



The Stinson View

Your neighbourhood news magazine

Stinson Street School

The Hamilton Spectator ran an article about the development of the Stinson Street School site into a wonderfully designed urban condominium project.

Join the developer on July 23rd @ 7:00p.m. at the school to learn of the plan and discuss the vision.

Be Proud Of Where You Live

Transitional. Trendy. Cool. Quiet. Elegant. Hip. Quaint. Young at heart. Affordable. Private. Escarpment Village. Urban heritage. Look around. What does Stinson mean to you? Are you proud of where you live?

We asked a cross-section of Stinson residents what they felt were the strengths and weaknesses of our community.

Its quiet location bordering against downtown and the rail trail was a definite plus. This puts the residents within minutes from the Farmer's Market, library, transit lines, GO station, hospitals, and highway access.

The rail trail provides a nature walk with your dog or the start of a long bicycle ride.

Beautiful examples of Victorian and turn-of-the-century

architecture are very affordable here.

The many colourful, landscaped front yard gardens add that special Stinson flair.

Well maintained low-rise apartment buildings, the green space of our parks including a basketball court and splash pad, a community centre with an indoor pool, and friendly neighbours were all seen as strengths.

Also, having a community association, a positive partnership with the Police and neighbourhood services were applauded.

But, lack of property maintenance; both the physical building and the property were seen as a weakness.

Garages unsecured and/or in an unsafe state,

Rooming Houses, unlit alleyways, and garbage on properties or litter in the street and in the parks dumbfounded our panel.

Uncaring absentee landlords, drug dealing, and graffiti, were strongly resented.

A drab Main St. Business area and lack of community identity were also noted.

So let's pick up that litter, care for the laneways, shop locally, report crime, impress absentee landlords and define our boundaries.

We can do it because the one most positive comment was that great people live in Stinson and I know you are one of them.

BE PROUD OF WHERE YOU LIVE!

Be part of the Be Proud of Where You Live campaign by contacting: president@stinsoncommunity.ca

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Did You Know?

1. There is a casual **neighbourhood meet and greet** every Thursday night @ 7:00p.m. in Bishop's Park?

Bring your families and come meet your neighbours. No agenda other than making new friends, sharing stories letting the evening take its own course.

Ice tea and treats provided. You may want to bring your

own chair or blanket. Please note well behaved dogs are more than welcome.

This started from our Facebook group. A link to the group is available on our website.

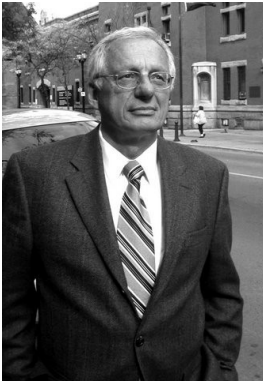
2. Your neighbourhood has a **Community Crime Watch?** Besides partnering with the Police, we erase graffiti, provide Safety Information

Nights, and consult on parking, speeding, and property by-law issues.

3. A committee is being started to develop our portion of the Rail Trail into a naturalized education and nature walk complete with signage and botanical drawings to replace the graffiti. Interested?

4. **A Fall cleanup** is being

Message From Ward 2 Councillor—Bob Bratina



“...It's also apparent that most home-owners are investing a lot of time and money into their properties.”

Congratulations to the Stinson Neighbourhood Association on the Neighbourhood Yard sale! My wife and I enjoyed the opportunity to meet a number of residents and pick up a few bargains as well. It's also apparent that most home-owners are investing a lot of time and money into their properties. A good example is the home on the west side of East Avenue at Stinson, which has been lovingly restored by new owners after several years of disrepair and neglect.

The fate of Stinson School is a hot topic in the neighbourhood. The site has been sold to Hamilton developer Harry Stinson (no relation to the original Stinson family!) who would like to develop the site into much needed residential units while maintaining the heritage elements of the original buildings. Meanwhile, the Hamilton Wentworth School Board has ensured that the windows have been covered and the doors secured while leaving the playground accessible to the neighbourhood. Thanks to all who have been keeping a close eye on the property, and call us whenever there is suspicious activity.

By the time you read this construction will have started on the MacNab Transit Terminal between King and Main Streets. As a result some buses will be re-routed and some stops changed, however the end result will be well worth it. Bus traffic will be removed from the south side of Gore Park and 75% of HSR

routes will have a direct connection with the GO Centre on Hunter Street making for a much more cohesive transit system for all residents. Work will be complete by spring of 2010.

The removal of the Gore Park buses will also facilitate the implementation of the Gore Park Master Plan which is currently underway. In addition to restoring the beauty to the park, we need to see improvements made to the area around the Cenotaph. Among the ideas being considered is a memory wall with the names of Hamiltonians who have given their lives in the service of Canada and a commemorative piece of public art or statuary celebrating their legacy of Peace. You will be asked for input as this project moves ahead.

Bob Bratina, Councillor—Ward 2

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Have a great summer, and hopefully I'll see you along the way.

For more information on my positions on both City of Hamilton and neighbourhood issues please visit my website at www.bobbratina.ca

I am in the process of developing an electronic e-newsletter to send out on a regular basis. If you'd like to sign up please contact Donna in my office at 905-546-3773 or dreid@hamilton.ca

CARTER PARK SUPIE PROGRAM INFO

JULY 6 –AUGUST 12

FREE supervised program for children age 5–12

Just Drop In at Carter Park!

Games, crafts, sports and more

Mon: 1-4p.m.

Tues to Fri: 9am-12p.m. 1-4p.m

There is no lunch time supervision. Children should be picked up or walk home for lunch.

About This Magazine

This issue was prepared by the President of the Stinson Community Association, Brian Goodman and contributors; Heather Gray, Meredith MacLeod, Nicole St. Louis and Leigh Ann Sutherland (CMRC).

We encourage you to submit a Stinson story or poem to us related to her history, a current event, or on a specific topic. All submissions are subject to editing.

We will be printing limited numbers for distribution and encourage you to spread the word to obtain a copy online from our website: www.stinsoncommunity.ca

Comments and stories can be sent to: president@stinsoncommunity.ca

A big THANK YOU to our contributors.



Central Collegiate Institute

Stinson Street School is not the only example of Romanesque architecture in our neighbourhood. There was another. Built in 1897 by architects William and Walter Stewart, Hamilton's Central Collegiate Institute was a beautiful example of Romanesque design. Tragically, fire ravaged the school in 1946. The first high school in Hamilton burned to the ground, leaving only the beautifully crafted gymnasium as a testament to the past.

At the corner of Stinson St and West Ave. S. stands the former gymnasium of Central Collegiate; a mere 3000 square feet in the shadow of the main school, which was 85,000 square feet. Now the gymnasium is a symbol of memorial for Central Collegiate, we know it as our friendly neighbourhood rec. centre: the Central Memorial Recreation Centre.

The land plot was originally owned by the Wanzer family, which was surrounded by Hunter St., Victoria Ave. S., Stinson St. and West Ave S.

The massive school sat facing Hunter Street with an open court at the rear, where the gymnasium was located. This impressive structure was built for a total cost of \$155 thousand dollars.

The clock tower was the dominant feature of the school, with a face on all four

sides of the tower. A lightning strike caused a fire to burn the tower down in 1941, sounds like "Back to the Future". It was rebuilt a year later, only to be destroyed again on June 7th, 1946. In the northeast corner of the building (Hunter and Victoria) a fire blazed out of control by 11pm on that horrible night. Attracting thousands of spectators, the fire could be seen for miles. Although Fire Chief Sam Murdoch and his crew fought valiantly, they could only save the gymnasium. Arson was suspected.

For two years the school gym sat neglected and empty. Local residents began to complain about the broken windows and litter at the site, plus the rain coming in the windows was buckling the wood floors: it was time to do something. The city proposed a park, which was actually met with much protest from the neighbourhood. The gymnasium almost became an art gallery at one point. Finally, in the 1950's the site was cleaned up and the gym used as a community centre. By 1963 the pool was added.

Central Memorial Recreation Center had a rejuvenation in 1997. They refurbished the gym floors adding hardwood to replace asbestos tiles. The gym is 40' x 70' and has 25 foot tall ceilings. This created quite the echo, so the win-

dows were bricked up and soundproofing added. There was also an elevator added for friendlier access to all members of our community. You should take advantage of the programs offered there, it's a beautiful modern facility with lots of history.

There are many success stories of Central

Collegiate graduates, Lester B. Pearson was one. Plus Central Collegiate had a rich history involving the Arts. In 1910 a large portion of the school became the Hamilton Technical and Art School. Many former classmates are still around today and meet regularly to discuss old times. Reminiscing of a time when wars were ending, hopes were rising and Hamilton was booming. It was a pleasure to learn about their school and its history. If you are interested in seeing more photos you can visit the Hamilton public Library. It has a great Local History and Archives section, where you can learn about the history of your neighbourhood or even your own home.

- Nicole St. Louis



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considered to ease the mess we find left under the snow in the spring. This a great eco-activity for families. Would you like to be part of the planning?

5. We are adopting **Carter Park**. This means that along with the City's help, we are responsible for cleanups, maintenance, and a Love

Your Park activity. This can only happen with volunteers. Interested?

If you'd like to help with any of the above or have other ideas, contact me: **president@stinsoncommunity.ca**. Also visit our website for dates and times of meetings and Information Nights: **www.stinsoncommunity.ca**

Dog Days of Summer

Ah, summer. The days are warm, the barbecue is fired up and my front lawn is a discouraging mix of struggling grass and dog poop.

I have never understood how people can allow their dog to mess on someone else's lawn and just leave it behind. Were these people raised in a barn? Probably not. Farmers have more sense than that.

I am far from anti-dog. We have two lovely pooches and we fastidiously pick up after them in our own yard, in parks and on walks. It's just simply the right thing to do. Dogs hear nature's call and go. It can happen anywhere, anytime and several times a day. But it takes no effort to bring along a bag and carry away the droppings. I have been caught short-bagged when one of my dogs has had a particularly "productive" walk. We raced home, got another bag and returned to the scene to clean up.

There is this fantasy that plays through my mind: I see someone leading their dog off my lawn, leaving a pile behind. I chase them

down the street and shame them into changing their ways. They apologize profusely, return to my property, clean up the mess and vow to never be so selfish and arrogant again. They become a model dog owner and community citizen.

How it would really go: I would chase said offender and canine down the street, explain that they need to change their ways and clean up after their pooch. They ignore/ yell/ swear/ turn their backs/threaten me with bodily harm or some combination of the above and keep walking. Maybe they wouldn't let their dog crouch on my lawn again, but the problem just migrates to some other private patch of grass.

See, someone who would leave behind dog poop probably isn't the kind given to listening to constructive criticism, undertaking some self-reflection and modifying their behaviour. Unfortunately, they probably also aren't the kind given to reading newsletters from their community associations, either.

- Meredith MacLeod

Movie City

Hamilton aka movie city: it's summer, equipment trucks spilling black, electric snakes are everywhere and at last we can boast a star all our own – residing in Stinson! We'd like to spill the beans and introduce you to Stinson's famous new neighbour! We are very excited to let you in on a little known fact: our neighbourhood has welcomed a new and very generous member to the community and we cannot wait until we meet them face to face! I am not sure what we'll put in the Welcome Kit but those on our street are definitely tossing out some suggestions!

You may have seen them already and have no idea who you are looking at!

They are normally out walking with their pooch between 11:00 pm and 6:00 am – night hawks they are but definitely not shy!

Every few days for the past month, the neighbours on our Street have risen with the screeching sirens on Main Street or to the noise of obnoxiously loud avian tree dwellers, shuffled outside in flip-flops to tally the collateral squirrel damage to newly planted annuals and been very lucky to find that no matter how much effort or money they have spent trying to improve their yards, the core of Stinson's

visual esthetic, nothing makes up for having a star in the midst. One messy, scented, organic gift from a new friend who hangs with canine company can really make a difference to one's day.

Yes, our street is definitely ramping up with gossip about who it could be and because size always matters, the conversation turns to how big stars need big dogs to match their image. This star definitely has a BIG dog – we all agree! They won't be hard to spot on the street!

Even so, some homeowners, concerned for toddlers' safety and the safety of their own pets, are considering putting up a secret camera to capture footage and to spill the secret once and for all.

So please keep an eye if you are strolling in the neighbourhood in the wee hours. Stinson's cool night air, settling at the base of the escarpment, is often saturated with tangled roses in unattended, Victorian gardens - but stay alert...you could pass our new neighbour and their pooch and they may not be stopping to smell the flowers in your yard.

- Heather Gray



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Landlords and Tenants

This information is an excerpt from the Landlord and Tenant Board website. For further information and verification, please refer to: www.ltb.gov.on.ca

Can a landlord charge a person a deposit or a fee for allowing them to rent a unit?

Yes, a landlord can collect a rent deposit if it is requested on or before the day that the landlord and tenant enter into the tenancy agreement. The rent deposit cannot be more than one month's rent or the rent for one rental period, whichever is less. For example, if rent payments are made weekly, the deposit cannot be more than one week's rent; if rent payments are made monthly or bi-monthly, the deposit cannot be more than one month's rent.

The rent deposit must be used for the rent for the last month before the tenancy ends. It cannot be used for anything else, such as to pay for damages.

Can the landlord refuse to rent to a person if they have a pet?

Yes, if a landlord has a "no pets" policy and they learn that a person applying to rent an apartment has a pet, the landlord may refuse to rent to that person.

The Residential Tenancies Act states that any clause in a lease that prohibits pets is void. This means that once a person becomes a tenant, if they have a pet even though the lease says pets are not allowed, the landlord cannot evict the tenant just for having the pet. However, the Landlord can apply to the Board to evict a tenant if the pet is causing a problem.

Can a landlord ask a person applying for a rental unit to provide information about their Income, credit references and rental history?

Yes, when choosing a new tenant, a landlord can ask the person applying for the rental unit to provide information such as: current residence, rental history, employment history, personal references and income information (if credit references and rental history information are also requested). However, the Ontario Human Rights Code has special rules about asking for information about the income of a prospective tenant. Landlords must follow these rules.

If a tenant leaves property behind after they have abandoned the rental unit, and the landlord wants to sell, keep or dispose of the property, the landlord must do one of the following things:

- * apply to the Board for an order that states that the rental unit was abandoned and the tenancy is ended; or

- * serve a notice on the tenant, with a copy to the Board, stating that they intend to sell, keep or dispose of the tenant's property. (There is no Board form to use in this situation.)

Note: If the landlord doesn't know the tenant's new address, the notice can be sent to the tenant's last known address or to the tenant's business address (if the landlord knows it).

What can be done with the tenant's property?

The landlord must wait 30 days after they gave the notice to the tenant or received the order from the Board stating that the unit was abandoned, before they can sell, keep or dispose of the tenant's property. The landlord can leave the tenant's property in the rental unit, or move it and store it in a safe location close to the unit.

Note: The landlord can dispose of any unsafe or unhygienic items (for example, rotting food) in the unit right away.

What if the tenant tells the landlord they will be coming to get their property during the 30 day period?

If, during the 30 day period, the tenant tells the landlord that they want to get their property, the landlord must allow the tenant to get it.

However, before allowing the tenant get their property, the landlord can require the tenant pay any:

- * rent that they still owe the landlord, and

- * out-of-pocket expenses the landlord had to pay to move, store or secure the tenant's property.

What happens if the tenant doesn't come to get their property during the 30 day period?

After the 30 days have passed the landlord can sell, keep or dispose of the tenant's property.



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Summer Word Search

See if you can find the hidden words associated with Summer.

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- BARBECUE
- BEACH
- FUN
- HEAT
- HOTDOGS
- ICECREAM
- JULY
- JUNE
- LEMONADE
- LIGHTNING
- LOTION
- PICNIC
- POOL
- SHADE
- STORMS
- SUMMER
- SUNBURN
- SUNGLASSES
- SUNTAN
- SWIMMING
- THUNDER
- VACATION

Where Am I?



1. Start at the Main entrance to Stinson Street School
2. Run as fast as you can on the sidewalk all the way around the school.
3. Take a breath and hop to Stinson Street.
4. Walk east to Wentworth St. S.
5. Turn right and march south to the railway tracks.
6. Stop and look both ways.
7. Carefully cross south and continue to the Rail Trail.
8. Turn west onto the Rail Trail and go all the way to the Victoria Ave. Stairs.
9. Go down the stairs and walk north to Young St.
10. Carefully cross Young St. and turn left.
11. I'll be playing in the Splash Pad.

I'm at Carter Park

ON THE FACE Unscramble each word, then unscramble the circled letters to find the answer.

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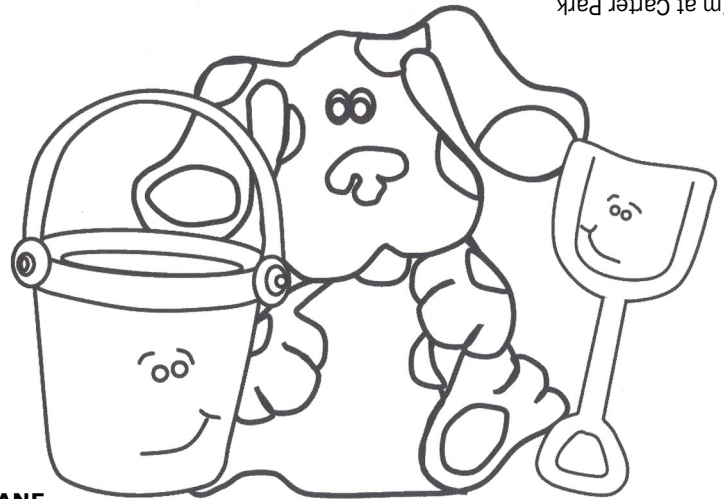
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Answer:

Ears, lips, nose, mouth, nostril



Colour me

FOLLOW CLOSELY TO MAKE THE "DART" PAPER PLANE

1. Fold a sheet of paper exactly in half long-ways, and re-open it so you have a crease separating the two halves.
2. On one end of the paper, fold each corner in towards the center to the point where the inside edges are even with the centerline crease.
3. Starting at the very tip of the point, fold the paper down on each side so the inside edges line up with the center crease.
4. Turn the paper airplane over and fold it in half along the centerline.
5. Fold the first wing with the line of the fold running nearly parallel to the centerline of the plane. Make this fold from 1/2 to 1 inch from the center.
6. Fold the second wing exactly as you did in step 5. Adjust for flight.



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Home Safety—Lighting and Doors

Interior Lighting

At night, use timers to turn on lights and appliances (such as a radio) in a pattern that corresponds to your normal activities. This will give the illusion that the premise is occupied and may help to deter a break-in.

Exterior Lighting

At night, properly placed lighting can deter burglars or loiterers who are likely to engage in vandalism. Illuminate your entire property. To conserve hydro costs consideration can be given to the use of motion detection lamps. In addition, business premises should consider illuminating the roof, if it can be viewed in any way by people in the surrounding area.

Perimeter illumination should be continuous so as not to create dark spots. This occurs when perimeter walls jut in or out and have no dedicated lamps to illuminate those areas. The goal is to create an unbroken curtain of light. This can be achieved by façade, or exterior wall mounted lamps or stand-alone post mounted lamps.

Inspect your lights regularly and replace all burned out and broken lights immediately

Door Viewers

Optical viewers or "peep-holes" allow you to see who is at the door before you open it. Choose a viewer with a 180 degree field of view and quality optics. Your doorway, of course should be well lit course, should be well lit to allow you to see who is there.

Central Memorial Recreation Centre News



The summer is here and Central Memorial has some exciting things going on.

Registration for our Corktown Playlot program has begun, if you haven't

signed up yet do not worry because we still have spaces available in all weeks of program, try not to wait too long though, come in to see our reception staff to get your spot today!

Also, NEW this year Carter Park will have a Supie! This is a FREE drop-in program for children ages 5 –12 starting July 6th until August 21st. A supervised program will run Mondays 1-4pm and Tuesdays to Fridays 9am-12pm and 1-4pm.

If Supie doesn't work for you because you need lunch time supervision then ask about

Exterior Doors and Hinges

Only steel clad or solid core wood doors should be used for exterior doors.

Door hinges that are exposed to the exterior are vulnerable to removal. Exterior doors preferably should have their hinges on the interior. Otherwise tamper-proof exterior hinges can be used or they can be pinned.

Exposed Hinges

Exterior doors with outside hinges can be easily removed if not properly secured. This weakness is easy to correct, if the hinges are pinned in one of the following ways ...

1. Install a set of security hinges with non-removable pins.
2. Install a locking pin in the existing hinge by removing the centre screw from each hinge. Insert a "headless" screw into the plate, leaving 1 / 2" protruding. Drill a 3 / 4" deep hole through the opposing hinge plate into the door. Now when the door closes, the protruding screw extends into the empty hole and secures the hinge.
3. Another inexpensive method is to drill a 1 / 16" bit through the hinge and just open the pin. The bit can then be snapped off flush with the hinge or you can insert a small screw if future removal is necessary.

Visit www.hamiltonpoliceservice.com for more information.

the Beasley Camp which is only \$16.25/week per child. Registration for Beasley Camp must be completed at the Bennetto Community Centre.

Beat the heat by getting into the pool this summer. Registration for swim lessons is under way and if you are looking for something different to keep your kids interested in, then ask about our three swim camps being offered; Synchronized Swimming Camp, Swim Team Camp and Swim to Survive Camp!

Central Memorial's Summer Drop-in program schedules are out and ready for you to pick up! We have lots of pool and gym programs for the entire family to take advantage of!

We can't wait to see you – 93 West Avenue South, or give us a call anytime at:

905-546-4939



CYCLEMANIA!

JULY 10TH @ 10:00A.M.
(COURSE IS APPROX. 1 HOUR)

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL YARD
(CORNER MAIN ST. E & EAST AVE. S.)

Cyclemania is a **FREE** bicycle safety program run by the Hamilton Safe Communities Coalition in conjunction with the Hamilton Police Service for **children age 5-12**.

This program teaches children about road signs, hand signals, appropriate bicycle attire, safety equipment, and proper helmet placement.

Following a short lesson, children will have the opportunity to participate in a **short obstacle course** to apply their new safety knowledge.

Children are asked to **bring** their own bicycle and helmet. Don't have a bike! Don't have a helmet! Cyclemania will provide you one for the course. **Register the name and age of child to president@stinsoncommunity.ca or call 905-525-7154**

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The Escarpment Village Of Stinson

Stinson Community Association

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Young at heart. Graceful with age.

Our Association is determined to establish the Escarpment Village of Stinson as a preferred downtown community.

Our neighbourhood plan is to create attractive streetscapes, highlight our distinctive heritage features & architecture, encourage signature Stinson businesses, promote community activities, and sustain a clean, safe environment.

We are proud to call Stinson our home.

Visit our Website!

www.stinsoncommunity.ca

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STINSON SUNFLOWER AWARDS!

Sunday, July 12, 2009

WE LOVE STINSON'S FRONT YARD GARDENS. YOUR HARD WORK AND CREATIVE IDEAS ARE APPRECIATED THROUGH OUR STINSON SUNFLOWER AWARDS.

CURB APPEAL, DESIGN, COLOUR, AND MAINTENANCE WILL GET YOU A PRIZE PACK! ALL FRONT YARD GARDENERS RECEIVE AN APPRECIATION AWARD.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX.

MEET AND GREET YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

THURSDAY NIGHTS @ 7:00P.M IN BISHOP'S PARK.

TREATS PROVIDED!

IT'S A CASUAL AFFAIR.

CYCLEMANIA

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL
FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2009 @ 10:00A.M.
A FREE BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN 5-12 THAT TEACHES ROAD SIGNS, HAND SIGNALS, AND SAFETY.

BRING YOUR BIKE AND HELMET. DON'T HAVE ONE? CYCLEMANIA WILL PROVIDE YOU A BIKE AND HELMET FOR THE 1 HR. COURSE.

SIGN UP: [PRESIDENT@STINSONCOMMUNITY.CA](mailto:president@stinsoncommunity.ca)

The President's Corner



Brian Goodman

It's summer! This is a great time to get out onto the streets, into the parks, on your front porches and balconies and meet your neighbours while exploring the neighbourhood.

Our Neighbourhood Yard Sale brought out a lot of people who were not only looking for bargains but checking out properties for sale and what the neighbourhood had to offer. Thank you to all the vendors who acted as Ambassadors for the community.

Our Meet and Greet in Bishop's Park is catching on thanks to the efforts of Samantha Emmerson. This developed from our Facebook page which is also attracting a variety of members and comments. Do you strum a guitar or play an instrument? Why not share and entertain at the Meet and Greet?

With all the meeting and greeting comes a lot of ideas and

initiatives. To see them come to life we need volunteers and those willing to head up committees. You may think you're too busy, but a lot of initiatives may only take up to an hour a week. Sometimes less, sometimes more. It depends what you are trying to accomplish. And, of course, to just be available for set ups and take downs of events is greatly appreciated.

We do not have a regular meeting during July and August. We use this time to develop our committees and organize for future activities. For example, Cyclemania on July 10th.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to help out with anything, have a neighbourhood issue, a great idea, or would like to make a donation.

Right now we are reviewing wonderful ideas brought forward about a Neighbour Cares program, Adopt-A-Neighbour, Movie Nights, Walk/Cycle group, Photo Contest, Stinson Note Cards collection, guerilla gardening, and more.