3yrs+	00056278	\$241.29
Splash 123	5-5:30 pm	3-5 yrs	00056187	\$65.34
Splash 123	6-6:30 pm	3-5 yrs	0005671	\$65.34
Splash 456	5:30-6 pm	3-5 yrs	00056205	\$65.34
Swimmer 1	5-5:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056174	\$65.34
Swimmer 2	5:30-6 pm	6+ yrs	00056216	\$65.34
Swimmer 3/4	5-5:45 pm	6+ yrs	00056194	\$72.09
Swimmer 5/6	5:45-6:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056228	\$72.09
Session #2 - July 25-August 10 (every Tues, Wed, Thur - PM)				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Private	6-6:30 pm	3yrs+	00056285	\$241.29
Splash 123	5-5:30 pm	3-5 yrs	00056188	\$65.34
Splash 123	6-6:30 pm	3-5 yrs	00056273	\$65.34
Splash 456	5:30-6 pm	3-5 yrs	00056208	\$65.34
Swimmer 1	5-5:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056180	\$65.34
Swimmer 2	5:30-6 pm	6+ yrs	00056219	\$65.34
Swimmer 3/4	5-5:45 pm	6+ yrs	00056197	\$72.09
Swimmer 5/6	5:45-6:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056266	\$72.09
Session #3 - August 15-31 (every Tues, Wed, Thur - PM)				
Program	Time	Ages	Code	Fee
Private	6-6:30 pm	3yrs+	00056286	\$241.29
Splash 123	5-5:30 pm	3-5 yrs	00056192	\$65.34
Splash 123	6-6:30 pm	3-5 yrs	00056275	\$65.34
Splash 456	5:30-6 pm	3-5 yrs	00056212	\$65.34
Swimmer 1	5-5:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056183	\$65.34
Swimmer 2	5:30-6 pm	6+ yrs	00056223	\$65.34
Swimmer 3/4	5-5:45 pm	6+ yrs	00056201	\$72.09
Swimmer 5/6	5:45-6:30 pm	6+ yrs	00056268	\$72.09

Registration Information

Registration Date: June 7, 2023 at 8:00 am

Ways to Register:

Online - hamilton.ca/recreation or in-person at your local recreation centre

Be sure to obtain your USERNAME and PASSWORD prior to registration day. Go to hamilton.ca/recreation or in-person at your local recreation centre



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THE HOLLYWOOD VILLAIN FROM HAMILTON: THE LIFE AND CAREER OF DOUGLASS DUMBRILLE

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

While exploring Hamilton, you might come across a film or commercial production being set up and, if you are lucky, you may even witness an ongoing shoot in action. Filming in Hamilton was nearly unheard of 40 or 50 years ago, but now, with studios like the Hamilton Film Studio and Aeon, they are more common.

Hamilton has been home to many famous entertainers who have achieved great success around the world in television, music, film, and the theatre. Some of these people were born and raised right here in the city. Florence Lawrence, regarded as the world's first movie star; Robert Beatty, a renowned film actor and BBC war correspondent during WWII; Stana Katic, who rose to prominence as 'Detective Kate Beckett' in the television series 'Castle,' and Kathleen Robertson, who played Clare Arnold in the TV series Beverly Hills, 90210, are among them.

Douglass Dumbrille was born on October 13, 1889 and was an avid sportsman in his school years. At 6'1" tall, he had a particular talent for hockey and enjoyed other athletic activities as well. His father, Richard Willie Dumbrille (1859-1929) served as an excise and customs officer for the Canadian Customs Department. The family lived on Wellington Street South, number 39. In 1911 they moved to James Street South, number 244½.

Douglass Dumbrille began his career as



a bank clerk, earning \$8.66 a month, but later pursued an acting career and worked in various local theaters. He eventually moved to Chicago, where he joined multiple theatrical groups and travelled across the United States. Even though Dumbrille earned a similar salary to his previous job, he found success and fulfillment in his new career.

In 1924, Douglass caught the eye of James K. Hackett, a famous actor of the day, who invited him to Broadway. Dumbrille played Banquo in "Macbeth" and built up a sizable savings during its run. He returned to Hamilton and invested his money in onion farming. Unfortunately, his investment turned out to be a real stinker. Dumbrille quickly gave up on onions, sold the farm, and returned to the Great White Way. He was a regular on the stage, starring in dramas, rom-coms, and musical operettas. He made his silent screen debut as Thomas Jefferson in an educational film called "The Declaration of Independence" in Trenton, New Jersey, the silent film hub of America in the 1920s.

Dumbrille decided to try his luck in Hol-

lywood when a new phenomenon called "Talkies" came out in 1927. He played his first significant talking-film role in 1931 as a harasser of a sea captain played by Gary Cooper in "His Woman." Dumbrille had a versatile career in films; he portrayed wicked sheriffs in westerns, misleading suspects or doomed victims in murder mysteries, and manipulative politicians in political dramas. Douglass Dumbrille became the quintessential villain in Hollywood with his unconventional looks and rich voice. Featuring commanding eyes, chiseled features, a hooked nose, and a trimmed mustache, he earned his meat and potatoes playing the intimidating and unscrupulous businessmen that audiences loved to hate with great conviction. In his later years, Douglass changed his image by taking on more conventional and lovable roles in some well-known television programs of the 1950s and 1960s. Programs like Perry Mason (1957), The Untouchables (1959), Laramie (1959), and Petticoat Junction (1963)

He shared the screen with Pat O'Brien, Marion Davies, Barbara Stanwyck, and James Cagney. He also graced the screen in six cinematic masterpieces that vied for the coveted Oscar for Best Picture: I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang (1932), The Lives of a Bengal Lancer (1935), Naughty Marietta (1935), Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936), Julius Caesar (1953), and The Ten Commandments in 1956. He was also considered one of the best in slapstick comedies. He appeared with legends like the Marx Brothers, Abbott & Costello, and Bob Hope. Douglass made his final acting appearance in 1966 as a doctor on Batman alongside Adam West and Burt Ward.

Douglass was married for 47 years to Jessie Lawson, who died in 1957. Together they had two sons: John, who lived in Los Angeles and Douglas Murray who lived in San Francisco. Douglas Dumbrille remarried at the age of 70 to actress Patricia Mowbray, who was just 28 years old. Patricia was the daughter of his friend and fellow character actor Alan Mowbray. The couple's union lasted until Douglass' death.

On April 2, 1974, Dumbrille suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 84. He was at the Motion Picture Country Home and Hospital in Woodland Hills, California, where he spent his last days. His final resting place is at Pierce Brothers Valhalla Memorial Park Cemetery in North Hollywood, California.

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The North End Breezes is a not-for-profit team of volunteers who produce a monthly newspaper and online publications to promote connectivity, share community news and encourage mutual support by engaging our North End neighbourhood community.

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The North End Breezes is a vital resource in the North End that promotes harmony, pride and collective community action in a diverse and ever-changing neighbourhood. For 50 years now we've been a resource for the community and rely on our volunteers to keep the information flowing for years to come. Help us grow your Breezes. Please email your thoughts to office@northendbreezes.com or call 289-933-4810.

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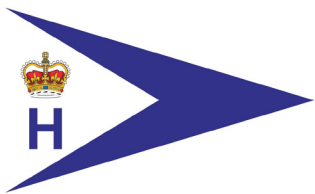
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