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WALKABOUT: WALKING AROUND THE WALLS OF ART

SUBMITTED BY KEN HIRTER

This month's Walkabout finds me back on the James Street North Strip catching the beautiful pockets of color.

James Street North between York Street Blvd to Liuna Banquet Hall came alive the 2nd Friday of each month. This past summer between the months of June till September saw the closure of James Street N to the traffic opening the street to the people of Hamilton, from Hamilton's North End and beyond.

These events celebrated the Art Crawl and the Super Crawl seeing shopkeepers and restaurants keeping their shops open later in the evening along James N.

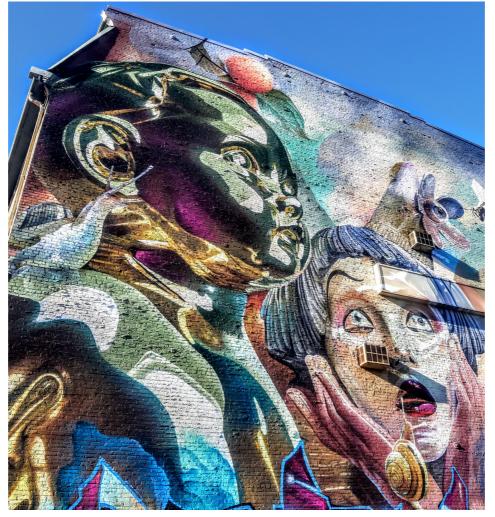
It was wonderful to see so many people take to the Streets and enjoy the beautiful Summertime weather. The neighborhood came alive!

Supercrawl was held from September 8th to September 10th 2023. The artist, artisans, clothiers, crafters, musicians came out along with the food trucks. They all set up shop on James Street North and the side streets. This year's event also had 2 main stages and a kids

Oncè every year a new Art Installation is installed and dons the side wall of the CBC building on James Street North at Vine Street. This year's work is by artist Stylo Starr titled: "Reckoning" a 2023 digital collage.

After Supercrawl, what was left to admire was the new art for 2023 and a few older ones that adorn the alleyways, corridors and along James Street North. These are the talent of professional painters and artists.

* Pease note with permission before painting be given by the owners/landlords of these buildings. To walk through these masters of their crafts you would be amazed.



I love living in the hub and center of these wonderful events from the Art Crawl, Mini Super Crawl & Supercrawl this past Summer, it was absolutely wonderful. It was a pleasure for myself and friends to have taken part in this year's events. Seeing people from all over visiting, thoroughly enjoying themselves and having fun; it was the end of the most enjoyable summer season.

*:Please note that the Art Crawl continues

throughout the calendar year and falls on the second Friday of each month on James Street North.

Fall has now officially arrived, so get out and walkabout, go see the colorful pockets of changing leaves, enjoy the art on the walls from the alleyways, corridors and the streets in your neighborhood near you.

Till next time.







THE BANK OF **HAMILTON: A JOURNEY** TROUGH TIME

SUBMITTED BY BRIAN ROULSTON

Let's take a trip down memory lane to a time before the advent of online payments, debit cards, and credit cards. A period when banking transactions were conducted only in person using deposit slips, withdrawal slips, and handwritten bank books.

On January 9, 1872, a group of businessmen gathered on a cold chilly night eager to hear Donald H. McInnes' proposal for a new bank in the city. McInnes was articulate, charming, and well read. He had achieved success in the wholesale dry goods industry and had served as a Conservative in the Ontario legislature in Hamilton from 1867 to 1871. Following that, he became a senator and held the position until his death in 1900.

After appointing McInnes as the first president of this new bank, which he held until 1882, and naming the board of directors, the bank was named "The Bank of Hamilton," but locals generally referred to it simply as "The Hamilton". It received its charter on July 5th of that year. Less than a month later, on August 1st, the bank opened its head office and first branch to the public. The office and branch were located on the southwest corner of King & John Streets within the McInnes Block.

Due to the severity of the 1870s economic downturn, the Bank of Hamilton struggled to survive for a number of years and came dangerously close to going bankrupt in 1879. During that summer, six other banks in Hamilton suddenly ceased operations. In an unfortunate turn of events, smoke was seen billowing from one of the city's most majestic buildings at 5:45 p.m. on August 1st. The fire entirely devoured the structure and destroyed the Bank of Hamilton. The loss of the McInnes building alone was estimated at \$474,625.00.

Property was bought on the southwest corner of King and James Streets in 1887 with a vision of one day building a new bank and corporate head office. Alongside the soon-to-be-built headquarters, a temporary branch and headquarters were opened. In his annual shareholders speech, John Stuart, the bank's new president, stated that while the bank had taken a tiny step backward in the previous two years, the future looked



bright for the local, Canadian, and Bank of Hamilton economies. Two years later a discussion was held during the bank's annual shareholders meeting. One of the bank directors asked John Stuart whether the firm that planned to build a new hotel on the King and James Street site had submitted a formal application or was still interested. Stuart replied that he hadn't heard, and that it was far more suited for a bank. Stuart promised that day to check out other properties before making his final decision on where to construct. But he knew that there would be no better place in his mind.

Meanwhile, a new branch of The Hamilton opened on James Street N. in Hamilton's north end, and it was declared at the next shareholders meeting that it was doing rather well.

On Monday, June 6th 1892, Stuart expressed to a local paper that he hoped the new two-story building to be the corporate headquarters and a branch of the Bank of Hamilton would be completed and that they would be moved in, in time for the next bankers meeting in two weeks' time.

At that meeting on Saturday, June 18th, John Stuart expressed sorrow that he had wanted to have the bank open for business that day to commemorate the bank's 20th anniversary. Unfortunately, due to the uncompleted brass railings and fittings for the teller windows, it would only be the shareholders that day. Stuart promised the bank would be open for Hamiltonians to get their first glimpse of its interior on Monday at 2:30 pm until 5:00

The long-awaited day finally came, with eager customers waiting outside the Italian Renaissance-style building at the stunning

Gore Street entrance. The doors and entrance were crafted from San Domingo mahogany. The two-story exterior was finished with Connecticut brownstone, and the windows were adorned with copper cornices and metal on plated glass and awnings for shade. Upon entering, the main room boasted an artistically pleasing appearance. The thirty-five-foot-high ceiling was reddish Numidian marble, complemented by heavy brownstone covering the lower walls of the 52' x 60' banking room. The rich red mahogany panels blended well with the overall design. The bank's counters were arranged in the style of the Bank of England and Bank of Scotland, familiar to the many immigrants from those countries. A separate room for the women's exclusive use featured a cheque counter, washrooms. and other amenities. On the second

floor were the offices for the general accountant and director, as well as three-tier high vaults. A staircase leads to the bank's attic, which contained several rooms for the chief bookkeeper, junior clerks, a large library, and an apartment for the officer in charge of the building. The bank's overall measurements were 60'x82', with a 68' high tower. In 1893, the old temporary office and branch of The Hamilton was sold and converted into a new branch of The Trader's Bank of Canada.

The Bank of Hamilton established its first interprovincial branch in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Two years later, The Hamilton had 128 branches throughout western Canada. By the turn of the 20th century the Bank of Hamilton was one of the largest banks in the country and was well known for its stellar customer service and its conservative approach to banking. A pension fund for bank employees was established across Canada.

The Bank of Hamilton was one of the first institutions to join the Canadian Bankers Association, which was created that year.

The Hamilton was doing so well financially that in 1905 they recruited Charles Mills, a notable Hamilton and Southern Ontario architect whose career spanned from 1894 to 1914, to remodel their headquarters. Mills was the architect for many of Southern Ontario's most prominent churches and Hamilton buildings of the era, including the Philpott Methodist Church on York Blvd, Mill's Hardware building across from the Gore in 1909, The Landed Banking & Loan Company in 1908, and the 541 Eatery on Barton St., which served as a branch of The Bank of North America in 1907. Charles Mill's chose to add eight additional stories to the

original two-story structure, thus becoming Hamilton's first skyscraper.

In 1915 The Royal Bank attempted to merge with the Bank of Hamilton but was unsuccessful, much to the relief of shareholders and Hamiltonians who feared that the loss of their bank would imply the loss of Hamilton's identity at the time.

On Monday, November 11th, 1918 Harry H. Gardner of New York City, known as "The Human Fly," climbed the Bank of Hamilton to celebrate the end of WWI. Gardner spent most of the war scaling over 700 buildings throughout Europe and North America to generate funds for war bonds.

Thirty-five members of the Bank of Hamilton, from branches all across Canada were killed in action during the great war.

In the year 1920, a branch of the Bank of Hamilton was established for the ladies only, which was directed and operated exclusively by females. This branch was situated adjacent to the main office of the bank. The establishment of this branch was a response to the increasing impact of women in the workforce. The branch was equipped with amenities such as telephone lines and writing desks, and it was not a requirement for the ladies to be regular clients of the

The Bank of Hamilton stopped issuing its own banknotes in 1922, however the notes remained in circulation for many years afterwards.

By 1923 The Hamilton operated 147 branches across Canada, including the head office in Hamilton. Ten of them were in this city alone! While the number of branches looked impressive, the institution's bottom line hadn't looked too rosy in recent years. As a result of increased business costs, competition from larger banks, and high Dominion, provincial, and municipal taxes. On a share-for-share basis, the Bank of Hamilton merged with the Bank of Commerce. The agreement also stated that all 900 employees would maintain their positions and receive their current pay. Employees of the Bank of Hamilton would also be eligible for the far more lucrative Bank of Commerce pension.

The Bank of Commerce merged into the Imperial Bank of Canada in 1960, which created the CIBC, the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. The Bank of Hamilton building was replaced by the twin tower structure named Commerce Place in 1985. The new dual 16-story structures were designed by architects Pellow & Associates. Today, Commerce Place is home to a number of offices as well as CIBC and Royal Bank branches.



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 hew 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.





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Weekday Mass Schedule:

~No Mass Monday~ Tuesday - Confession 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Wednesday - Mass 12:00 noon Thursday - Confession and Adoration 6:00 p.m., Mass 7:00 p.m. Friday - Mass 12:00 noon 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

Save the Dates! As we enter September we are starting to look forward to our annual fundraising events. Mark your calendar - you don't want to miss them:

> Nibbles & Bids Loonie/Toonie Live Auction Friday November 3, 2023

CWL Fall Penny Sale

Saturday November 25, 2023 Penny Sale, 50-50, Bake Sale & Lunch Items for Sale

Christmas Turkey Roll

Friday December 1, 2023

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



HAMILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SEPTEMBER FUN

HPL Thanksgiving Holiday Closure

All Hamilton Public Library branches are closed on Sunday, October 8 and Monday, October 9 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Bookmobile is off the road while Study Hall and Extended Access services are unavailable. Regular service hours resume Tuesday, October

Fall For Reading with HPL

Book clubs, author talks, craft sessions, Makerspace demos, Storytimes and more programming are on this fall at HPL. Visit your local Branch or the online Events Calendar to attend upcoming library events.

New! After Hours Study Hall at Central Library

Looking for a guiet study space or space to work? As of September 25, Central Library has a Study Hall from Mondays-Thursdays, 8pm-Midnight (except on statutory holidays). The Dundas, Red Hill, Terryberry, Turner Park, Valley Park and Waterdown branches also offer Study Halls.

Home Library Service

Are you homebound due to illness, injury or frailty? Learn more about HPL's Home Library Service (formerly known as the Visiting Library Service). With the colder months ahead, you can still enjoy reading, watching movies and listening to music with library materials sent directly to you. Learn more details on applying if you or someone you know is homebound.

Learning with HPL

Students, educators and caregivers can browse a collection of activities, book lists, educational and tutoring resources, online courses and more at our website.

The Short Works Prize Writing Contest

Recognizing Excellence in Writing: The Annual Short Works Prize for Hamilton-area writers is now open. Entries are being accepted until Saturday, October 28, 2023. Presented in partnership with Hamilton Arts & Letters Magazine and Hamilton Public Library.

2023 Hamilton Reads

There's still time to place your hold on Read Nothing The Same, Everything Haunted: The Ballad of Motl the Cowboy by local author, Gary Barwin. Visit our website for more details about the upcoming Grand Finale event.

Send Postcards to Someone Special this Fall

Pick up postcards and send special greetings to seniors living in long-term care homes and socially isolated residents. Complete the mailing address and drop off at any branch - we'll take care of the postage.

WARD 2 UPDATE

SUBMITTED BY WARD 2 COUNCILLOR CAMERON KROETSCH



This has been a difficult time in our community. Tensions are higher than any of us want them to be and many are concerned they're not being listened to

carefully enough.

That's why I want to talk about how we got here and what we can do to work together moving forward.

As you know from my last update, a site for the HATS pilot was recommended to Council by City staff on August 18. That announcement caught many of the North Enders by surprise. Even though it was a very public process, in hindsight, I should have done more to ensure residents not following Council decisions closely knew what might happen. While I understood staff's process, I didn't know, until early August, which site staff would definitely be recommending. As soon as the Council decision was made, I began to organize a meeting in the North End to share details and to hear from residents, which took place on August 26.

If you attended that first meeting, you know it was pretty emotional. Residents came forward with many questions, stories, and concerns. Over the 2 hours, I explained the process and my position on staff's recommendation, and Council's unanimous support for that decision. I listened deeply and, while emotions ran

high, I wasn't directly threatened.

By the next meeting on September 11 at the Bennetto Community Centre, things had changed. Heartfelt concerns were now being expressed as anger. Some people were assaulted and corporate security reported serious violent threats using misogynistic and homophobic language, vowing to do the Mayor and I harm if we showed up in person. City staff was screamed at by individuals who were not there to listen. The majority of attendees didn't behave this way, but the meeting was stopped because of the threatening actions of a few.

On my way to join the meeting, I was advised by the City's Corporate Security officials and members of the Senior Leadership Team that my attendance would risk escalating matters, putting myself and other attendees in greater danger. The Mayor was told the same thing. That's why neither of us attended the public discussion portion of the meeting scheduled to begin at 8:00pm, just following the HATS open house. People who say otherwise are not telling the truth.

In the week that followed, I was briefed by the City Manager and the City's Head of Corporate Security. Both said my safety and the safety of the public would be at serious risk if the Ward 2 Durand Neighbourhood Town Hall was held in person.

I didn't want to move the meeting online, but I took their professional advice and held our first online Town Hall.

I think what's happening now in Ward 2 and in our City isn't about HATS anymore. It's no longer about the location of a pilot project to provide shelter for 25 homeless people. There are groups of people whose sole focus is to foment hate. We should all be concerned deeply about this threat.

Given the complex issues we're facing, there will be difficult discussions to have in Ward 2. For example, I'm hearing about many other issues from North Enders recently from event issues in Pier 4 Park, saving the Sunset Garden, pedestrian safety on Burlington Street, the rollout of the encampment protocol, progress at Jamesville, and the future of Pier 8. I'll be sharing more information about these and other items in future updates.

We won't always agree on solutions, but let's agree to treat each other with honesty, empathy, and respect. Just the way North Enders treated me and each other for over two hours at a recent meeting of the NENA Planning Committee on September 18.

As someone who ran on a platform of transparency and engagement, I won't let a few hateful agitators stand in the way of the amazing work we can accomplish together during this term of Council.

I appreciate the support from so many of you for me and my family. I continue to listen to your concerns and to your ideas, even when we might disagree.

As always, please reach out to the Ward 2 Team anytime at Ward2@hamilton.ca or through our office phone number at (905) 546-2197. We're in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00am to 4:00pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 8:00pm; and Saturdays from 10:00am to 2:00pm

- Cameron Kroetsch

THE DISCOVERY CENTER'S FUTURE A PUBLIC WATERFRONT GEM

SUBMITTED BY JOHN BENJAMIN

On September 12, the City's West Harbour Redevelopment team hosted an open house to gather information and feedback regarding the future use of the Discovery Center on Pier 8. Leading the meeting were City officials Chris Phillips and Andrea Smith, who have become familiar faces in keeping the community informed about West Harbour developments. Also in attendance was an Indigenous community coordinator, archivists from the Hamilton Public Library, and HPL's CEO, Paul Takala.

Originally completed in 2004, the Center was once a federally owned marine museum and a restaurant before the City acquired the property. It remains an architectural treasure, with its low-profile design spilling gracefully over the lake. Its thoughtful architecture makes wonderful use of natural stone cladding, metal roofs, and marine-tolerant Ekki wood siding. It is sustainably heated by geothermal pumps and features energy-efficient glazed windows.

The site is situated at the west corner of Copps Pier, nestled between the bay and future Pier 8 developments. This prime asset is in dire need of repurposing. Mr. Takala presented a promising preliminary vision for the Center, which involves sustainable funding and a focus on the public. HPL would host various spaces, including a library, an Indigenous gathering space, rotating exhibits and galleries, a café that could employ local youth, and other amenities.

While still in the early stages of development, this vision suggests that the Center will evolve into a public space – a 'third place' for residents to enjoy, engage with one another, and hear, share, and tell the most significant stories about Hamilton and its Indigenous communities. The project is currently awaiting City Council's approval later this autumn before proceeding to the next phase, which involves finalizing and implementing this visionary plan.

RAINGARDENS, A PRIMER

SUBMITTED BY CANDY VENNING

The next time it really pours – put on your rain boots and go outside, first check that your own and your neighbours' gutters aren't overflowing (Downspout issues are the number one reason that water gets into the foundations) and then follow to see where the rain wants to go.

Poof! You've just started the first part of the research into your rain garden.

As a Landscape Designer I can assure you, a huge part of my job is solving problems, and for many, water is one of them. The good news; whether it's pooling in a certain area, running into the foundations or across your driveway, there are beneficial solutions.

Collecting rainwater and storing it seems like a good idea, as long as you're easily able to use it & channel overflow. When installing rain barrels have an overflow spout or large hose to direct the excess away from walkways and basements when if you have the space and want a privacy hedge/ hedgerow the barrels are full.

If you've used any combination of downspouts, slot or trench drains (Google images is very helpful here) swales ditches or even a liner covered in stones to get water to somewhere in the yard (Again; away from your foundations) you've now come to the fun part of creating a rain garden.

Much depends on how fast your soil drains and what type of soil you've got but it can be as simple or as complex as you're prepared to make it. Roof size and the amount of water you need to deflect or having clay or compacted soil that takes some time to drain means you may want to create a deeper pocket or even series of pools to hold it all. Most gardens will drain relatively quickly and if you've got sun, then the plant list of species that enjoy some flooding is quite long. Swamp Milkweed, Cardinal Flower, Ostrich Fern, Blue Iris, and Marsh Marigold are among my favourites. Willow, Red Twig dogwood and Buttonbush are all very happy with wet feet – and since you're in the garden, far enough away from your dry foundations, roots should not be a problem. In fact

and can dig a swale to line with one or a mix of these native shrubs your previously problematic water will keep these waterbabies happy & healthy. Birds will be very appreciative of the protective cover, and pollinators benefit greatly from the early flowers of these shrub species.

Channeling water to stay on your property is a win for the unique conditions you can provide to the unusual native species that prefer wet or damp soil and the specific insects (and hummingbirds) that rely on these plants. It's also an opportunity to add visual interest while slowing down stormwater and reducing flooding impacts that include; soil erosion, sewage overflows, algal blooms and more – pretty great eh?

If you're looking for help - get in touch with Michael Albanese of Avesi Stormwater, they have a business consulting and setting up rain gardens while finding the best way to channel water on your property. Avesi also gives workshops through Green Venture and local garden clubs. Turn the rain in to you ally, not your enemy.

ON THE ROAD **AGAIN WITH BARB**

SUBMITTED BY BARB HALE

In August 2022 I took my two granddaughters, Lilian 16 and Natalie 22, to show them the village of Marple, Cheshire, where I grew up, to visit my 2 nieces, Sian and Wena who live in North Wales and Liverpool, and to show them a little of London.

We left Pearson airport August 1st. After Covid it seemed that everyone wanted to fly. Airlines have been in lock-down too, so they are not ready for this. My daughter Nancy is taking Lilian and me to the airport and insists on getting us there 6 hours ahead!! We meet up with Natalie who is stressed after flying from Edmonton. The girls insist that I get a wheelchair! I am a person who does not accept the fact that I'm an old lady, and this does not make me happy! But, well, it did make things easier! I can't walk as fast as them and we breezed through the handicap lines and were first on the airplane. Being an old lady does have its advantages!

The seats are cramped and uncomfortable and don't tilt back. The plane is delayed, and we leave at 11pm and have a meal at midnight. Then try to sleep. Maybe 3 hours and it's time for breakfast, and soon we are landing at Manchester Airport at 10.30, although my watch says 5.30!

Tuesday August 2nd: We have carry on luggage, so we follow the signs to the "Train Station" We walk and walk through a long tunnel. At last, we reach the station and the trip to Manchester Piccadilly station takes 10 minutes and we search this huge station for the train to Marple. It was almost empty and we had a carriage to ourselves. Stations go by, a screen announcing the next. By this time, we are very tired and do not get up in time to be ready to jump out at Marple! The train leaves before we can open the door and we are on our way to the next stop! It's a small country station with no sign of any population. Natalie finds a machine to buy a ticket back to Marple and we wait for that train. This time we do not sit down.

We walk uphill to our hotel, have a shower and snooze until supper. We walk to a nearby hotel where we sit in the garden and have wine and a very nice meal. I then realize that I had booked a ride on a barge along the canal. Even though we were late I phoned and apologized. To my surprise the woman said she would come and pick us up, and they took us on the barge for about an hour. It was lovely, peaceful, and quiet, but we had a hard time staying awake! To cap it all, the lady who came with us, walked us to our ho-



tel along the canal past 10 locks. We slept very well that night!

Wednesday August 3rd: We just managed to wake up in time to go down for a full English breakfast at 9am, sausages and baked beans as well as bacon and eggs. Oakfield Lodge is a large house renovated as a guest house. Beautifully done, so that it keeps its old charm. A large wooden staircase goes up to the circular first floor, and another staircase disappears up to the attic. Stained glass windows and a well-kept garden surrounded by trees adds to the pleasant ambience. My niece, Sian arrives with her son's car, which is big enough for the four of us, and the first thing we do is visit 10 Clifton Drive, my childhood home. It looks exactly the same!! Built in 1937 on a half acre lot that slopes down to a steep river valley. I knock on the door and explain to the owner who I am, and who I'm with. She seems a little suspicious and not too pleased, but reluctantly lets us see the back garden. The nooks and crannies of my childhood adventures at the bottom of that garden are all overgrown and the swing on the sycamore tree is no longer there, but it still has that adventurous exciting feel, and my granddaughters are impressed. Natalie says "The house is so big. You always talk as though you were poor." I tell her "There was a war. Everyone was poor." Marple is known for its aqueduct, so we went looking for it. When we asked someone where it was, the man said, "you're standing on it!" Sure enough, we were beside the canal and below were the three huge arches of the bridge carrying water across the Goyt River valley. Built in 1800 when canals were used for transportation of commercial goods.

August 4th: Sian took us to her home in Waunfawr Caernarfon, N Wales. A delightfully renovated old stone cottage with a view of fields and hills. In the distance is Snowden, the 2nd highest mountain in the UK. The drive there through the countryside of North Wales and then the mountains of Snowdonia was lovely.

August 5th: Castles and beaches, Llandudno, Colwyn Bay, Anglesey, Criccieth. An amazing whirlwind tour of Wales! The largest castle is Caernarfon. Built in the 11th century, it is recognized as one of the greatest buildings of the Middle Ages. Huge walls encircle a village as well as the castle. When I asked Sian who built the castle, she said "The English, and the walls were to keep the Welsh out!"

August 6th: On the first half of our drive to Liverpool, Sian took the scenic route. Narrow (oh so narrow!) country lanes and pretty villages with old stone row houses. I was so glad I wasn't driving! Then we took freeways and a magnificent bridge over the Mercy River. My niece Wena and her husband live in a modern house in the suburbs of Liverpool. So different from Sian's rustic little house in the countryside. Liverpudlians are so proud of their Fab Four and life size statues of the Beatles are prominent in the centre of town.

August 7th: Sad to leave Sian and Wena, but all things come to an end and Wena drove us to the train station. On the way, she took us to the old dock, a three and half acre area of water surrounded by docks, which have been converted into shops and restaurants and the upper floors to offices and residences. An amazing pedestrian friendly area.

The train was packed and the journey uneventful, except trying to maneuver the hordes of people at Euston Station. Natalie



used her Uber app to get a taxi and we arrived at Oxford Street Youth Hostel. I know! I am far from 'Youth', but I wanted to show my young relatives the benefits of hosteling. Two bunk beds and a single bed in a small room, with shared toilets and shower, but clean and safe and much cheaper than a hotel. London was having a heat wave, so it was hot, and we didn't sleep very well.

August 8th: Lazy morning. We were sleep deprived and grumpy, and not used to the noisy, busy life of a big city. A bus tour was the solution and we sat on the upper deck of an open double decker, seeing much of London, we wouldn't otherwise see. In the evening we saw the musical "Come from Away" at the Phoenix Theatre. It's the story about planes having to land in Gander, Newfoundland, on 9/11. An excellent musical.

August 9th: The London Eye is one of the largest carousels in the world, but really, I've found swinging in a chair of an old carousel more exciting than standing in an enclosed cage going much higher. We did enjoy the views of London, especially the Parliament building and Big Ben and the Thames River. We then walked across Westminster Bridge to Westminster Abbey, a magnificent building, famous for the many royal events that take place there. Then to Trafalgar Square to see lions and Lord Nelson standing high on his column. For our evening meal, Natalie and Lilian bought groceries and cooked a very tasty meal in the hostel kitchen. The wine I bought at reception.

August 10th: The train back to Manchester was uneventful and we checked into the Micro Hotel to be ready for the early morning flight the next day. Some sightseeing but mostly clothing stores!

August 11th: And so our journey ended with a flight back to Toronto. A very special time for us all.

TINY SHELTERS RAISE HUGE CONCERNS



SUBMITTED BY ROSE DIVECHA

In my very first article for the North End Breezes in October 2017, I had pondered the municipal slogan proudly plastered on North End billboards at the time: "A child and family friendly community". Since then, a lot has changed, including the billboards. Walking along Strachan Street now, one would be hard pressed in convincing children to come and play amongst the greenspace that has been taken over by tents and toilets, syringes and sewage. The city's remedy? Tiny Shelters!

A meeting was supposed to be held on Monday, September 11th, 2023 at Bennetto Community Centre to discuss the wooden structures slated for installation at the corner of Strachan and John, but the huge community turnout had our city representatives cancelling the event, citing "health and safety concerns". (Funny, I would argue the current encampment raises similar concerns). The vast majority of people who turned out to voice their opinions could not even enter the civic centre and were held back at the door by security personnel. Police were summoned and approximately 6-8 officers sheltered inside anticipating trouble. (Ironic considering Cameron Kroetsch based his election campaign largely on defunding the police.) A tiny shelter brought to the event on a trailer was quickly and quietly escorted off the premises. It was clear the promoters felt intimidated by the negative public response and requested a police escort.

Many of the people I spoke with that night expressed concern over biohazardous waste (feces, vomit, toxic drugs) and its disposal. Noise and garbage are also ongoing issues. Issues that will not be eliminated once wooden sheds are erected instead of tents.

Many community members have experienced verbal assaults while passing the encampment and fear for their safety and the safety of their children as drug use, sexual acts and various stages of undress are also common sights. But no one had the opportunity to express any of these concerns at the non-event; an event meant to elicit public input but ultimately unable to accommodate the public it was meant to appease; a meeting for the Ward 2 constituents, in a room that could only accommodate a small fraction of the Ward 2 constituents. The public's input has not been requested to date.

Most attending the community meeting were not against providing shelters for the homeless but questioned the choice of location. These shelters would be directly across the street from houses; households with children and pets and the elderly and the infirm, households that pay taxes, households that our Mayor and Ward 2 city councilor have clearly not consulted. These are the households that voted for Andrea Horwath and Cameron Kroetsch who are now regretting their decisions.

NORTH END FOOD DRIVE 2023 SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH



This year the food drive seems to be a little more important than in years past. There are signs all around us that there are more people that need help. While most solutions are complex, the food drive remains a simple way for all of us to make a big contribution to helping those in need.

The North End Food Drive will take place on Saturday, October 28th in support of

The Welcome Inn. We hope all of our North End neighbours will contribute to make this

the best year ever!

Welcome Inn's food bank is a place for individuals and families to access food and personal hygiene items. It is also a community gathering place to connect with neighbours. The hours of the food bank are Monday to Friday 10:30 AM

to 2:00 PM. For more information about The Welcome Inn please visit www.WelcomeInn.ca.

For those living west of James Street please leave your items on your porch by noon on Saturday October 28th as we will be walking door to door and picking up the donations. There will also be a "Donation Location" at the corner of Bay and Burlington.

For those living East of James Street look for a "Donation Location" box to put your items in before noon. We hope to have donation boxes located throughout the neighbourhood.

Recommended items include non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products. If you would like help volunteer or be a "Donation Location",

please email me at curtisbiehler@gmail.

LINDA'S CHATTY CORNER

SUBMITTED BY LINDA BENSON

Friday September 15th. What an absolutely gorgeous day to be walking along Pier 8, more spectacular as we are only a few days away from the beginning of Autumn. I absolutely love autumn weather, especially here in Canada. Fresh air, cooling breezes, the way leaves change colors, and just watching nature as a whole. Yesterday a few (about 8) gorgeous Monarch butterflies flew over my head, not once but three times, were they the same ones? I don't know. But it was an amazing sight indeed. Perhaps they were starting their journey to Mexico for the duration of the year. It is always hard for me to imagine, how these beautiful & fragile creatures can fly so far. Is it one continuous journey, or do they stop to rest and take a drink? How amazing our world is, when we stop and really think about it.

The bees and wasps are slowly dying off, although on my walk I was surrounded by the wasps, gosh they are pesky creatures. They seem to swarm no matter where I walk. For some reason they seem to chase after me. Is it that I have sweet smelling blood or that I love to wear colorful clothes? Perhaps they mistake me for a flower! This year they seem to have taken up residence on my lawns. There are literally hundreds of them. I'm not sure if they are simply seeking wet earth or are they trying to build hives? They didn't like me mowing the lawns though! Buzzing around my ankles and generally becoming a nuisance. I had to stop and tell myself, they are here for a reason. They are also pollinators and they do a fine job of chasing away other pesky insects. I am not sure if they actually scare the bees away, as I saw very few of them (bees) this year. I got excited when I came upon a bumble bee in my garden. I wish I had seen more, they don't scare me half as much as the wasps do.

I don't know about you, but I feel this has been a very disappointing summer, weather wise. Either it has been too hot or too wet to do my walks. I have missed meeting up with strangers and learning their story.

However, today, I decided to walk down to the water front, and I'm so happy I did. I came across a pair of delightful ladies. I had seen them walking together a few days earlier, but today I decided to approach them, introduce myself, and learn about them. We had a wonderful time just bantering back and forth, before I asked for a photo. Although neither of them lives in the N.E.B area, they promised to visit us on line.

Irene, is from the mountain area, and Marg is from Troy. They love walking at the pier and as Marg said, it's a breath of fresh air for her, every few days. It's a bit of a hike from Troy but she enjoys the journey and she especially enjoys her walks.

As I was talking to these lovely ladies, another couple of ladies walked by one yelling out my name! Pam, I hadn't seen her in close to 20 years. She used to work for the Victorian Order of Nurses on Victoria Av, before retiring and moving to Burlington. Of course we promised to get together over a coffee, no doubt at Williams Pub Café, as she also loves being down by the water.

So you just never know who you will meet when you get yourself out and about.

I loved the couple of photos I took today too, the one of the Skyway Bridge especially. It is so clear, and taken just with my cell phone. And the Burlington sky line is also amazing. Well, here I am tooting my own horn, but you can tell I love it down by the water. Isn't Pier 8 coming along nicely? Every time I visit, there seems to be something new to look at.

Have you noticed their "selfie" stations? This was totally new to me. At first they made me smile, then I thought what a great idea for when you are on your own and wanting to take photos of yourself. The interesting thing is, while I was checking one out, a man approached me and asked if he could take my photo for me! I didn't actually want a photo of myself at this point, so I politely declined.

Also, have you seen these circular posters, on the ground? Take a photo of one or use the QR code, and you will be taken on a virtual tour. I have not tried it yet, so I can't say where it takes you (metaphorically speaking), I'll be sure to check it out the next time I am down there.

Well happy walking. Enjoy what the North End has to offer, go talk to someone you don't know (for adults only!!) and listen to what they have to say. It's amazing what you can learn

Until next time, Linda







NORTH ENDER OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Join us in presenting the 2023 North Ender of The Year Award to two of our deserving residents. Complete the on-line form at NEY AWARDS Nomination Form 2022 - Google Forms or email us at office@northendbreezes.com. Nominations close October 30, 2023.

For over 25 years, members of the North End community have been recognized for their contributions and dedication to the North End. The North Ender of the Year Award was first introduced in 1996 by Ed Stewart to honour individuals and groups who have made a significant contribution to the protection and/or enhancement of the North End.

In selecting the recipient(s) of the awards, a panel of judges will consider the nature of the community involvement undertaken by each nominee and the resulting achievements, using the materials submitted to support the nomination form.

Who can be nominated?

Individuals, groups, students, businesses or service providers who live or work in The North End can be nominated.

- · Reside or work in the North End
- · Has contributed to the social or cultural needs of the North End
- · Has made this commitment without thought of personal or financial gain
- · Is not a previous recipient of the award

Nominator Email:

Nominator Name:

Which Award? (Circle one)

Ed Stewart Legacy Award

The Ed Stewart Legacy Award is presented to an individual, group or business in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the North End through community engagement, service or leadership. The nominee should have demonstrated a long-standing, significant commitment to the improvement of the neighbourhood through professional or voluntary efforts. Normally this award is presented to recognize efforts spread over a period of ten plus years, however, a single outstanding achievement may be considered.

The Community Builders Award

The Community Builders Award is presented to recognize the efforts by the nominee in the North End neighbourhood. The individual should embody the community spirit and have dedicated their time with measurable impact on the North End and its residents. demonstrated compassion in ways of touching or enriching the lives of others, showing ongoing leadership and initiative, or sustained and selfless voluntary service. An impact visionary who is making a difference of the future of our neighbourhood.

Nominee Name:

Nominee Mailing Address:

Nominee Phone Number:

Nominator Address:

Award Information:

To help the judges evaluate your nomination, please answer all questions in depth (feel free to attach additional sheets should you need more room), and attach relevant materials and documentation that will support this nomination, including letters of support.

- How long has the nominee been involved in the North End?
- How many activities and areas within the North End is the nominee involved in?
- How has the nominee contributed to the North End community?
- How has the nominee demonstrated community commitment?

Add any supporting photos, documentation, testimonials and share. Please send scans or photos of any supporting documentation via email or mail to the following addresses:

Email - office@northendbreezes.com

Mail - 28 Fullerton Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L8L 6G8

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HOPA PORTS MAPS THE DEPTHS OF HAMILTON HARBOUR WITH MULTIBEAM ECHO-SOUNDING EQUIPMENT

The Port of Hamilton introduced its latest innovation on the water this summer - the Multibeam Echo-Sounding device.

This equipment is comprised of two GPS an-

tennas, an inertial measurement unit, an advanced echo sounder from R2Sonic, a sound velocity probe, and a data-processing SIM box. Together, they work as a precision tool for mapping the harbour's underwater terrain, identifying high spots, and highlighting areas of concern, as well as determining when dredging is required.

"This is a game changer for us," said Steve Parker, Construction Project Lead at HOPA Ports. "Our new multibeam unit has greatly improved efficiency. Pre-

viously, it took us several days to map an area with the single beam unit. With this new equipment, we can cover all mapping areas in just one day."

HOPA Ports oversees the vital shipping lanes and vessel berths within Hamilton Harbour. The Multibeam Sounding device enables precise mapping of the harbour floor, ensuring safe navigation for vessels.

Thanks to this innovative technology, HOPA Ports can significantly enhance safety for vessels in the Ports of Hamilton and Oshawa.





Birge Meadow COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Environment Hamilton

aturday October 14th

9:00 am

Birge Street between,

Wellington & Victoria

REGISTER HERE

https://forms.gle/WaGWBLYwJbyE5wqVA







St. Lawrence Church

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Friday November 3, 2023

Doors Open - 6 pm

Auction Starts - 7 pm

St. Lawrence Parish Hall 125 Picton St. E., Hamilton, On (Corner of Mary and Picton Streets)



Join us for a chance to win!

Cash Prizes Gift Baskets Gift Cards & Certificates Prizes of all shapes & sizes ? Mystery Prize ?

Admission - \$5

(includes light food, refreshments, program and chance to win door prizes)

* To guarantee entry, please purchase your tickets in advance of the event.

Capacity limits will be in affect at the door.

For tickets or for more information, call Alissa at 905-308-1576 or Contact the Parish Office at (905) 529-3921 E. stlawrencehamilton@hamiltondiocese.com

Funds raised from this event will help us to continue to operate and maintain our 133 year old church; allowing us to service our North-End community.

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LOONIES & TOONIES TO PLAY!



\$2 each or 3 for \$5

Get your 50/50 tickets! Available to purchase in advance or during the event.



BENNETTO COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hamilton

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

FALL into Bennetto this Autumn! City of Hamilton fall registered programs begin on October 2nd To register visit: www.hamilton.ca/recreation

Fall Drop-in Programs:

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| *Cardio, Balance & Strength (55+) 10:00-11:00am \$2.49 per visit | Open Swim: (Family) 9:30-10:30 AM | Water Fit: 9:45-10:30am | Open Swim: (Family) 9:30-10:30 am | *Cardio, Dance (55+) 10:00-11:00am \$2.49 per visit | Open Gym: (Family) FREE 12:00-1:30 pm |
| Open Swim 18+ : 10:00 - 11:15 am | Open Swim 18+: 10:30-11:30 am | Open Swim 18+ : 10:30-11:30 am | Open Swim 18+: 10:30-11:30 am | Open Swim 18+: 10:00-11:15 am | Length Swim: 12:15pm - 1:15pm |
| Water Fit: 11:15 - 12:00pm | Open Gym: (Parent & Tot) 10:30-12:00pm | Length Swim: 11:45 am-1:00 pm | Open Gym: (Parent & Tot) 10:30-12:00pm | Water Fit: 11:15am-12:00pm | Open Swim 18+: 1:30-2:30 pm |
| Length Swim: 12:00-1:30 pm | Length Swims: 11:45 am-1:00 pm | Open Gym: (13-17 yrs) 7:30-9:00 pm | Length Swim: 11:45 am-1:00 pm | Length Swim: 12:15pm - 1:30pm | Pickleball: (18+) 1:45-3:45 pm |
| Open Gym: (9-12 yrs) 3:00-4:30 pm | Open Swim : 7:15-8:45 pm | Length Swim: 8:30-9:30 pm | Pickleball: (18+) 12:30-2:30 pm | Open Swim: (Family) 5:00-6:30pm | Open Swim: 2:30-3:30 pm |
| Open Swim: (Family) 5:00-6:00 pm | Length Swim: (2 Lanes only) 7:15-8:45 pm | | Open Gym: (Family) 5:00- 6:30pm | Open Gym: (9-12 yrs) 5:15-6:45 pm | |
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NOTES: Centre will be closed on Monday October 9, 2023 (Thanksgiving)

For all of our drop-in programs please check on-line at www.hamilton.ca/recreation

Breakfast Club

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438 HUGHSON ST. N.

7:45 AM TO 9:15 AM

Contact Mariko at mbown-kai@compassch.org



to register! See you there!



Are You **Pregnant?**

Join a weekly free prenatal nutrition group that's close to where you live!



438 Hughson Street North

(Between Macauley Street and Picton Street) Date: Thursdays 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Bus Route: 02 or 04

Register at group during your first visit or call Cory at 905-523-6611 Ext. 3047.

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- · Eating well and cooking healthy food
- Breastfeeding

You will get:

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- · Vitamin D for your breastfed baby
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Cory Ma, Registered Dietitian 905-523-6611 ext 3047



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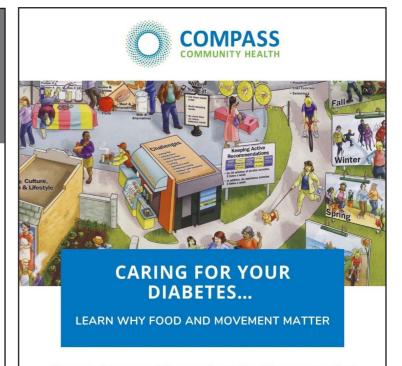


Learn More • Register 905-523-6719 pathways@compassch.org



Pathways to Education Hamilton is proudly hosted by Compass Community Health





Are you interested in learning about healthy eating and moving to manage your diabetes?

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please call 905-523-0090

- Monday October 16, 2023
- 1:30-3:30 pm
- Lower Pathways Space





Learn about:

Staying safe online and on the phone from scams and fraud

The next session is: **Tuesday, October 17th** 1:30 - 3:00pm

at Compass Community Health



Free Program Please Register. Contact:

Christine Sorbara

csorbara@compassch.org (905) 523-6611 ext. 2059





Volunteers Needed

ONLINE CONTENT CREATORS

The Breezes is looking to add to the online content team. Are you a social media wiz? Photographer, Videographer? A roving reporter? Say hi!

What we're looking for:

- Content creation
- Writing/photo/video chops
- Day-to-Day liason with partners and our community
- Ad buying/ Design skills nice

APPLY NOW

Send Your Info to: office@northendbreezes.com

*If student - can count towards volunteer hours







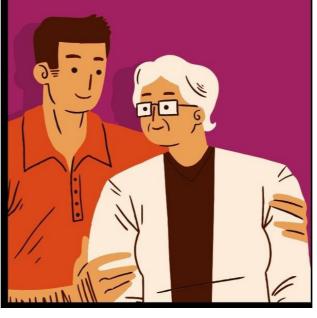
We're looking for

Volunteers

interested in being matched one-onone with a senior in our community to offer support and friendship

For more information about the Community Visitation program, contact:

kari@welcomeinn.ca



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Articles may be edited for length, tone, clarity and are subject to publication based on available space.

Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month prior to publication. We appreciate an early notice by the 10th of the month if you want to reserve ad space and early submission gives us time to edit your articles. Pictures and logos are accepted and will be included as space allows.

NORTH END BREEZES MISSION

The North End Breezes is a not-for-profit team of 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.

NORTH END BREEZES VISION

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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