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WALKABOUT: OUR CORNER



SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month's Walkabout finds me back here in the North End at "Our Corner Bar & Grill" which opened its doors in May of 2006. It was in the newly renovated (in the signature red and white) "Our Corners" that I spoke to the delightful

shopkeeper and owner Darlene Billingsley.

Did you know that on September the 25th of 2021 Darlene was presented with the North End of the Year Award and the Ed Stewart Legacy Award for the varied contributions

she has made over the years. The Ed Stewart Legacy Award recognizes long-time residents who reach out where they are needed to support and improve their neighbors and community.

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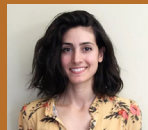
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Admission to the event is free and we'll provide luncheon at our 50th Celebration for \$10 each. That includes a ticket for one of our door prizes.

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Menu:

- 1/4 BBQ Chicken
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If you'd like to join the organizing team to help support this event, let us know!

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We meet the first Wednesday each month at
7pm. Meetings are currently on zoom.

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NEWS FROM YOUR NORTH END NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Demolition work appears to be close to beginning on Jamesville, and the tall building on Pier 8 is moving through the planning process. NENA's Planning Committee hopes to have discussions with the developers of Pier 8 and Jamesville on the issues that will inevitably arise when the trucks start rolling.

The Planning Committee will also be considering proposals raised at the last members meeting that the Association sponsor a car free day to clear a major street for one day as a way of encouraging public transit access to the waterfront. If this idea excites you contact NENA to help out (nen.president@gmail.com).

Sunset Gardens at the corner of Bay and Strachan is about to explode with colour, and this year there are a few exciting events planned. On Sunday, May 16th people are invited to come to the garden to watch the sun set over the Bay while the full moon rises in the east. May's full moon is particularly exciting as it coincides with a lunar eclipse. People are invited to come down around 6pm to enjoy this sunset and full moon rise together. Bring a chair and enjoy the beauty with some neighbours. Please note, these are for clear evening sky nights only...if there are clouds there will be no full moon rise!

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**PORT
UPDATE**



**MCKEIL MARINE'S EVANS SPIRIT KICKS OFF SHIPPING SEASON AT
THE PORT OF HAMILTON**

McKeil Marine's MV Evans Spirit arrived at the Port of Hamilton on March 24, officially kicking off the 2022 marine shipping season. Coming all the way from Garrucha, Spain, with 15,905 mt of natural gypsum, the Canadian bulk carrier and its crew docked at pier 12 where stevedore, Federal Marine Terminals (FMT), will unload the cargo from its shallow draft. Captain Josh Penney was presented with the ceremonial top hat for being the first vessel into port by HOPA Ports Director, Safety & Security and Harbour Master, Vicki Gruber; alongside HOPA's President & CEO, Ian Hamilton, and McKeil Marine CEO, Scott Bravener. After discharging, the MV Evans Spirit moved to pier 26 to load up on Ontario-grown wheat at G3 Canada's Hamilton export terminal before departing for Trois-Rivières.

Come what may in the year ahead, HOPA's Harbour Master, Vicki Gruber, is ready for another busy season. "Recent events truly highlight the importance of our supply chain network, and the dedication of the crews, longshoremen, and transportation workers across the country that keep these goods moving." Vessels that call on Hamilton Port deliver key commodities the agri-food, steelmaking, construction, and manufacturing sectors. The gypsum delivered today, for example, will be used to make white cement for the construction of buildings, cast stone, pavers in driveways and walkways, and stucco.

McKeil is one of Canada's leading marine service providers, and has grown from a tug-and-barge operation to a more expansive fleet delivering goods further along the Seaway, to the East Coast and all the way to the Canadian Arctic. This vessel is named after the company's founder, Evans McKeil, who started the company with one hand-built wooden boat called the MicMac, which was used in the building of the St. Lawrence Seaway in 1956.

LINDA'S CHATTY CORNER: REFLECTIONS IN TIME

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

Today is 17th April, Easter Sunday and my birthday. I have been thinking a lot about birthdays just lately, perhaps because I have had quite a few myself. My birthday has fallen on Easter a few times now, and I always feel special at this time of year. I've always had a sense of renewal, like I can do it over again. My birthday always takes on a new meaning at Easter Time though. Not only am I celebrating an Easter birthday so is my eldest son and my Granddaughter, who has just had her first birthday.

As the years go by, I reflect on what I miss, in the traditional sense of the word. Telephone boxes for instance. They used to be on every street corner and outside the picture houses, theaters and pubs. They were a British staple, and as a young teen I found ways of making phone calls without inserting the coins. Sometimes, I even placed prank calls!! Often as a past time I would go from phone box to phone box, checking for money, just a few pennies here and there, and often, those outside the pubs, would have refunded coins, still sitting in the coin well.....

Not only do I miss the phone boxes, I miss the dial-up phones and telephone books. Remember how thick they were? As I became a young teen, these same books, or directories, were used as baby booster chairs!! I have even sat on one or two myself, while in the hair

salon. My Grandmother used them as door stops, especially on a windy day!!!

Yesterday, I spoke with my 2 year old grandson, well, I did most of the talking really, he was with his parents at an AirBnB in Vancouver where there was an "old fashioned", gold colored, rotary phone on display. My grandson picked up the receiver and said "hello Grandma", which melted my heart. He did this a few times, and my heart was literally a puddle around my ankles!!

Today, I met up with a friend for a walk, we went from Grand Dads coffee shop along James North, where I happened across this old fashioned English telephone booth.....yes that's me in the glass door taking a photo.....

Do you remember in the late 80s, visiting the British Home Show at the CNE grounds? There were 4 or 5 English phone booths where you could have a FREE 5 minute call to Great Britain. It was amazing, the one time of the year when I could call my parents for FREE.

Yes, I do miss those telephone booths, the rotary phones, the telephone directories and all the fun we could have with them. Plus, they were an absolute life saver.

I also miss the English candy especially the liquorice. When I was young, we could find it in coils, or the length of a garden snake. Later on in years we found them, mostly at Christmas,



covered in marzipan or sugar icing. They became known as Liquorice AllSorts. We can buy them in Canada at Christmas time, but they are not totally the same, the taste is quite different, although I wouldn't say no to a box of them. Did you have a favorite Liquorice AllSort?? However, Easter is the time for chocolate, in any form. As children we would receive Chocolate eggs from all our relatives. I sometimes ended up with ten or more of them, mostly they were huge, either full chocolate, or eggs containing smaller chocolates, cream chocolates, orange chocolates, chocolate

buttons, and chocolate covered caramels, my favourites by far. I once received an Easter egg that was as tall as I was, I think I was 6 years old at that time. It took me months to finish it..... Our Easter Eggs, back then, were often engraved with our name, wrapped in colored cellophane and were so delectable.

Well, this month's edition is purely a reflection back in time, one where I wish you and your family a wonderful & joyous Easter time.

BIRGE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN REVITALIZATION

Birge Park Community Garden needs your help! A number of community partners have been working together over the past year to revitalize Birge Park Community Garden so that programming can occur in the space again. This is where you come in: we are looking

for donations of lumber, paving stones, mulch, or Canadian Tire gift cards to help build new beds and make the garden more accessible for our volunteers. We also value donations of your time and energy, if you would like to contribute as a volunteer! To get involved, please contact Mariko at mbown-kai@compassch.org!

2022 CRUB CLUB REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for Grub Club 2022 is now open! Compass Community Health's long-standing annual summer program will begin Wednesday, May 25, and run weekly until Wednesday, August 31, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Kids aged 6 to 13 will learn about planting and grow-

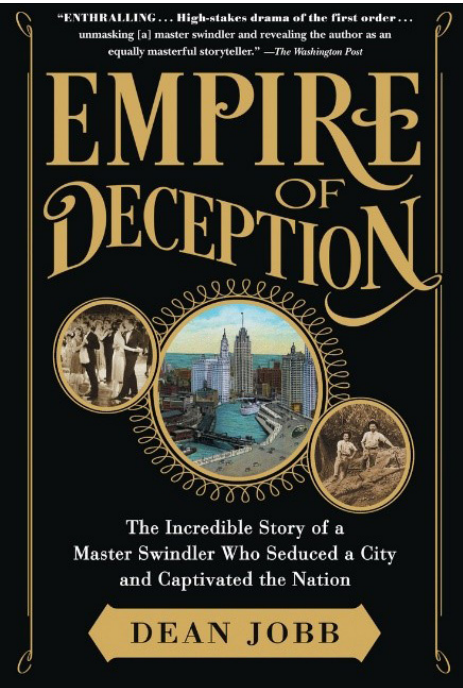
ing their own food, try new recipes, and spend time outdoors being physically active. Contact Mariko at mbown-kai@compassch.org or call (905) 523-6611 x 2084 to register. We hope to see you there!

Mariko Bown-Kai, MSW (she/her)
Community Development Worker

BOOK CLUB CORNER

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

In April, our book club read the true story, *Empire of Deception* by Dean Hobb. This fascinating book is the incredible story of a scheme to defraud people by having them purchase shares in non-existent mortgages and an equally fabled oil and timber venture in Panama. He printed off mortgage certificates and paid dividends. This scheme took place in Chicago in the early 1920's. We wonder why people buy into such a scheme, but con man Leo Koretz seemed to use reverse psychology and people begged to buy into his mortgage scheme! Most of his "victims" we realized were wealthy and just wanted MORE MONEY! But that was the "roaring twenties" when crime ran rampant – prohibition, booze smuggling,



gangsters.... He lived a luxurious life with a family and when he finally got caught, he disappeared! But remember, that was before internet, cell phones and other technology. Without giving away the ending, he ended up living a luxurious life in Nova Scotia before he was finally caught! Thus he was one of the first – before Ponzi, before Bernie Madoff.

Dean Jobb teaches investigative journalism and media law at the University of Kings College in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He has written *The Acadians*, the account of the when starting in 1755 people of French ancestry were expelled from their homes along Canada's east coast. He also wrote *Madness, Mayhem, and Murder* true stores of crime and justice in the history of Nova Scotia. He wrote *The Murderous Dr. Cream* the true story of a Victoria age serial killer.

If you enjoy reading about crime and true stories, *The Monster of Florence* by Douglas Preston is another great read. A true story about how the criminal justice system can spin out of control.

Between 1974 and 1985 several young couples were brutally killed and mutilated while having sex in parked cars in the hills around Florence, Italy.

American author Douglas Preston and Italian journalist Mario Spezi teamed up in 2000 to minutely and critically examine the long-unsolved murders. It was Spezi who covered the serial killings and who dubbed the unknown killer "The Monster of Florence".

Public hysteria overwhelmed the police with tips, false leads, and conspiracy theories. Over the years, various men were accused, imprisoned, and released. In a twist of fate, Preston and Spezi themselves became targets of a bizarre police investigation.

The story is one of endless sexual perversions against a backdrop of a stunningly beautiful and historic city. A gripping read.

Douglas Preston is a well-known author and journalist who sometimes writes with Lee Child. He writes thrillers and crime fiction and non-fiction.

Note: The Bookmobile stops at Benetto Recreation Centre Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:00. Pick-up your holds or browse the shelves. eBooks, audiobooks and other resources are available on-line at www.hpl.ca including newspapers, magazines, movies and more.

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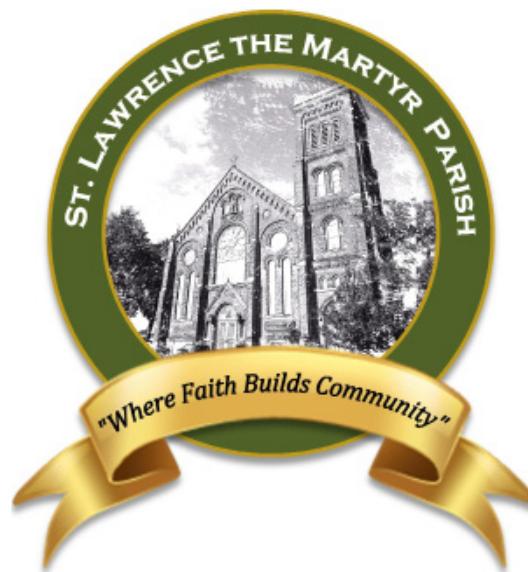
James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for almost 135 years. We have been more than just a worship gathering on Sundays as we minister to as many people during the week as we do through our Sunday worship times. Under the leadership of Pastor Dwayne Cline, 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.

With the easing of Covid19 protocols we have returned to one worship gathering as we can set up to accommodate a full house. There is an area where seating will still have physical distancing in place for those who want to ease back into crowds a little more slowly. We'd be glad to welcome you any Sunday.

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. At James North we strive to continually offer the hope of Jesus to others through our ministries and programs.

Perhaps you haven't had a chance to visit us in our new building at the NE corner of James St N and Picton Ave. It still feels new, although we've been here since August 2021. We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday or you can check out our live-stream to watch from home. You could also 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.

Check our website for up-to-date information (www.jamesnorth.church)



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

Parish News

Winter 50/50 Draw Winner - Congratulations to our December 50/50 winner MJ Carruba! . licence no. M783190

Clothing Drive - Our Catholic Women's League thanks all those who made contributions to the Winter Clothing drive - a large contribution of new winter clothing was made to local charities for distribution to the community.

First Communion and Confirmation is coming up for students currently in Grades 2 and 7 and any students who missed these sacraments due to the pandemic.

First Reconciliation - April 2, 2022

First Communion - May 7, 2022

Confirmation - Date to be scheduled

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



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

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

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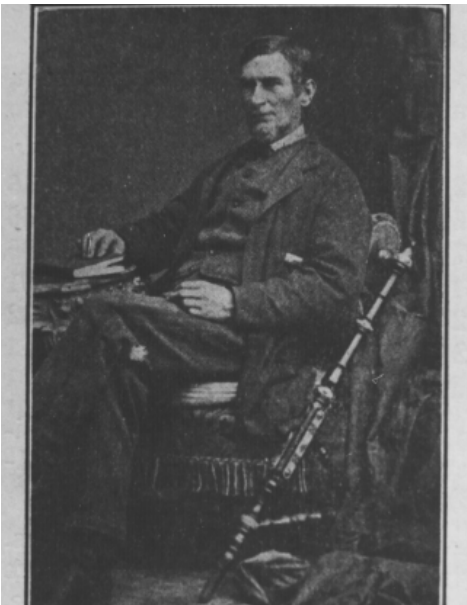
THE MAN WHO PLANNED HAMILTON

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Louis Gentilcore, one of Canada’s earliest historical geographers between 1787 and 1795, once wrote, “No other surveyor in Upper Canada surveyed and subdivided so much territory.” He was referring to Augusta Jones, who originally planned our city. Jones was a farmer, a member of the militia and perhaps one of the best surveyors in Upper Canada. His personal life is a complicated one for many reasons. He became close friends with Joseph Brant, and used his expertise as a surveyor along the Grand River on several occasions. Brant also hired Jones as a land agent for some land purchases. He became one of the Native chief’s many executors. The government of Upper Canada did not always look favourably upon this arrangement, and some historians believe this may have ended his career as a government surveyor.

Jones married the daughter of Mohawk Chief Tekarihogen, and they had eight children. Jones had two boys with Sarah Henry, the daughter of Mississauga Chief Wahbanosay, with whom he was also romantically involved at the time.

Surveying is one of the world’s oldest occupations on the planet, dating back to Stonehenge, a presumed burial site created in England’s Salisbury Plain between 3000 and 1520 BC. Ancient Egyptian surveyors plotted the positions of their pyramids long before the first of those gigantic stones were put into place. Napoleon Bonaparte depended largely on surveys to achieve both his wealth and power. Surveys are critical records that are used in court to settle all types of property disputes because they establish property lines, elevations, terrains, and features such as buildings, trees, hills, or ponds. Surveys are used by homebuilders and banks to get construction permits, mortgages and renovation loans. They are commonly employed by mapmakers worldwide and often used by municipal authorities to design roadways, sewers and water systems, housing blocks, and other civic buildings. Apart from mapping their fields, farmers use this data, together with their GPS, to programme a range of automated agricultural equipment, such as seed drills and fertilizer machinery, to grow crops.



AUGUSTUS JONES, IMAGE COURTESY OF WIKIPEDIA

Augustus Jones’s ancestors were of Welsh descent. His grandfather, Ebenezer, arrived in America in the 1670s. Historians have dated Augustus Jones’ birthdate to the year 1763 in New York City, where he later obtained his surveyor’s credentials. Augustus retired from surveying in 1880 and began farming a 2428-hectare (6000 acre) on the Grand River called Coldwater, near Paris, Ontario, where he had lived for many years. After he retired from surveying he became a teacher, instructing the local farm kids in the three R’s and farming. Jones was buried on the family farm. However, after the death of his son Peter, his remains were transferred to Greenwood Cemetery in Brantford, and the property was seized by creditors for outstanding obligations. Augustus Jones’ grave is not marked at Greenwood Cemetery, and his precise location within the cemetery may still be unknown today.

While there are no official personality descriptions of Jones, historians have pieced together some facts about him from his survey logs and personal letters. He is described as being a tough-as-nails man who was just as comfortable crossing the wilderness on snowshoes carrying a large heavy backpack filled with his surveying equipment as he was rowing a heavy birchbark canoe through the streams, rivers, and lakes of Upper Canada. Surveying today is still a difficult job, but it was much more difficult in the late 1700s when Jones caught malaria regularly and he and his crew killed over 700 rattlesnakes around Hamilton Bay, which was then called Head-of-the-Lake, in one summer.

Jones was sworn in as a crown surveyor on June 11th, 1787, and started surveying in Hamilton on November 5th and continued until January 8th, 1788, beginning at the border of several building lots previously created by Hamilton’s founder, George Hamilton, in the region now known as the Gore. From the courthouse, he laid out what became Barton Township, (Barton Street by the way is the only physical reminder we have from the former Barton Township.) which eventually became the city of Hamilton; it was bounded on the north by the Head-of-the-Lake and on the south by Haldimand County. To the east, it ran up to Ancaster Township, while to the west, it fringed Saltfleet Township. Jones originally divided Hamilton into 41-hectare

(100-acre lots). Augustus Jones’ concession roads became Hamilton’s East (Main Street) and West (King Street) arteries, while his side roads became the city’s main north and south arteries, John Street and Mary Street. He also studied the Hamilton Beach strip, which he dubbed Long Island, and Saltfleet Township in Stoney Creek, from August 24th to October 25th, 1788.

Some of Augustus Jones other accomplishments include his very first survey as a chain bearer, working for several teams as they surveyed the Niagara Peninsula. A short time later, he was given command of his first survey team and began surveying Stamford Twp, which began with Newark, and over time, evolved into the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Additionally, he surveyed Dundas Street from Lake Ontario to the Thames River in London. Jones and thirty Queen’s Rangers troops planned York, now Toronto, and Young Street from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe. He also surveyed Beverly Twp, Binbrook Twp, and Haldimand County, as well as the original borders of the Six Nations tract along the Grand River. Jones did not personally inspect many of the area’s other cities and villages in subsequent years; rather, he directed several crews to do the task, which he authorized. A few of these were Pickering, Burford Twp., Whitby, Flamborough Twp., and Newcastle.

In Stoney Creek, along King Street and New Mountain Road, there is a memorial and fountain honouring Augusta Jones. The house he lived in while surveying Hamilton and Stoney Creek is still preserved as a historical landmark at 1 Jones Street.



THE NEED FOR BASIC INCOME

SUBMITTED BY
LAURA LEE BENNETTO

According to it’s new report, the Canadian Centre for economic Analysis, Basic Income can grow Ontario’s economy \$40B/year, add 287,000 jobs and end Poverty. Basic Income is a sustainable investment that can grow Ontario’s economy, create jobs, raise wages, and support businesses—while ending poverty. This landmark study gives us a first ever look at the economic impacts of a national Basic Income and its positive effects on the economy of Ontario. Go to www.ubiworks.ca/on for more data and statistics.

In 1974 at the age of 14, I read an article in the New York Times on Universal Basic Income in Denmark and this coincided with my first part time job that I had started working in downtown Hamilton at the recently opened Lloyd D. Jackson Square (1972). It was my first realization that Hamilton had real poverty. I simply put 2 and 2 together; me working at a job and others panhandling in the Core who did not have a job. 47 years later, nothing has changed. We need to own this and step up to end it now. UBI is the answer plain and simple. We all have a moral and ethical obligation to ensure Bill C-223 passes in the Legislature.



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WALKABOUT: OUR CORNER

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

Darlene graciously shared her honor with Marilyn Leavy and with “The Cellar Dwellers” who worked hand in hand with her.

The Our Corner Bar & Grill continues to support the community with a collection bin three times a year for Essential Aid Feed the Babies.

Darlene thanks the customers and neighbours for their generous support

in giving back to the community and giving to those in need. Darlene has indicated that North End neighbors are generous people who make the North End stand proud as a caring and vibrant thriving community. Special thanks and shoutout to the staff and the customers from the older generation to the new generation and is open to all and all are welcome!!!

I asked Darlene the Motto for the “Our Bar & Grill” : “Because they’re just like family and built on friendship”

If you like a good ole morning breakfast smile check out their Bacon and Egg \$6.10 special served to your liking or any of the other favorites from their menu.

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Come in and enjoy a delicious meal from the Bar & Grill famous for its great service & friendly staff. Look for the Red & White awnings and the opening of the red deck chaired patio this month.

I would like to thank Darlene and Staff with mascot Scobby for sharing the stories of the North End community.

Support the business in your neighborhood. Cheers till next month.

UPDATE FROM THE COUNCILLOR

SUBMITTED BY JASON FARR

Welcome to May Breeze’s readers! A time to salute Mother’s, celebrate a long weekend and we can’t forget May the Fourth Be With You. May is also the month when we all start spending more time outdoors and that is especially true for folks in the North End who have a dog that needs to run.

With that in mind, you may recall that in February’s edition of The Breeze’s I asked North End residents to engage on where you would most like to see a new dog run, to replace the area that we lost with the introduction of the new multi-modal path along Strachan Street. I am happy to report that well over 200 residents took part in that engagement and helped steer our decision on where best to put the new temporary leash free running area, that North End dog lovers may want to fence it off as a permanent dog park one day. We could go that route to if all goes well!

As an update, following the engagement process, we had overwhelming support to set up the new temporary leash free running area in Jackie Washington Rotary Park. So on April 13th, I brought forward my motion and City Council approved it, so now the work can begin to set it up for our beloved four legged friends.

You will soon see signs posted in the area and then we will begin a monitoring process. Through that process we hope to gather the information needed to be able to work on the next steps to make that a permanent leash free running area in the North End. However, that won’t be the only new, safe spot nearby to give your dog the exercise they require to stay healthy.

We are well into the full rehabilitation and revitalization of Central Park which should be ready for the

summer months with two new dog park enclosures. One enclosure will be for large breeds with a second for smaller dogs to run and play safely.

The most important part of all of this work may not be the outcome, as much as it was the engagement with the residents of the North End. It is vital in our neighbourhoods and communities that everyone get engaged and help steer the decisions that most impact them and their every day lives. I am always so impressed with the passion and involvement of all of our North End neighbours who take the time to continue to improve this close knit community in our great City!

One final note this month, congratulations to The Breeze’s on their upcoming 50th anniversary. To all of the volunteers of the past and the one’s who presently keep this important communication tool operating, thank you so much. It is a remarkable accomplishment and one that all North End residents can be proud of. Until next time, Breezes Readers!

Councillor Jay

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• Looking for a professional cleaning lady in the North-end for my 3 bedroom home , no stairs or animals. Must have own tools such as vacuum cleaner, mop and cleaning products. If interested e-mail me @ mleclercq@cogeco.ca

• Roommate wanted to share an apartment. Reasonable rent plus shared responsibilities. Please call 289-389-1070

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

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

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

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

PET GARDEN PEEVES 3.0

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

1) Invasive plant species – Although vigorous on-line debates rage in garden groups with people who truly love their Burning Bush, Barberry or Lily of the valley, these plants escape our gardens and grow across woodlands, ravines, places that are not weeded or mown (because it’s not invasive in your yard doesn’t mean it’s not invasive elsewhere) How frustrating & confusing when all of them (even goutweed and English Ivy) are still being sold at nurseries! The few wild places we have left, places that should be supporting native Ontario plants, which support the insects and mammals and creatures that the rest of our ecosystem is built on, are being overrun. Go for a walk along rail trails or the RBG to see sweeping monocultures of periwinkle, goutweed, English Ivy, not to mention other introduced species such as garlic mustard, Phragmites and Japanese knotweed. We may not be able to clean up all these invasives but we can choose to remove them from our own yards, spread the word, and start planting native species instead.

2) Red/Orange/Black Mulch – why not get really creative and choose Blue or Pink? If mulch is a ‘feature’ in your garden then something weird is going on – mulch should be a placeholder, smothering weed seeds and holding in moisture until all your plants grow in together forming a happy matrix that requires



less maintenance. Natural, undyed cedar Mulch can also be great for play zones or walkways – especially if you’re getting rid of grass or it’s so shady you’re finding it hard to grow anything. When you use a natural shredded mulch, arborists chips for instance, every leaf or twig that drops on the garden won’t stand out (as it would against a dyed background for instance) and you’ll be suppressing weed seeds, conserving moisture and supporting pollinators as well as birds who need all the critters that live in the leaves to feed their young.

3) ‘Turning’ the soil – it makes it worse, not better. Soil is a living thing and doesn’t benefit from being turned over any more than your plants would benefit from being turned over. Unless you have wild boars, this ‘digging over’ is an unnatural occurrence in nature and solarizes/kills most of the beneficial microorganisms. Perennial roots don’t like to be cut up and flipped over – plowing the land was used by farmers to grow annual crops, turning in the remains of the previous year’s stubble to plant again. New research

is showing better results without tilling - less erosion and better soil quality is created and you won’t be planting the weed seeds that blew in.

4) ‘Zombie Skin’ aka Landscape fabric (which is actually plastic) commonly thought to prevent weeds but absolutely doesn’t. New seeds come from above, not below, they blow in or are pooped out by birds on top of your landscape fabric which likely has a wafer thin layer of mulch that is breaking down into soil on top the ‘fabric’ creating a tangled mess of unwanted ugliness. If you want to smother something like an invasive groundcover, try layers of cardboard with 6” of mulch on top – in a year or two (depending on what you’re trying to smother and when you started) you should be able to plant right into it.

5) Pesticide use. If something isn’t eating your plants then Houston, we have a problem. Consider joining the movement of people who are intentionally growing native plants as well as dill and parsley to feed caterpillars. Those incredible Luna moths and beautiful butterflies we all love, were once caterpillars, that (read this twice) should be eating your plants! Of course, there are some exceptions; The Spongy Moth and Japanese Beetle are not native insects, and since they are not part of our ecosystem, have very few natural predators. (can be removed by hand or use methods to interrupt their life cycle) Wasps are pollinators and voracious predators of pesky aphids and scary looking Crane fly eat mosquitos so rather than using pesticides, aim for a balanced garden full of insects that functions and thrives.

Ontario Trillium Foundation

Fondation Trillium de l'Ontario

Grub Club 2022

Registration now open!

Compass Community Health's annual summer program will begin Wednesday, May 25 and runs weekly until Wednesday, August 31 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Kids aged 6 to 13 learn about planting and growing their own food, trying new recipes, and spending time outdoors & being physically active.

See you there!

Contact Mariko at mbown-kai@compassch.org or (905) 523-6611 ext. 2084 to register!

GOOD FOOD BOX

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

High quality, fresh produce at a fair price!

\$15 for a large box (\$20 value)
\$10 for a small box (\$15 value)

Order at NHCHC or Eva Rothwell.
Call for info: 905-523-6611 ext 3007

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The Eva Rothwell Resource Centre
at Robert Land



A NEW FAMILY OF PEREGRINE FALCONS EXPECTED FOR MOTHER’S DAY

SUBMITTED BY MARY ANNE MCDOUGALL

After a dramatic start to the year, our new peregrine falcons, McKeever and Judson, settled in and on 27 March amidst a spring snowfall, it was apparent that McKeever was sitting on an egg. Typically, peregrines will lay 3-4 pink to brownish mottled eggs, hatching in 33-35 days. Once the chicks have reached about 40 days of age, they have lost their white fluffy down, developed their flight feathers and after days of exercising their wings and “helicoptering” along the ledge, they are ready to take to the air.

City dwelling peregrines face challenges when taking their first flights. They must be strong enough to fly to another high structure or return to the nest ledge. They can come down to ground or in some cases land on a lower building unable fly back up. Mirrored and glassed high-rises also present dangerous obstacles for these newly fledged falcons. The peregrine falcon has also recently been voted the City Bird for Hamilton by the Bird Friendly Hamilton Burlington team after an online poll.

The Sheraton Hotel site has been monitored by co-ordinators and volunteers each year since a pair of falcons were first confirmed nesting on a ledge on the south facing 18th floor of the hotel in 1995. You can follow developments at the nest site with live camera feed at <http://falcons.hamiltonnature.org>

Volunteers and Donations Needed

Falconwatch volunteers monitor the falcon chicks beginning around mid June, signing up for two hours shifts from dawn to dusk for approximately one month. An orientation meeting will be announced once we are sure we have viable chicks in the nest. No experience is required, and volunteers work with trained, paid coordinators. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, please contact falcons@charlesgregory.ca

BENNETTO COMMUNITY CENTRE
450 Hughson Street North | 905-546-4944
www.hamilton.ca

Open for Business!

Bennetto Community Centre is now available for your rental needs! We have two room spaces available, a gym, auditorium and even the pool. To book visit: www.hamilton.ca/recreation/recreation-facility-rentals



NEW Programming Available Now!

A safe and inclusive space to move, play and have fun for anyone who identifies as female ages 9 to 17 years. With leaders trained in delivering female-focused programming, these new programs are focused on developing resiliency, building confidence and fostering friendships while actively engaging in sport and movement.

girls who move

Bennetto
Recreation Centre
(9-12 years)
Thu 5:15 p.m.
00045136

girls who play

Bennetto
Recreation Centre
(9-12 years)
Thu 6:15 p.m.
00045138

girls who train

Bennetto
Recreation Centre
(13-17 years)
Mon 7:15 p.m.
00045154

Bennetto
Recreation Centre
(13-17 years)
Thu 7:30 p.m.
00045139

Have a question about Girls Who Can Programs?
Contact Recreation customer service at 905-546-3747
or e-mail recreation@hamilton.ca
hamilton.ca/recreation/female-programming



THE WATERFRONT SHORES PARTNERS WATERFRONT SHORES PARTNERS FAVE EATS!

There’s no shortage of reasons why the North End is so special, but the abundance of charming small businesses offering delicious food and drinks might top the list. Whether you’re grabbing something for a walk along the Waterfront Trail or watching the boats come and go from the Royal Hamilton Yacht Club, the Waterfront Shores Partners have rounded up their favourite must-try local North End stops.

Grandad’s Donuts | 574 James St N #1

This family owned and operated coffee and donut shop has been in the North End for more than 30 years. Hailing four bakers that have a combined experience of more than 120 years, the talent behind the tasty creations prides themselves on still making donuts the same way Grandad did. Stop in for a classic, like old fashion glazed or Boston cream, or try something new, like a ghost buster or chocolate dip coconut.

Castelli Cucina | 337 James St N

Owner and Hamilton native Daniel Mancini brings his fondest memories from Sunday night dinners growing up surrounded by family, and dishes inspired by his Nonna’s who taught him the fundamentals of Italian cooking, to Castelli Cucina. Before opening Castelli Cucina, Mancini spent time travelling Italy to discover local dishes and perfect wine pairings, completing his Red Seal program at Niagara College and bee keeping for Mancini’s Honey, so you know you’re in good hands at Castelli Cucina. Our favourite dishes include the Gnocchi Genovese and of course the Fichi pizza.

Williams Fresh Café | 47 Discovery Drive

Though Williams Fresh Café is a great place to grab something quickly to-go, with unparalleled views of the waterfront, the patio in the warmer months might have the best view in all of Hamilton. Not quite patio season for you yet? The firepit has you covered. From the patio you’re at the centre of it all – this summer, enjoy a coffee (or a beer with Williams’ fully licenced bar) while watching the roller skating at Pier 8, music on the waterfront on Thursdays, or on Tuesdays, salsa dancing, all from your seat. Must-try menu items include the chicken pesto panini, Williams’ signature salad and the chicken bacon mac n’ cheese. On your way out, stop for cone at Hamilton Waterfront Scoops, attached to Williams.

Fisher’s Pier 4 Pub | 554 James Street N

Located at James St. N and Wood St. E, Fisher’s Pier 4 Pub is a neighbourhood favourite. Stop by the 150-year-old building for traditional pub fare, where you’ll be welcomed by dark but cozy interiors, wood-panelled booths and tables, a brick wall dividing the bar, and best of all, a stage for open mic nights, held the last Friday of every month. Favourites include the Yorkshire pudding bowl, fisherman’s platter and of course the fish & chips.

These, and many more, wonderful small businesses contribute to the vibrancy and character of the North End, and we’re so excited that residents at Pier 8 will have them all at their doorstep. To learn more about the Pier 8 development, visit: www.pier8living.com

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- Healthy snacks and recipes
- Food vouchers
- Bus tickets
- Free prenatal vitamins.
- Free Vitamin D drops
- Free child minding for children under 6.

Where?
Compass CH – 438 Hughson Street North

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

LIBRARY EVENTS FOR MAY

All HPL branches are closed on Monday May 23 for Victoria Day.

Day & Time	Description	Location
Wednesday, 4 7:00-8:00pm	Author, Jamie Chai Yun Liew discusses her new novel, <i>Dandelion</i> , in conversation with Theresa N. Kenney.	Online https://events.hpl.ca/event/6520737
Thursday, 5 7:00-8:00pm	Author Eva Stachniak leads an online book club discussion of her book, <i>School of Mirrors</i> .	Online https://events.hpl.ca/event/6462635
Friday, 13 3:30-4:30pm	Maker Cart - Bring your imagination to the table and make a cool creation to take home. Supplies provided. Ages 4-12.	Central Library – Hamilton Room
Friday, 20 12:00-1:00pm	Noon Hour Concert - Encore Aidan and Olivia Purnell; Guitar and Voice	Online Hamilton Public Library Youtube Channel
Wednesday, 25 7:00-8:00pm	Bookclub Online discusses <i>Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail</i> by Cheryl Strayed. Published 2012; movie 2014. After you register, an invitation with instructions on how to join the online group follows via email.	Online https://events.hpl.ca/event/6462675
Thursday, 26 2:00-3:30pm	Knitting & Crochet A drop-in knitting and crochet program. Adults	Central Library 2 nd Floor Program Room
Friday, 27 12:00-1:00pm	Noon Hour Concert Live Lisa Warren – Harp	Central Library Living Room (or online on HPL Youtube channel)
Friday, 27 3:30-4:30pm	Imagination Station Use your imagination & discover what you can create with our Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Arts and Math (STREAM) kits and educational toys. Ages 4-8.	Central Library Children’s Department

To find more programmes, visit HPL.ca/guide.

The North End Breezes Board of Directors is looking for eager volunteers to bring new ideas and skills to the table!



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 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 to learn more.



PLAN B

Organic Farms

Local Food – Home Delivery

Delivering to Hamilton’s North & East End neighbourhoods every Tuesday

www.planborganicfarms.ca

PLAN B ORGANIC FARMS

Plan B Organic Farm is a family owned & operated, certified organic vegetable farm in Flamborough. We grow 30 acres of veggies, greens & fresh herbs in the fields and under cover in our greenhouses.

Established in 1997 by Rodrigo Venturelli, Alvaro Venturelli and Melanie Golba, Plan B is Hamilton’s original organic Community Supported Agriculture farm. Back in the 90s we chose the name “Plan B” because it symbolized our desire to provide our community with an “alternative” to veg-

gies grown using “chemical agricultural practices”. Our crops are Certified Organic by Pro-Cert Canada.

We offer pick up or delivery of organic vegetable boxes that you can build to suit your household. In addition to the organic produce our customers can order free range eggs, sourdough bread, and a wide variety of grocery items from local makers. We deliver to the Greater Hamilton Region every Tuesday, year round.

Check out our website www.planborganicfarms.ca to see what we offer and place your order.



Welcome Inn
Community Centre

THANK YOU
For making Art Feeds
Such a success!!

April 18th-24th
2022



Online
Art
Auction

Last year was our first online auction at Welcome Inn, and it was a stellar event. This year, we are equally excited!

Thank you to all the local artists who donated the artwork and to everyone who participated in the bidding and purchasing. We are deeply grateful for the support our food bank has received.

The Welcome Inn
Community Centre

is looking for
Community Visitation
VOLUNTEERS

- Phone calls to older adults to offer support and friendship to ease loneliness and isolation
- In-depth volunteer experience
- Come join our vibrant community!





Contact Kari at 905-525-5824 or kari@welcomeinn.ca



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