

# The Stinson View

Your neighbourhood news magazine



## You are invited! Stinson School Condo Open House

Join the developer on

**Wednesday  
September 16th  
7:00p.m**

**at the School**

for a special "Neighbours Preview" of the Stinson School condo project.

Stinson neighbours will be the first to view this landmark project.

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## It's Back To School!

The summer is over and it's back to school. But school's not only for the kids, how about back to school for you? Our very own Stinson Community has some interesting choices for you to consider.

The **Central Health Institute (CHI)**, located at 346 Main St. E., offers the education and training to become a Certified Personal Support Worker.

Their website says, "Personal Support Workers (PSWs) are trained to provide quality to the lives of their clients as they deal with the effects of disease and aging. As a PSW, you may be called upon to perform multiple tasks such as assisting families, assisting with medications, providing cognitive, social and emotional support, preparing meals and implementing safety measures. These important skills require people with special aptitudes."

They offer in class/hands on training by experienced professionals, small classes and personalized attention, job skills assistance, and bridging programs from HCA/Homemaker & Respite Workers to PSW. [www.centralhealthinstitute.com](http://www.centralhealthinstitute.com).

Or maybe you'd be interested in the **LubaMera Institute of Aesthetics and Cosmology** at 370 Main St. E. "LubaMera's dedication to

education develops aestheticians with high-quality skills with an extensive knowledge of skin care, with comprehensive product knowledge in Cosmology, body care and the newest spa therapies." They enable their students to undertake a career in Aesthetics, Medical Spas or to start a business of their own. [www.lubamera.com](http://www.lubamera.com)

There is a wide range of skills training courses offered at the **Academy of Learning** at 401 Main Street East. The exclusive Integrated Learning™ System allows you to learn at your own pace within your flexible committed guidelines. One-on-one instruction and monitoring is provided by trained facilitators who are on site at all times. They offer Career oriented diploma and certificate programs.

Courses offered include accounting, business, healthcare, home inspection, information technology, web and graphic design, and more. [www.academyoflearning.com](http://www.academyoflearning.com)

The **St. Charles Adult Education Centre** at 380 Main St. E. offers a vast array of programs suited to the needs of the adult learner, including the very popular ESL/LINC language program (**Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada**) for new Canadians, a Literacy and Basic Skills program, teacher assisted adult high school, a Personal Support Worker program and gen-

eral interest evening computer classes.

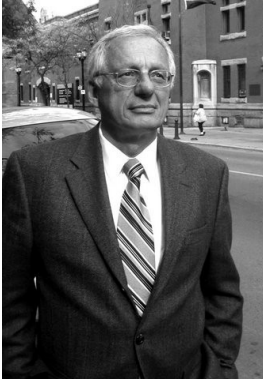
St Charles also administers programs catering to the needs of elementary and secondary school students, including the Board night school and summer school programs, the popular International Languages program and an After Hours Tutoring program. <http://www.stcharles.ca>



Or, maybe you'd like to gain self-confidence, stamina, and improve mental focus. You can, by practising Tae Kwon-Do.

**Tae Kwon-Do Maximus** is a family friendly Martial Arts School and has been operating at its present location on the second floor of 450 main St. E. since May 2000. All classes are taught in a safe, encouraging, family friendly atmosphere that challenges the potential of each student without seeming too overwhelming. New students are welcomed into a team environment where "No one sits on the bench". The higher ranks teach the black belt

## Message From Ward 2 Councillor—Bob Bratina



*“The City is slowly changing, and the Stinson neighbourhood is a good example of the outstanding amount of quality renovation taking place.”*

Stinson has a new neighbour, and his name is Stinson! The Stinson neighbourhood is the envy of many others because of Harry's project, that will see the old school turned into residential units. He's a decent guy and I hope everyone will visit the open houses that are planned, even if you're not a buyer.

The City is slowly changing, and the Stinson neighbourhood is a good example of the outstanding amount of quality renovation taking place. A lot of drywall, lumber and other products are consumed in large amounts and you know how busy the Canadian Tire store is. In ten years or less we'll be telling amazed listeners how cheap it was to buy a house back in the late 19 hundreds! My personal thanks to Brian Goodman for the excellent leadership he provides to the Stinson Neighbourhood.

On another matter, there's a lot of discussion about the future of the Connaught and the approvals given for affordable housing units within the building.

Personally I regret that the owners, who were the highest bidders when it was auctioned, were not able to come up with a plan to restore the building as a hotel. There were experienced hoteliers among the bidders who saw value in the project, but not at the price for which it eventually sold. I have no doubt that something other than affordable housing could be profitably developed at the Connaught, including a hotel.

We've had an increase lately in criminal activity in all City neighbourhoods, and that includes our Downtown core.

In fact an attempted break-in occurred at my own residence, and was thankfully stopped because of the diligence of a neighbour, who saw what was going on and called the Police.

You may have heard for instance of the pair who were just arrested following a number of break-ins at tanning parlors and beauty spas.

I'm constantly amazed at how quickly Police can react to situations if they are provided information by the public, so anything you see of a suspicious nature should be reported as soon as possible. In my case the 911 call made by the neighbour saw Police respond quickly enough that they were able to give chase to the suspects, who unfortunately did manage to get away. Almost all of these kinds of crime including prostitution is related to the drug trade and there are no sure solutions, except for the constant vigilance of residents.

Be a part of your Community Watch.

**Bob Bratina, Councillor—Ward 2**

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### YOU ARE INVITED

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**Be the first to view floor plans and more**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**7:00p.m. at the School**

### About This Magazine

This issue was prepared by the President of the Stinson Community Association, Brian Goodman and contributors; Lucio Barcaroli, Heather Gray, 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](http://www.stinsoncommunity.ca)

Comments and stories can be sent to: [president@stinsoncommunity.ca](mailto:president@stinsoncommunity.ca)

A big THANK YOU to our contributors.



## Emily's block

Victoria Avenue South was developed for residential housing in the 1880's and 1890's. Between Hunter and Stinson, properties were constructed on the east side only. The west side was occupied by the massive Central Collegiate Institute built in 1897. The land for that Collegiate was originally owned by the Wanzer family who brought sewing machine manufacture to Hamilton. They, among other industrialists such as William Burrow, a prominent iron founder, occupied the block prior to the first World War.

The housing in this specific block was owned by the family of Thomas Myles, a successful coal merchant. (Is the Thomas Myles building on James St. N. named after him?) Mr. Myles left the properties to his widowed daughter Emily Clark. She acquired them in the early 1890s and occupied her father's home at 91 Victoria Ave. S. at the corner of Hunter and Victoria.

The most expensive house on Emily's block was #125. It was valued at \$7,000.00. The most prominent neighbour was Joseph Lister who lived in a mansion south of Stinson on the east side of Victoria Ave. S. The building stands today, all newly dressed in white, hidden behind low-rise apartment buildings.

This house was later owned by the Webber family, after whom Webber Avenue was named.

Emily's tenants at 101 Victoria Ave. S. reflected the middle class neighbourhood of the time. The property itself had an assessed value of \$2,300.00 back in 1891. Her tenant, Mr. Charles E. Stewart paid an annual rent amount of \$600.00 at that time. He was a 27 year old clerk.

He was followed by a coal merchant in 1892, Mr Edward C. Murton, and a 37 year old contractor and merchant in 1894. In 1900, a Mr. Edward J. Moore moved in. He was the Secretary of D. Moore & Company Ltd. You may remember that company from our Spring Newsletter issue. The co-owner and Vice President, Mr. William Robinson lived over at 69 East Ave. S.

Another fine Hamiltonian, Mr. Harry W. Woodman, occupied the house from 1908 to 1910. He was a partner in Woodman Electrical Line Contractors located at 30 King St. E. It was his firm that constructed the high voltage transmission line from DeCew Falls to Hamilton supplying hydro electricity to the city, the first in Canada! The DeCew Falls 1, developed in 1898 by the Cataract Power Co. to deliver electricity over 56

kilometres to the City of Hamilton is still in operation today!

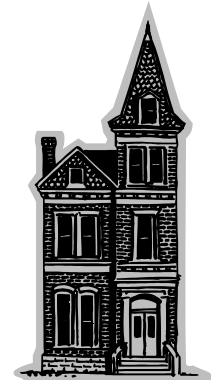
It was around 1913 that Emily Clark died. For the 1914 tax year, the property's value was listed as \$2,820.00. A severe recession set in and the housing value dropped to \$2,720.00. The new owner of the property is listed as Emily Whiting. She also lived at 91 Victoria Ave. S., but moved by September, 1915 and #91 was divided into apartments.

It wasn't until 1943 that the house at 101 had a new owner; DuBart Wilson. The house changed hands in 1946 to Eva and Leo Martin. Leo was a soldier and later a foreman of the International Harvester Co. Was it Eva or DuBart that looked out of their window on June 7th, 1946 to witness the northeast corner of the Central Collegiate Institute ravaged by fire? That huge property across the street was derelict until the 1950s. Did that affect the value of 101? The property was valued at \$5,120.00 in April, 1956.

Today, the home is lovingly owned and maintained by one of the Directors of the Stinson Community Association. It is valued well above \$5,120.00 and Emily's block continues to reflect a cross section of Hamilton.



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## It's Back To School! - con't from P.1

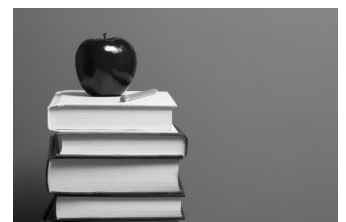
attitude by challenging and encouraging new students to always give 110 percent. The Chief Instructor, Kenneth Hance, has over 30 years experience and holds a Sixth Degree Black Belt, ITF. Classes are offered to 4 year olds and up! [www.taekwondomaximus.com](http://www.taekwondomaximus.com)

And for recreational fun and fitness, enjoy our very own Central Memorial Recreation Centre located at 93 West Ave. S. They have a beau-

tiful gym and indoor pool, swim classes, and host general interest groups such as Seniors Bridge and Teen gym. See P. 7

It seem that Stinson is becoming the Health, Beauty, and Fitness neighbourhood of Hamilton!

BE PROUD OF WHERE YOU LIVE!






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*“Set a gargyle or a grotesque in your garden as a reminder that you yourself are living history ”*

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## Garden Beasts

*This horrible stone entity was fashioned as if covered with a wrinkled hide; it had short, erect ears, eyes starting from their sockets, and its fingers and hands were seizing the corners of its mouth, which they thus seemed to pull open to give free passage to the water it vomited.*

*Far From the Madding Crowd*

*Thomas Hardy*

There is no accounting for taste – in art, company and apparently gargoyles!

Gargoyles are the infamous figureheads of historic gutter systems. “Carved of stone and usually having grotesque features, these water spouts projected from the parapet of the roof and funneled runoff rain through the gaping mouth.” The word Gargoyle is derived from the French word *gargouille*, meaning “throat” or “gullet” but word aficionados will cite “Latin *gurgulio, gula*, words derived from the root *gar*, “to swallow”, which represented the gurgling sound of water “. And backyard trivia pundits should be sure not to confuse gargoyles with grotesques!

“The field of architecture usually preserves the distinction between gargoyles (functional waterspouts) and non-waterspout grotesques... A grotesque figure is a sculpture that does not work as a waterspout and serves only an ornamental or artistic function”.

Notre Dame’s famous gargoyles come to mind but these famous faces are mere babes in comparison to most. “In ancient Egypt, gargoyles ejected the water used in the washing of the sacred vessels which seems to have been done on the flat roofs of the temples”.

However, there is some accounting for taste when it comes to Stinson! Everywhere single-

- minded souls are bent on improving their lot - often times yanking up a green vine only to put down a green sprout - tomatoye, tomatoh! Tangled lawns with their dimples and weeds are being leveled, landscaped and left in retaining blocks that seem to scream Rona not Stinson. Ahhh, but look around you!

You cannot miss them. Watching over these newly-minted outdoor vignettes, they sit on their haunches, perched on porches and stoops, exhaustion grotesquely disfiguring their usual sunny smiles, appearing half human half beast, leathery hides wrinkled from watering, clothed in equal parts rag and dirt so they almost look green... they are Stinson’s gargoyles, albeit slurping not spewing rain water, our own garden beasts!

It is true that at first glance, one would be forgiven for fearing suburban diehards have landed intent on sculpting a new suburbia in our fashionable urban haunt! However, on second glance one realizes the result is simply stunning – old city turns new leaf. So on behalf of historic Stinson, on your next trip to the garden centre, when you trip on a gargoyle at the end of the aisle, pay homage to your stubbed toe with something elegant in Latin and then pick it up and put it in the cart! Set a gargoyle or a grotesque in your garden as a reminder that you yourself are living history – in Stinson. For perhaps there are days when you might look a little more like them than you care to imagine! For a quick peek at some impressive gargoyles, surf to:

<http://www.ontarioarchitecture.com/gargoyle.html>

With notes from: Griffins, Gargoyles, Grotesques, and Other Beasts: Garden Guardians by Toni Leland and Wikipedia – naturally!

- Heather Gray

## Stinson Sunflower Award Winners

Wow! Stinson has plenty of beautiful front yard gardens that add to the ambience of the community. We presented over 130 Certificates of Appreciation for the dedicated effort residents took to complement their home, street, and neighbourhood.

The Top Ten Garden Delights that we judged on Curb Appeal, Design, Colour, and Maintenance are listed on the back page.

It was a very difficult decision as only a few points separated the top 20. The deciding factor was maintenance. Keep those gardens meticulously manicured.

Congratulations to all the wonderful gardeners!



## 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](http://www.ltb.gov.on.ca)*

### Entry without written notice

A landlord can enter a tenant's rental unit without written notice if:

- there is an **emergency** such as a fire,
- the tenant agrees to let the landlord in,
- a care home tenant has agreed in writing that the landlord can come in to check on their condition at regular intervals.

A landlord can enter a rental unit without written notice, between **8 a.m. and 8 p.m.** if:

- the rental agreement requires the landlord to clean the unit – unless the agreement allows different hours for cleaning,
- the landlord or tenant has given a notice of termination, or they have an agreement to end the tenancy, and the landlord wants to show the unit to a potential new tenant (in this case, although notice is not required, the landlord must try to tell the tenant before entering for this reason).

### Entry with 24 hours written notice

A landlord can enter the rental unit **between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.**, and only if they have given the tenant **24 hours written notice**:

- to make repairs or do work in the unit,
- to carry out an inspection, where reasonable, in or-

der to determine whether repairs are needed,

- to allow a potential mortgagee or insurer of the complex to view the unit,
- to allow a potential purchaser to view the rental unit (note: the Act also allows a registered real estate agent or broker to enter for this purpose if they have written authorization from the landlord),
- to allow an engineer, architect or other similar professional to make an inspection for a proposed conversion under the *Condominium Act*; or
- for any reasonable purpose allowed by the rental agreement.

The notice must include the reason why the landlord wants to enter the rental unit and must state what time, between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., the landlord will enter the unit. If the landlord gives the tenant the correct notice, the landlord can enter even if the tenant is not at home.

### Can a tenant refuse to let the landlord in if the landlord wants to enter their unit?

If the landlord enters the tenant's unit as allowed by the Act, the tenant cannot refuse to let the landlord in. If the tenant does not let the landlord in, the landlord can give them a notice of termination claiming that the tenant is interfering with their lawful rights. A Member could order the tenant's eviction for this reason. Also, interfering with a landlord's lawful right is an

offence under the Act, and the tenant could be prosecuted.

### Who is responsible for snow removal?

It is the landlord's responsibility to make sure that the residential complex is kept in a good state of repair, fit for habitation and to comply with any health, safety, housing and maintenance standards. Failure to clear the snow may be a breach of municipal safety, housing or maintenance standards. These standards generally set out that it is the owner's responsibility to make sure that the property can be safely entered and exited. The Act does not deal with this issue. It would be up to a Member to decide whose responsibility snow removal is, based on the circumstances presented in the specific application that is filed.

### When does a landlord have to turn the heat on? What temperature does my landlord have to keep my apartment at?

If a landlord provides heat, the Act requires the landlord to keep the heat to at least 20 degrees Celsius from September 1 to June 15. In addition, many municipalities have their own property standards or bylaws about heat. **You should contact your local municipal government to find out if your community has a bylaw that sets minimum standards for heat.**



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### School Supplies

Find and circle all of the school supplies that are hidden in the grid. The words may be hidden in any direction.

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| BACKPACK   | ERASER       | PENS        |
| BINDER     | GLUE         | PROTRACTOR  |
| CALCULATOR | HIGHLIGHTERS | RULER       |
| COMPASS    | NOTEBOOKS    | SCISSORS    |
| CRAYONS    | PAPER        | STAPLER     |
| DIVIDERS   | PENCILS      | WATERCOLORS |

### The Flu and You

Whether it's seasonal flu or pandemic H1N1 here's what you need to know:



Good hand hygiene is the best way to fight the flu. Teach your children to wash their hands thoroughly and often for at least 15 seconds with soap and water. Singing their A B Cs is a good way to wash for 15 seconds. Keep commonly touched surfaces and items clean and disinfected

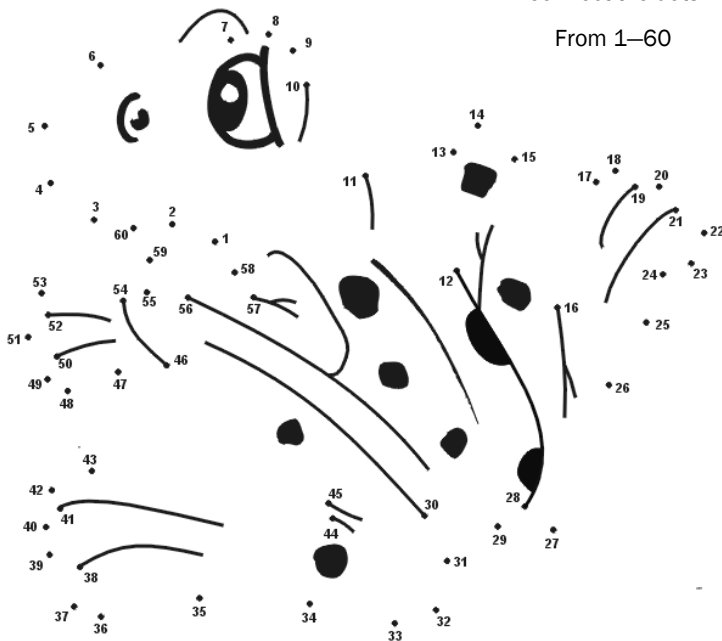
Keep an alcohol-based sanitizer handy at home and in your car. Pack one in your child's knapsack

Teach children to cough or sneeze into their sleeve or a tissue, not their hand. Dispose of tissues immediately

If your children are sick keep them at home.

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## Get children back to school safely

With the new school year just around the corner, Hamilton Police are offering some important tips, for both parents and motorists, that can help with ensuring Hamilton community children get to school safely.

### Parents Need to Begin with the Basics

Make sure children know their full name, full address and telephone number including area code.

Be sure children know how to call 9-1-1 and how to use a pay telephone.

Teach children never to accept rides or gifts from someone they don't know.

Show children safe places they can go in your neighbourhood in an emergency, like a trusted neighbour's house. Make sure they understand the difference between a good and bad stranger.

### At School and Play

Encourage children to walk and play with friends, not alone. Tell them to avoid places that could be dangerous — vacant buildings, alleys, new construction, wooded areas, etc.

Make sure children take the safest routes to and from school, stores, and friend's houses. Teach them to cross the street safely; at marked crosswalks and not from between parked cars.

Teach children to walk confidently and to be alert to what's going on around them.



## Central Memorial Recreation Centre News

Stay tuned! A new **TEEN CENTRE** will be opening at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre. Check with us for program information.

PA Days. No school for the kids aged 5 - 11? No worries, you can bring them to the CMRC for a day jam packed with fun activities. We even feed them lunch and snacks. Includes: Swimming, crafts, games, and more! The cost is only \$10.75. Available dates are: Friday, Sep 25, Mon, Nov 16, Fri, Dec 04, and Fri, Jan 29.

We have pumpkin carving on **October 29th** for children aged 5 - 12. The cost of \$8.75 includes a pumpkin, goodie bag and creative carving fun.

Tell children to avoid strangers who may hang around playgrounds, public restrooms, empty buildings, etc.

Teach children to always take the same way home from school.

Children should not walk next to curbs.

Children should not play alone on playgrounds.

Children should not wear expensive jewelry or clothing to school.

A child should check in with a parent or trusted neighbour as soon as they arrive home from school. Someone should know if they are staying late at school.

### Motorists

Be aware of school crossing locations.

Look for school zones and know that the speed limit is reduced in these areas.

Watch for school busses and know that they make frequent stops.

When driving through residential neighbourhoods where there are no traffic controls, be aware of children darting out from the curb and from between parked cars.

Parents dropping their children off at school should avoid parking in the immediate vicinity of the school, this causes unnecessary congestion. Park a block away and walk them to the school.

Visit [www.hamiltonpoliceservice.com](http://www.hamiltonpoliceservice.com) for more information.

## NOTICE

**The next meeting of the Stinson Community Association will be Tuesday, September, 22, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre, 93 West Ave. S.**

**Come meet your Area Crime Manager from the HPS.**

**Discuss recent initiatives.**

**This meeting will ask for interested members to come forth for our General Election on Thursday, October 22nd.**

**If you are a member in good standing and interested in an Executive position, please attend this meeting or contact me: president@stinsoncommunity.ca**

Let's not forget Christmas! Our Fa la la Fun Days on Dec. 28, Dec. 29, and Dec. 30th are packed with games, crafts, and swimming. Each day is only \$10.75 for children 5 - 12.

And we have a Lunch with Santa on **Dec. 05th** for the wee kids aged 3 - 7. Each child will receive a gift.

Our popular adult classes of Kickfit, NIA, Pilates, and Yoga start during the last week of September.

Please contact our Centre directly at **905-546-4939** for more information and confirmation of dates, times, and cost.

We can't wait to see you - 93 West Avenue South, or give us a call anytime.





## 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.*

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### Visit our Website!

[www.stinsoncommunity.ca](http://www.stinsoncommunity.ca)

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### Advertise With Us!

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### Stinson Sunflower Award Winners—2009

RANK	ADDRESS		
1	171 EMERALD ST. S.	GOLDEN WINNER	RON POPPA
2	88 WELLINGTON ST. S.	SILVER WINNER	PHIL COOPER & STEVE MCGRATH
3	159 EMERALD ST. S.	BRONZE WINNER	HELENE HALLE
4	31 ALANSON ST.		
5	93 WELLINGTON ST. S.		
6	39 ERIE ST		
7	118 EAST AVE. S.		
8	42 ALANSON ST..		
9	95 TISDALE ST. S.		
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### The President's Corner



It was with despair that I read about shootings in Lansdale and Stinson neighbourhoods. But upon reading the locations, I wrote the following to the Hamilton Spectator;

*"My name is Brian Goodman and I am the President of the Stinson Community Association. Recently, there have been articles in the Hamilton Spectator about 3 shootings in the "Lansdale and Stinson" neighbourhoods. I just wanted to clarify that the Stinson neighbourhood boundaries are south of Main Street E. between Wellington and Wentworth in accordance with the City Ward boundaries. Therefore we do not include Holton Street where one of the shootings occurred.*

*I understand the confusion as you are provided the details from*

*the Hamilton Police and under Sector 4 - Southtown, the boundaries for Stinson are south of Main St. E. from Wellington to Sherman. But, that is not the Stinson neighbourhood residents here live in.*

*All the downtown communities are cognizant of their location and continue to improve their neighbourhoods with little or no help from the City council, so I ask you to spread the word of neighbourhood boundaries and be more careful when interpreting Police reports as we in Stinson are very diligent about crime in our community and have, in fact, one of the lowest crime statistics of all our neighbouring communities. The escarpment village of Stinson is Hamilton's preferred downtown heritage neighbourhood and we are very proud of living here."*

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: [president@stinsoncommunity.ca](mailto:president@stinsoncommunity.ca)

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