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NORTH END FOOD DRIVE COLLECTS 2200 LBS OF FOOD



SUBMITTED BY SHERI SELWAY AND CURTIS BIEHLER

Congratulations to the neighbourhood for working together again for a successful Food Drive to support Welcome Inn. Small donations by a lot of people makes a big difference.

One resident on Picton donated SO MUCH stuff we needed a car to pick it up! One box was so heavy it took 2 of

us to lift it into the trunk! Thank you so much Betty!

Thanks to all the “Donation Locations” and also to the Selway, Reckman, Sugit and Biehler families that went door to door to collect food. Thanks also to Barb and Dave, volunteers of Welcome Inn for carrying in, sorting and weighing the food.

All of your support not only makes the Food Drive successful; it also makes our

neighbourhood a great place to live!

According to managers of local food banks cited recently in the Spectator, there has been an increase in demand for Food Banks since the pandemic began. Not only more people need the food bank, but people who never used a food bank before are now using it. People are using food banks because they are in the position of choosing to pay bills and rent or buy groceries.

According to Welcome Inn’s mission statement, “access to nutritious food is a basic human right.” Their food bank is open several days a week, by appointment and by drop-in.

A financial donation can also be done at WelcomeInn.ca.

Sheri Selway and Curtis Biehler

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SAVE OUR PARK

The Sunset Cultural Garden, at the corner of Bay Street North and Strachan Street West, across the road from the entrance to Bayfront Park, is nestled within Simcoe Tot Lot a designated City of Hamilton Park. This pollinator garden and quiet sitting spot is now being threatened by the prospect of being sold to a developer.

Concerned area residents are working to save Simcoe Tot Lot (where Sunset Garden is located) to not ONLY preserve the Sunset Cultural Garden but, importantly, to stand firm on the principle that selling city parks should never be on the table when the city is looking for cash. City politicians and developers need to know this. Parks, even small green spaces like this one, are extremely important to the environment and to the health and well-being of residents.

Want to help us? Get a lawn sign and let your councilor, family, friends, and business colleagues know that our city parks are not for sale. Lawn signs can be obtained at: northendneighbourhoodassociation.com

SAVE OUR PARK

Don't Let City Council Sell The
Simcoe Tot Lot Park To Developers
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At the Corner of Bay & Strachan
Across from the Entrance to Bayfront

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HOPA PORTS | PORT UPDATE

HOPA Ports 17th Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament Raises Money for Local Organizations

On Friday, Sept. 17, the Hamilton-Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA Ports) hosted its 17th Annual Charity Golf Tournament with the help of our sponsors, staff and volunteers.

Almost 100 golfers from port partner companies participated, enjoying a perfectly sunny day at King's Forest Golf Club in Hamilton. Despite a reduced capacity due to COVID, the event raised a combined \$21,000 for Brigs Youth Sail Training, Simcoe Hall Settlement House in Oshawa and Mission to Seafarers, Southern Ontario.

"We would like to thank all of the golfers, the event's title sponsor, QSL, and all of our generous sponsors for making the day possible," said HOPA Ports CEO, Ian Hamilton. "Every opportunity to be together (or golf) in person is something we cherish these days so we appreciate you taking the time."

All of the proceeds from this year's tournament will be going to:

Brigs Youth Sail Training: Dedicated to building leadership, self-efficacy, and self-esteem in youth 13-18 through tall ship sailing experiences on the Great Lakes. Visit www.brigs.ca to learn more.

Mission to Seafarers Southern Ontario: cares for all seafarers who arrive in the Ports of Hamilton and Oshawa, Port Colborne and Toronto. For more information, please visit: www.mtsso.org

Simcoe Hall: provides wellness opportunities through their food bank, and programs to serve children, seniors, and families who experience financial and social challenges. To learn more, please visit simcoehall.com.



LINDA'S CHATTY WALKABOUT: THANKSGIVING IN THE NORTH END

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

Today was Thanksgiving Day, and what a glorious one it was. The weather was amazing, so I took myself to the harbor for a nice walk and some photos.

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful day, whether sharing with family or friends (or both), or being alone, like myself, simply giving thanks for this amazing day.....

I did take a few photos while I was by the Bay, I hope you enjoy them.

Presently, I am busy getting ready for my trip to BC, where I will get to meet my grandson, for the very first time. He is now 18 months old; it will be so lovely just to hold him, instead of talking to him through the computer. The trip, itself, is fairly lengthy, and to tell the truth, I am not looking forward to it, although I know the end result will be so gratifying.

I fly with Swoop Airlines, from Hamilton with a stop-over in Winnipeg, before flying to Kelowna and then getting a bus to Kamloops. To say

I am feeling a tad bit overwhelmed is an understatement. I have been to BC several times in the past, however due to the circumstances of the last two years, my adventurous side has taken a side step, as I am sure is the case of many people.

This past month, I did not get chance to sit with a stranger and have a good old chin wag. I have missed that, so hopefully in November, I'll be able to regale you with many more stories.

Now, one exciting event, my friend and I decided to go in search of Theodore, without much luck actually. We walked from Hutches on the Bay to beyond Williams Cafe; we thought he was surely hiding out. Only to learn, that he had gone on a jaunt about. Both of us were saddened, which is funny given our ages.

However, just recently, I was on yet another walk, no longer thinking of Theodore, with a totally different friend, when I stopped in my tracks, and there he was!! Not exactly hiding, but he was in between many other vessels. Oh my surprise!! I



pulled up short, dragging my friend with me and yelling "there he is, there he is". To which my friend shouted "who?" It was one of the best moments of my life, which is saying very little, given our lack of excitement this past year or so.

I hope you enjoy the Thanksgiving Day photo at the Bay Front Park. I have included a photo of, what looks like an Apartment building, which

stands tall and prominent, can you name it? If so, please leave me a comment, and perhaps we can meet up for a coffee and chat one day so you can tell me more about these buildings.

I look forward to our November edition. Stay well and say happy and enjoy this wonderful, October, weather. - Linda



ARCHITECTS BEHIND 500 JAMES STREET NORTH DESIGN WIN CANADIAN GREEN BUILDING AWARD

We are so proud to announce that Invizij Architects Inc. has won SAB Magazine's 2021 Canada Green Building Council Mixed Use Award for Indwell's North End Landing project.

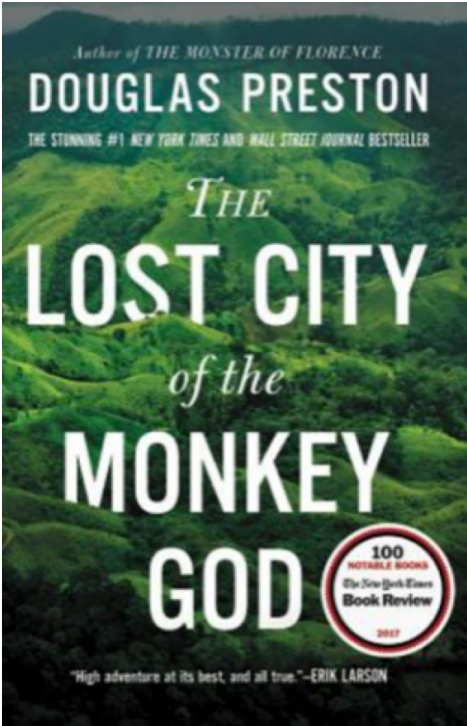
According to the jury, "That this underused brownfield site has been transformed into a valuable community asset including Passive House certified social housing, a new church and a food bank, is admirable and (we believe) widely replicable."

Passive housing is a building model which incorporates low energy usage for heating, cooling, ventilation and comfort. This reduces utility costs for our tenants and ensures environmental sustainability for the future.

BOOK CLUB CORNER

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

At our November meeting we discussed **The Lost City of the Monkey God: A True Story** by Douglas Preston. Maybe you’ve heard of Mosquitia, or seen a movie about Mosquito Coast, or perhaps you’ve even been to Honduras and explored beyond Roatan. I’m pretty sure very, very few of us if any have been as deep into the Honduran rainforest as Douglas Preston and his companions in this true adventure. For decades if not centuries, the legend of a lost city, La Ciudad Blanca, deep in the hilly and thickly forested interior of Honduras, persisted among adventurers and indigenous Hondurans. It attracted fraudsters and treasure hunters and in 2012 he joins with filmmaker Steve Elkins and vari-



ous fixers, scoundrels and experts to map the area with LiDAR technology, now routinely used for archeological purposes (see National Geographic TV for various examples). A promising site is identified and a subsequent expedition is mounted with the involvement of the Honduran government, and American and Honduran archaeologists, as well as film-makers, security provided

by a team of ex-SAS and Honduran army. This is archaeology in it’s dirty and dangerous reality. Dealing with difficult terrain, local government, scholarly critics and terrifying encounters with venomous snakes, mud and rain – lots and lots of rain. For me, the most terrifying was the Leishmaniasis infection for most of the crew - a difficult to treat parasitic infection with potentially deadly outcomes. Summarized by one of our members “I found it intriguing - the politics and other external forces that the ... expedition participants encountered, the multiple historical asides were enlightening as well. Horrifying the diseases found in the rainforest, to say nothing of the snakes and animals.” Kit Darling

The Cold Millions by Jess Walter. Based on the landmark demonstration in Spokane, Washington in 1910. It pitted police, government officials, mining, logging, and farming magnates against transient workers. At issue was the right of free speech. Spokane had instituted a ban on public speaking that the labour organization, the Industrial Workers

of the World, AKA the Wobblies, was trying to break. A period of time when immigrants were demonized, eerily echoing our own. Two orphaned, itinerant brothers, Ryan & Gregory, are caught up in the violent events surrounding them. “Rye” and “Gig” are supported by a cast of characters that include a real-life pregnant labour organizer, an evil tycoon, a burlesque star and murderous private detectives. The author’s mix of real and fictional characters, vivid scenes and exciting plot twists make this a thrilling story that underscores the cost of progress. Paige Turner

Note: The bookmobile is at Bennetto Recreation Centre, Thursdays from 4:30 to 5:00. There is no access to the bookmobile to browse, but staff are on hand for contactless returns and holds pickup.

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

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UPDATE: In-person services on Sundays, following the Covid19 protocols of face masks and social distancing

Pre-registration is needed due to attendance restrictions. You can register for the services by visiting our website at www.jamesnorth.church and following the link.



500 James St N, Hamilton

Contact Phone: 905.527.3972

Email: office@jamesnorth.church

Office Hours: Mon to Fri 9AM - 4PM

www.jamesnorth.church

We are enjoying in-person worship services, following the Covid19 protocols of face masks and social distancing. Pre-registration is preferred as we are limited in numbers, but you are still welcome to just walk on over and we'll find a space for you! Check our website (www.jamesnorth.church) for registration and service times as they change according to the protocols and attendance. If we have 2 services they are at 9am and 11am. If we have one service it is at 11am.

James North Baptist Church (formerly Hughson Street Baptist) has been a part of the North End for the past 134 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.

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.

We've been in our new building now for just over a year – have you dropped in for a look yet? We would be glad to welcome you any Sunday or check out our live-stream. 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. Our website is the place to go for up-to-date information



St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

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www.stlawrencehamilton.ca

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Pastor: Rev. Peter Jurzyk

Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

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~No Mass Monday or Tuesday~

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

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.

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

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

Parish News

Fall 50/50 Draw Winner! Congratulations to Concetta Restagno who was the winner of our fall 50/50 Draw jackpot of \$2387.50! Watch here for details of our next raffle.

Confirmation and First Communion - During the first two weeks of November, we will be celebrating the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for children who did not receive the sacraments due to COVID lockdowns. Parents are asked to complete the registration form on the parish website or call the Parish Office.

Fall Food Drive - Along with the North End Food Drive, St. Lawrence will be collecting non-perishable food items and personal care products over the months of October and November. Donations can be dropped off at Mass or you can ring the Bell at the hall entrance between 9am and 2pm



The North End Breezes Team

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NORTH END BREEZES MISSION:

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

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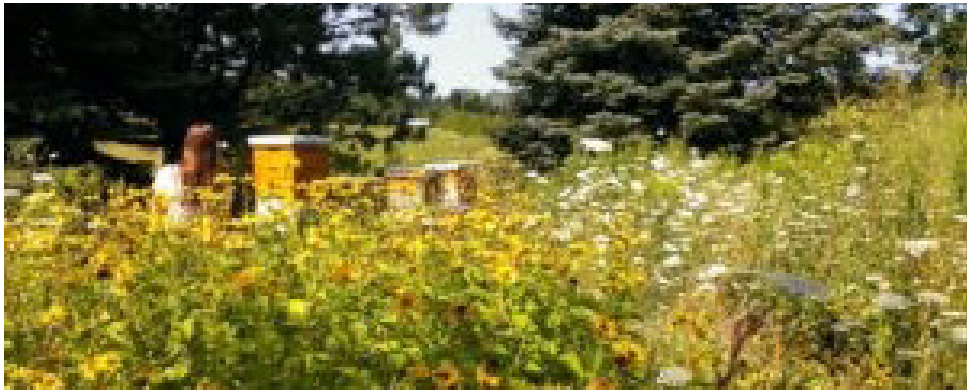
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Help us grow your Breezes.

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

SIX WAYS FOR YOU, FOR EVERYONE, TO LOVE YOUR GARDEN HARDER



SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

1) First let’s talk about the **3 B’s** – and creating habitats for them

Birds; planting species in your garden that support our feathered friends not only in the seeds a plant provides but also for spring foraging on insects and larvae (they need to feed their chicks in spring when there are no seeds) One good example; Arrowwood Viburnum – a caterpillar host that also bears fruit.

Butterflies; provide larvae for birds and aside from being beautiful are diminishing in numbers and pollinate flowers. Consider adding Echinacea, Aster, Liatris, Chocolate Boneset, and the Monarchs all time fave, Milkweed/Asclepia – plenty of showy annuals work well too (email me for a bigger list)

Bees – much has been written about the diminishing numbers of the approx 3 500 different native species in North America alone. (the European honeybee is NOT endangered) Neonicotinoids – a form of insecticide used widely for certain crops as well as habitat loss, are to blame. To counterbalance, consider providing pollen rich plants for bees. They are essential links in the food chain. E.G. Globe Thistle/Echinops is a fantastically architectural plant that bees thrive on, Hyssop, Chives, Ajuga, and don’t forget the spring bulbs like Winter aconite and crocus, email me for more!

2) Native species OK, you’ve heard this before, but why should you bother planting natives in the garden? 2 big reasons; they have already spent centuries adapting to the area they are native to, therefore requiring less water, less susceptibility to pesky infestations, and the number one reason; they have evolved alongside the very

birds, bees and butterflies (see above) that need them for food and shelter. (& vice versa)

3) Beauty and mental health; Aside from making your neighbourhood more beautiful, seeing green makes us happier & even live longer. I don’t have the space here to explain but please ask your friend Google. It’s science so it’s real! Numerous studies have shown reduced anxiety, depression and aggression for those living near parks, mature trees or with ready access to a garden.

4) Growing your own, veggies & Herbs The satisfaction of picking herbs or veggies from your own garden is delightful and if you try it you’ll understand the reward. ‘Seedy Saturday’ held through the Hamilton Community Garden Network (HCGN) is a great event, a good heirloom seed source and where to go and find out how to get an allotment if you don’t have a garden of your own.

5) Harvesting rainwater – using the rain from your eaves troughs = free and your plants prefer it over our chlorinated drinking water. You save money and place a slightly smaller footprint on water usage / resources.

6) Trees – extreme weather, high winds and the loss of many of our beloved trees has refocused attention on these urban giants. Ever notice how the best streets and most desirable neighbourhoods have big mature trees? Consider planting a city tree (free through the City of Hamilton) or if space is limited try a smaller tree, Pagoda Dogwood, a multistem Serviceberry/Amelanchier or Redbud/Cercis canadensis (all shade tolerant btw) Bonus! Native trees provide food / habitat for native species.

Welcome Inn’s Annual CHICKEN SALE



\$7/chicken

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Food Bank Hours
Monday 10:30-2:00
Wednesday 10:30-2:00
Thursday 10:30-2:00
Friday 10:30-2:00

Art in the ‘Hood’ 2021 Edition



Mark your calendars for November 5th to December 5th. The West Harbour Pharmacy at 554 John Street North is once again hosting an exhibition of our neighbourhood talent. This year’s show features art work by J. Joel, Elizabeth Poynter and Marzena Kotapska. Expect another colourful display of different techniques. The Opening is on Friday October 5th from 5 pm to 8 pm and runs Monday to Thursday 9 – 6, Friday 9 – 5 and temporarily closed Saturdays due to Covid. Many thanks to Terry and Nance who run this friendly pharmacy.

GOOD FOOD BOX

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WALKABOUT... THE NO NAME PLAZA

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month's Walkabout here in the North End finds me at the no name plaza, established in the 1970's and newly renovated a few years ago. Upon speaking to the shop keepers, it appears no one knows the name of this plaza. So, for this write up, I'll call it the Waterfront Harbour Bay Plaza located at James Street & Burlington Street featuring a stunning view that overlooks the West Harbor.

A little jewel of a plaza which blends in nicely with the neighborhood and does not disappoint...

Here are the shops dotting along the way.

GRANDAD'S DONUTS an anchor serving the best donuts and other delights since May 2007. A gathering place for the young and old where neighbours meet neighbours.

(289) 700- 0905 menu: granddads.ca

NORTH END PITA serves great Pitas, Shawarma's and delicious food at good prices. Drop in and see Mohammed a pleasant hard-working soul from Egypt whose personality is reflected in the food.

(905) 524-2871

KOHLER DRUG STORE serving the pharmaceutical needs of residents in the North End.

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MORA'S LAUNDROMAT an old school laundromat retro 70's - as if time stood still.

(289) 700-6404

WATERFRONT NAILS & SPA want to feel pampered? Have a spa day by the Bay; check in today and pamper yourself.

(289) 389-8878

WESTON PIZZA and WINGS serving delicious pizza & wings for many years. My favorite pizza - the meat lover's.

(905) 521-9919

JAMES STREET CANNABIS CO. A new resident in the plaza. I spoke to the owner Nick about this shop and wellness center. I asked Nick his motto for his shop. "Go hard, be kind have fun."

(905) 308-9444 Info@jamesstreetcannabis

Website: jamesstreetcannabis.com

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So, get out and stretch your legs. Head out to support those local Plazas & Strip Malls in your neighbourhood.

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FROM THE NORTH END BREEZES ARCHIVES...

We've been taking a look back in time by sharing some of The North End Breezes' archives. This month, we have some content from November issues in the 70s and 80s! Do you remember when the Breezes looked like this?

PROPOSED CHANGES
FOR
EASTWOOD PARK

Mr. Ernie Seager, Secretary of the Board of Parks Management, has outlined the proposals for changes to be made at Eastwood Park that were adopted by the Board at their November 1st meeting. They include the following:

- the erection of an 8 foot chain link fence along the east and north boundaries of the park.
- That the two ball diamonds near the rink-swimming pool complex will be re-positioned.
- a gravelled parking area sufficient for 40 to 60 automobiles is to be created along the east side of the park.
- the area south of the permanent bleachers is to be leveled and re-sodded for lawn bowling and bocci.
- the soccer field is to be moved 60 feet southerly.
- horseshoe pits will be placed in the northwest corner of the park.
- the planting of trees along the north side of the park.
- planting of flowers and setting up of picnic tables and benches at various locations throughout the park.

It looks as though the Parks Board is really going out to improve our park, so lets try and help them by keeping our park beautiful. This means using the litter bins which will appear next spring. Don't pick the flowers, and don't let kids pick them either.

ITS YOUR PARK!
LETS LOOK AFTER IT!

CHANGES ARE STILL HAPPENING!
Changes are still happening! Like the article says....
It's your Park – Let's look after it!

CHRISTMAS MAILING DATES

To ensure delivery of your letters and parcels for pre-Christmas delivery, the Post Office suggests that you follow these guidelines:

- a) Sealed airmail letters (incl. sealed Christmas cards).
Mail by:
Britain Dec. 13.
Europe Dec. 8.
- b) Unsealed letters (incl. unsealed Christmas cards)
Mail by:
(Air) (Surface)
Britain Dec. 13 Nov. 24
Europe Dec. 8 Nov. 10
- c) Parcel Post
Mail by:
(Air) (Surface)
Britain Dec. 8 Nov. 10
Europe Dec. 6 Oct. 20

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our Chrsitmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 21, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission will be 50 ¢, and due to our limited seating, admission will be by ticket only. The boys and girls are beginning work now and look forward to performing for you.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

In 1972, friendly reminders to get your Christmas cards and parcels shipped on time were included in the Breezes -- along with an invitation to the neighbourhood Christmas Concert and Christmas Bazaar!

COMING EVENT

The residents of the Ken Soble Apts. are holding a Christmas Bazaar.

When: December 3, 1976

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Ken Soble Apts.

500 MacNab St. N.

corner of Burlington St.

There will be -

A Bake Sale

Handcraftst-good time to get
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Also - - draw for -

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money tree, purse, and a
china Bathroom set

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WISE WORDS

We can still take inspiration and motivation from "words to remember" printed in the Breezes back in the 70's!

WORDS TO REMEMBER:

Things are always easier when im-
agination ceases and action begins.
Economy is not who little one can
spend, but how wisely one can spend
it.

STEAMBOATS ON THE BAY AND THE GREAT LAKES: PART ONE

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Once hundreds of steamboats navigated the inland seas from the St. Lawrence Canal to the western beaches of Lake Superior. Without those floating workhorses of the nineteenth century, it would not have been possible to carry such large quantities of people or cargo. At least in part, the railroad owes its existence to the steamer for the transportation of railroad ties and tracks. Together, the steamer and the railroad were vital to the Industrial Revolution and the establishment of the Canadian and American West.

Robert Fulton introduced the first commercially successful steamboat, the *Claremont*, on the Hudson River between New York City and Albany in 1817. A decade later, *Frontenac*, the first steamboat on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes was launched at Finkle's Point, near Kingston. Small and slow, it could do no more than 7 knots on a peaceful, sunny day. For nearly 10 years, *Frontenac* made runs from Preston to Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton along the beach strip to Niagara, seldom turning a profit.

Acceptance of the steamboat was slow. Commerce was not enough to justify investing in such large and highly-priced watercraft. Early steamers, owned by fur traders or small investors, hauled trinkets, furs and pelts for trade between naval posts, indigenous people and the merchants.

The steamers were slower than the sailboats of the day. However, sailboats relied heavily on wind and currents for their every movement. Early steamboats carried a few passengers and very little freight, simply because the paddle wheels and the machinery to move them took up most of the space. In the 1850s, new steamships appeared on the Great Lakes - John Ericsson's invention of the submersible propeller was faster and took up less space than the paddle wheel allowing more room for passengers, new amenities and cargo.

Starting in 1841, mail steamers regularly carried mail from Kingston to Montréal, and from Montréal to Québec City. In 1852 these services were put on an interconnecting schedule and extended to the head of Lake On-

tario to speed up the mail from the Canadian west. By 1865 there were mail steamboats on the Upper Great Lakes connecting Parry Sound, Collingwood, Sault Ste Marie and Fort William with the US Postal Service. Sorting mail was done onboard the steamers, eliminating some of the dead time and post-office handling.

The Hamilton Steamboat Company, formed in 1887, operated in Burlington Bay with little to no opposition for the first 30 years. Passengers rarely waited for more than an hour at the John Street dock for one of their steamers: *Mazeppa*, *Macassa* or *Modjeska* to take them to their destinations.

The first steamboat of the Hamilton Steamboat Company was the 3-year-old *Mazeppa* bought from the Toronto Island Ferry Service. The coal-fired 31-metre-long steamboat was burnt in the Great Toronto Esplanade Fire during the early hours of August 3rd, 1885. She was rebuilt and made afternoon trips to Hamilton's most popular swimming destination at the time, Wabasso Beach aka LaSalle Park. During the cooler months, *Mazeppa* ran commuter service between Hamilton and Toronto several times daily. In 1900, after nearly 14 years of service, the vessel was sold to the Owen Sound Transportation Company and transported fun-seekers to Balm Beach, a favoured summer resort for locals.

On the heels of their success with the *Mazeppa*, the Hamilton Steamboat Company ordered a new \$60,000 vessel, *Macassa*, capable of carrying 700 passengers. Captain Charles B. Hardie passed through the Burlington Canal after a 20-day journey, at 6:00am on June 8th, 1889, from the boat builders of William and Hamilton Co. of Glasgow, Scotland. She was almost forty-six metres long, with a beam of seven metres. Onboard that day had been Hardie and his 22 crew members, four stowaways, a scotch pony and a canine for the company's president.

Macassa was designed to be the finest steamboat ever to cruise Lake Ontario. The front saloon consisted of carved and polished hardwood panels. The staircases were mahogany. The eating room chairs came with lush crimson velvet. Silk curtains and large plate-glass windows gave daylight and ventilation. One of the most modern coal-fired steam engines of its day produced up to 1100 horsepower.

Macassa became a local celebrity; postcards of her were mailed by the thousands to friends and family all across

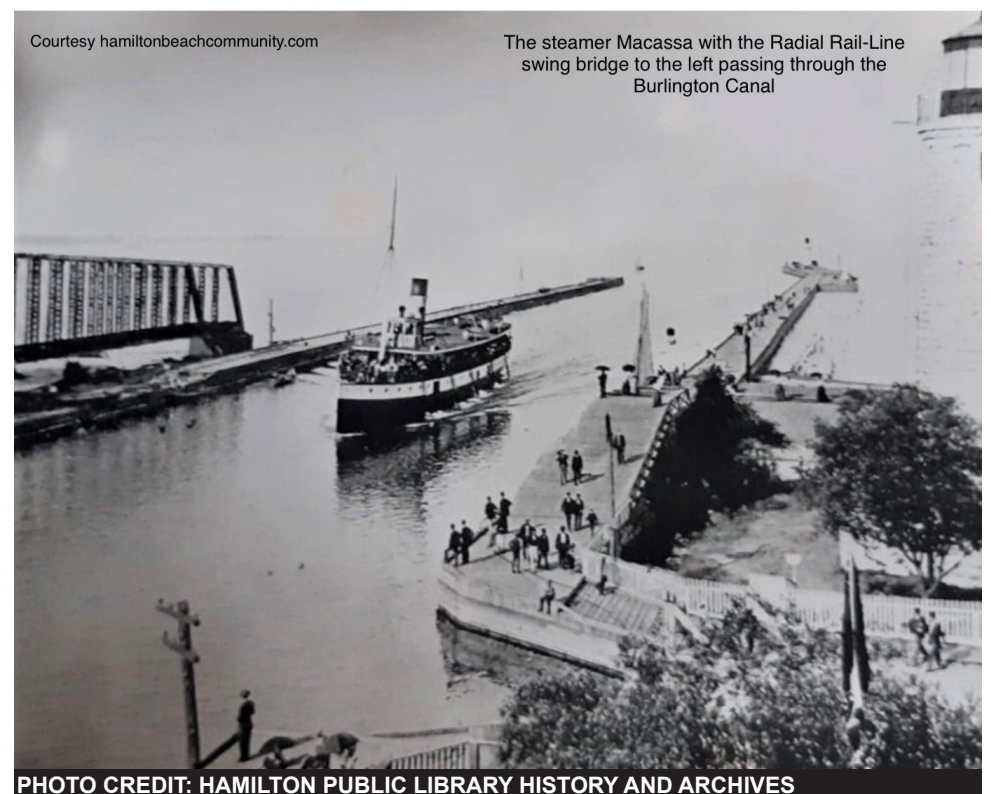


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Europe. Vacationers and commuters desired to journey on the steamer - it was comfortable, good-looking, secure and sturdy, even in the most arduous weather.

Macassa and the third steamer the *Modjeska* regularly ran trips through the hot summers to popular spots such as LaSalle Park and the Burlington beach strip, Lakeside Park in Pt. Dalhousie, and to the C.N.E. grounds in Toronto. Annual trips to Grimsby during the harvest season transported fruits and vegetables to Toronto.

In 1904, anticipating fierce competition from the larger and faster *Turbinia*, *Macassa* went to Collingwood to add nine metres in length, enclose the bottom deck, build for passenger cabins and sleeping quarters for the crew. Unfortunately, the modifications caused the steamer to develop an unpleasant sway, even in moderate waters which passengers found rather unsettling. Slowly the *Macassa* lost its appeal.

The Owen Sound Transportation Company bought *Macassa* in 1928 and renamed her *Manasoo*. September 24th, 1928, heading to Owen Sound, its winter port with 22 passengers and 116 head of cattle on board, she ran into gale-force winds near Wiarton. The weight and movement of the cattle and the modifications done earlier made the ship hard to handle. An improperly secured hatch broke open and partially flooded the hold. The *Macassa* /*Manasoo* floundered in less than 3 minutes. Two days later, a flipped-over lifeboat was found floating in the water with the cattleman and four crew members barely clinging to it.

I hope you enjoyed reading a very small portion about the history of the steamboats on Burlington Bay and the Great Lakes. In the next edition of the North End Breezes, we will cover the Hamilton Steamboat Company's *Modjeska* and Hamilton's Turbine Steamship Line's *Turbinia*.

Welcome Inn Community Centre Updates



WELCOME INN IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS, AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR TEAM!

Learning and Fun Afterschool Program

Volunteering with the LAF program involves working with children from grades 1-8 one-on-one or in small group settings one or more days each week. The program runs from 2:45pm-5:30pm, Monday through Thursday, from September to June.

We focus on developing children's math, reading, writing, financial literacy and homework completion skills through individualized tutoring.

For more information, please email michelle@welcomeinn.ca or call 905-525-5824.

Food Hamper Delivery for Seniors

Some of more isolated seniors or those with mobility issues receive food hampers delivered to their front door in a COVID-safe, contactless manner. Deliveries are made Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during the morning.

For more information, please email ruth@welcomeinn.ca or call 905-525-5824.

Phone Visitors for Seniors

We are looking for volunteers who are willing to connect with seniors by phone to help them navigate the loneliness of isolation. The schedule for calling seniors is flexible and can be set up with our Seniors Program Coordinator.

For more information, please email ruth@welcomeinn.ca or call 905-525-5824.

Food Bank Volunteers

Though we are still running our food bank with paid staff in order to keep this essential program safe and operational, we will soon be welcoming volunteers to help out again onsite. Our food bank is open four days a week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) from 10:30-2:00pm. Details are only tentative at this point, but, if you do want to know more about volunteering at our food bank, please email krista@welcomeinn.ca or call 905-525-5824.



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CRIME STOPPERS OF HAMILTON

Hello from your Hamilton Crime Stoppers.

As we navigate COVID-19 we continue to take your tips, pay out tipsters and care for our Community. It has been a little bit so let me re-introduce myself and our program.

My name is Kevin McKnight and I am your Program Co-Ordinator for Hamilton Crime Stoppers. Subsequent articles will focus on our current events, initiatives, crimes we are trying to solve and we will be asking for your TIPS.

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

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

Our website is: www.crimestoppershamilton.com for more information and to watch previous re-enactments. **Follow us on social media:**

- Instagram – [crimestoppershamilton](https://www.instagram.com/crimestoppershamilton)
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Crime Stoppers is proud to be "On the Water". Well, not actually ON the water, but close. Crime Stoppers of Hamilton, HOPA Ports' Harbour Masters Office/Port Patrol team, and the Hamilton Police Marine Unit formed a new partnership with the debut of Crime Stoppers "On the Water" to help keep all 200 square kilometres of Hamilton's waterways safe for everyone who uses them.

This initiative will provide the public in and around Hamilton Harbour an opportunity to help keep waterfront safe by reporting tips anonymously. The partnership is committed to protecting the community, providing safety, and fighting crime on the water.

Common crimes that can be reported, but not limited to, include:

- Illicit activities
- Vandalism
- Drugs
- Thefts
- Break and Enters
- Habitual Watercraft Violations

We are always about community, safety and awareness. We look forward to sharing more exciting community partnerships, program initiatives and of course getting those tips for investigators we try to assist through media. Thank you and always be safe!



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- 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.
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Some Technical Housekeeping

The North End Breezes is getting busier and we love it! More articles, more news and more volunteers ~ keep them coming! To streamline things, we have added two new email addresses:

- For general inquiries: office@northendbreezes.com
- For articles and submissions: articles@northendbreezes.com
- For ad sales, inquiries and invoices: ads@northendbreezes.com

Come visit the Beasley Community Fridge!

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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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