

The Stinson View

Your neighbourhood news magazine



The residents of Stinson want their community to be litter free and properties to be maintained.

Our community has some beautiful examples of turn-of-the-century architecture. Let's show them off!

Keep your property looking its best by planting a front yard garden, mowing your lawn, trimming your trees, applying a new coat of paint, and clean up any litter from the curb to your back alley. (Back alleys have feelings too).

Be Proud Of Where You Live!

VOTE! Municipal Elections October 25, 2010

Did you know that the municipal election held December 5, 1956 marked the beginning of the automation of Hamilton's electoral process? Not only was this a first for Hamilton but it was also a first for Canada. Using the punch card accounting system usually used for payroll, assessment and taxes, the returns were punched onto cards as they were received and then printed and proofread before being released to the media.

In previous years the returns took 70 people to process. The new system used 5. On the old manual system it took 1 hour to tabulate results while the new system took only minutes. A complete recapitulation of the standings of the candidates took only 1 hour, not 1 day.

Modern times had come to elections!

Election Day is now the fourth Monday in October. For the 2010 Election this will be **October 25, 2010**.

The summary for the poll at Central Memorial Recreation Centre in **2006** showed only 476 votes were cast! Where were you? Did you vote?

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on voting day, Monday, October 25, 2010, he or she: resides in the local municipality or is the owner or tenants of land there, or the spouse of such a person;

- is a Canadian citizen; and,
- is at least 18 years old; and,
- is not prohibited from voting under any law.



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MAIN ST. E.

There are some changes to the businesses you will find on Main St. E.

Gibson's Pharmacy is under renovations and have already changed the exterior entrance. But, don't worry, they are still open and offering their services while the inside gets a make-over.

The old Hertz building at 360 Main St. E. was purchased by **The Hearing Institute**, but we have not seen the new tenant or any changes. The reason seems to be obtaining a building permit because their site plan has already been approved.

Meanwhile, across the street at 351 Main St. E., there is a notice up that the building housing the **Electromart Lighting and Electric Supply** business is for sale or lease. So, no more glittering chandeliers in the window. Their presence and business has been welcomed over the years and they will be truly missed.

The old CAA **Motor Vehicles** Branch building at 393 Main St. E. sits idle, no for sale signs up.

Just down the street at 440 Main St. E. is the new **Hamilton Wellness Center** offering massage therapy, physical therapy, acupuncture, chiropractic services, and therapy for individuals in car accidents and with sports injuries.



Show Your Civic Pride! Love Your Neighbourhood, Love Your Street!

Wanted: Adopt -A -Street Coordinators

We are offering an Adopt-A-Street initiative for you to talk to your neighbour who will talk to their neighbour and together you ensure your street is free from graffiti and litter. The street coordinator would attend our general meetings and represent your street's concerns.

We are offering this as not all areas of our community are represented or participate in community activities. Even if you feel everything is just fine on your street, share that with us.

What is "Adopt -A -Street?"

AAS consists of a coordinator and volunteers who maintain their street by collecting loose litter, removing or reporting graffiti, reporting property standard issues, taking part in Community Street Watch, and celebrating their street pride with a street party, or whatever they decide.

What is the Role of the AAS Coordinator?

The role of the AAS Coordinator is to organize interested volunteers living on their street to assist with scheduled clean ups, provide safety precautions to picking up litter, and communicate with the Stinson Community Association.

Will supplies be provided?

Yes, just like our annual Stinson Neighbourhood wide clean up. Garbage bags, gloves and a graffiti kit will be provided.

Where do we put the litter?

Litter will go with the AAS Coordinators regular trash. We have special City of Hamilton garbage bags so it will not affect your one bag limit.

What are the benefits?

- Street beautification
- Decrease in crime
- Helps to build community and you get a chance to get to know your neighbours
- Gives the neighbourhood a sense of pride of where they live.

If you are interested in becoming an Adopt -A -Street Coordinator, please contact :

Nicole Mehlenbacher, Vice President –at our central email: president@stinsoncommunity.ca

Make Stinson the Cleanest and Safest-Neighbourhood in Hamilton –

Love Your Neighbourhood!

"We are offering an Adopt-A-Street initiative ..."

Please take notice that the City of Hamilton Council passed Zoning By-Laws Nos. 10-200 and 10-201 on the 12th day of August, 2010 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13. The municipal address of the subject property is 200 Stinson Street, Hamilton.

The lands were rezoned from the "Neighbourhood Institutional I1" Zone to the E'S-1635 (Multiple Dwellings) Zone, Modified as found in Zoning By-law 6593.

The effect of the by-laws is to change the zoning in order to permit the reuse of the former Stinson School as a multiple residential building containing up to 66 dwelling units.

Stinson School Lofts

It's Showtime! Construction will begin shortly at the Stinson School, given the recent approval at City Council. 60% of the units are sold and site plan designs have been reviewed by the City. The model suites will close shortly and crews will begin preparing the building.

Most exciting for the neighbourhood is the announcement that the houses across the street from the school (109 Ontario St. and 211 Stinson St.) have also been acquired and will be converted into five family-style 3 bedroom suites. Layouts can be seen at the site or online. Occupancy of the whole project is anticipated to be next summer.

Visit: www.stinsonschool.com



A rendering of what 109 Ontario St could look like

www.stinsonschooljournal.com



VOTE!**Con't from P.1****Voter Identification**

New for 2010 is the requirement of an elector to provide proof of identity and residence prior to receiving a ballot. All documents must be originals. Please refer to the long lists of acceptable documents on the Voter Information page on the City of Hamilton's website.

But, the bottom line is, if you are eligible to vote, VOTE!

Be Informed

In this issue we have contacted each of the nominated candidates (as of September 9th) for City Councillor, Ward 2 and asked them to provide us a bit of information about themselves, and what they want to accomplish.

Please read their responses and then get out and vote on October 25th!

If a candidate is not listed here, it is because they were nominated after our printing date.

Jelly, Matt

I'm a lifelong resident of downtown Hamilton, committed to improving the quality of life in our downtown neighbourhoods, and encouraging meaningful civic engagement and inclusion between residents and City Hall. Stay tuned for campaign updates, and volunteer opportunities within the campaign, and a full platform rolling out over the course of the campaign. I look forward to a great race with a great slate of candidates. Ward 2 residents, perhaps now more than ever, have many good candidates to choose from.

For more information: www.mattjelly.com

Geleynse, Martinus

Hamilton is my home. This is where I, like many people my age, have decided to make my life and raise my family. Life in Hamilton is not a reality that I have resigned myself to; it is something that I have consciously opted for. This is truly where I want to be. Author Frederick Buechner once wrote that, "The place to which God calls you is the place where your deep gladness, and the world's deep hunger meet." I am convinced that downtown Hamilton is that place for me. As a candidate for City Council representing Ward 2, I am stating my unwavering intent to help build a city in which we can all live and thrive. Yes, I'm young. However, I would argue that this is why I have such a considerable stake in our city's future.

If I were to compress my vision for Hamilton, it would read something like this: for Hamilton to be a beautiful, mid-size urban centre renowned for its exceptional livability, its social and environmental responsibility, and its innovative and sustainable approach to city building. I see Hamilton as a stunning mix of preserved heritage properties and beautiful new architecture. As a centre for arts, culture, and innovative thinking, Hamilton would attract the best and the brightest from around the world. Our diverse and growing population would be a mosaic of cultures, which together would contribute to an exciting and inclusive social fabric. The heart of our city, its downtown, would be the centre of it all: safe, clean, vibrant, and full of residents with vested interests in their community. Ultimately, I see that Hamilton would be the best place to raise a child, a place of innovation, a city of engaged citizens, and a home to diverse economic opportunities.

There is no single solution that will accomplish this vision. No stadium, no NHL team, nor any massive industrial revival will restore what has been lost over the last 20 years. Instead, we must look to the future with optimism and vision, boldly building on Hamilton's greatest assets: the fiery determination and boundless creativity of her citizens. I believe that it is the role of City Council to create and maintain an environment of opportunity for the citizens of Hamilton. In order to facilitate sustainable change by our citizens, City Hall must reexamine outdated bylaws that needlessly restrict good opportunities. Council must change our current tax system to reward sustainable development rather than derelict properties and parking lots. Furthermore, it is imperative for City Council to maintain the infrastructure, the security, and the cleanliness of our communities. Only in a healthy environment can people live and thrive.

I am running for City Council in Ward 2 because I believe in creating the environment in which all citizens have the opportunity to flourish. I believe that the citizens of Hamilton are the engine for change and revitalization, and that City Hall has the responsibility to facilitate them in this. I am running because I hope to help accomplish a vision of livability and excellence.

For more information, please visit www.martinus.ca or visit our campaign office at 245 James St. North

VOTE 2010! GET INFORMED

ABDI, LIBAN

Dear Stinson Community Members

Ward 2 is the heart of Hamilton. However, over the last many years Ward 2 has seen numerous challenges that have affected all residents alike. Today, our community and neighborhoods are faced with many obstacles that require both individual and collective wisdom to be overcome and championed.

Consulting with the people and building collaborative partnerships are crucial for having a vibrant community that is inclusive and attractive to small businesses that generate employment. It seems to me that this basic process has been absent at City Council for many years. This process of ignoring the people's will and governing from top to bottom which I would characterize to be ineffective and counterproductive. As a community we are seeing number of issues that are not being addressed by our collective leadership. Such concerns are:

- **Poverty** levels in Ward 2 are among the highest in Hamilton.
- **Unemployment** and loss of investment within Ward 2 is also at all time high resulting many small and large businesses to close causing severe job losses.
- **Income Security** is major issue for thousands of Ward 2 residents who visit food banks each month due to lack of jobs and not enough income to feed families. Why our community has a high number of working poor?
- **Seniors** struggle to keep up with growing living expenses including social programs and services that are costly for the elders within this community
- **Affordable Housing** Nearly 4,000 Hamiltonians are waiting for affordable housing with an average wait time of 4 or more years. Ward 2 requires a fresh, innovative approach in order to solve the many troubling social and environmental concerns we face today. It will take the combined commitment and effort of all residents and new leadership to bring about the change that this city desperately needs and deserves.

I believe that there are efficient and plausible solutions to our current problems. I further believe that these solutions do not include spending more money, but rather to effectively manage the existing resources. Especially when it comes to the allocation and use of tax payer's money.

I have the necessary skills and experience to make this a reality to work on these issues. My 17 years of experience in the not-for-profit sector which includes; strategic and policy planning, multi-million dollar program and services management, community economic development, financial and human resource management.

Together, we the people of Ward 2 deserve better. Please join me in making this change possible. I am asking for your vote - support my candidacy for Councillor of Ward 2 - and let's together begin the process of taking back our community.

Liban Abdi, Your Candidate for Ward 2 *For more information: www.libanabdi.ca*

LESCAUDRON, DAWN

To the fine residents of Hamilton's Ward 2

Being a proud resident, born and raised within Ward 2 I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with many of you.

While managing bingo halls for many years I organized several charitable events including the Crohn's Disease bingo where proceeds went to McMaster Sick Kids hospital. In addition I have been quite active in environmental issues within our neighbourhoods.

I have much respect for the accomplishments made within our ward over the past 4 years. However, it is now time for a change, a woman that can get the job done, be heard, and most importantly, listen to you and act for you!

At 52 years old I am blessed with two beautiful grown daughters, a successful employment history and good health.

As a result of my success and a keen ability to take charge I have decided to run for Councillor, Ward 2. If elected I promise to work for you and make the difference that is long overdue!

My determination is only exceeded by my dedication! Count on Dawn!

Sincerely,

Dawn Lescaudron *For more information, email Dawn at: countondawn@gmail.com*

WRIGHT, KEVIN**A little about me:**

I was born on May 21, 1978 in St. Catherine, Jamaica. At the age of 10 my family and I moved to Hamilton. In 2001, I graduated from the University of Toronto with an Honours B.A. I then entered the Canadian Forces as an army officer in 2002. In 2006, I deployed to Afghanistan for a 6 month tour with the Provincial Reconstruction Team, with the mission of helping Afghans rebuild their infrastructure. In 2007, I was honourably discharged from the military and currently, I am working for the Good Food Box Welland (a not-for-profit project aimed at helping poor and low income individuals eat more fresh produce).

Why am I running?

Hamilton has all the potential to be a great city, and Ward 2 has the potential to have a great downtown and a brighter future. It will take a person of action and all of us working together to make this happen. I believe that I am that person who can make this happen. My five years of service in the Canadian Forces has instilled in me many qualities that put me a head of the pack. These qualities include: self-discipline; respect; courage; initiative; integrity and the ability to work as a team.

What I intend to achieve as councillor of Ward 2:

I have 4 priorities that I intend to either accomplish or make significant improvements in by the end of the mandate that you give me. These 4 priorities are intertwined and have 1 common theme running through them. That theme is team work.

Priority 1

■ Reducing Unemployment

Engaging business and labour leaders to create and attract more jobs

Priority 2

■ A Healthy and Vibrant Downtown

Promoting the core as a place for the arts, culture and entertainment

Priority 3

■ Safer Neighbourhoods

Working with you and the police to identify and tackle problems in your neighbourhood

Priority 4

■ Fighting Poverty & Homelessness

Working to ensure social services strengthen our weakest citizens

I believe that these 4 priorities along with someone who knows how to lead and how to engage people to get things done will result in a renewal of pride and hope in our city and ward.

Sincerely,

Kevin Wright

P.S. I very much hope that you will vote for me; but more importantly, I hope that you will get out on vote. It's your choice!

For more information, email : votekevinwright@gmail.com

JONES, HOOJUNG

HOOJUNG JONES is a dedicated volunteer, a community leader, a special events organizer, a published author, an advocate for veterans, and an artist. She graduated from McMaster University with an Honours Bachelor of Commerce and served as president of the McMaster Korean Student Association and co-founder of McMaster University United Way. Her numerous achievements include the Legion of Honor, a prestigious international award. She is also the project coordinator for the Korean Veterans Association of Canada and co-authored "**Canadians Our Heroes 1950-1953 Korean War**".

For the past ten years, Jones has celebrated the pride of Hamilton by organizing "It's Your Festival," which attracts over 250,000 spectators annually and promotes Canada's diverse cultural heritage, arts, and entertainment. HooJung Jones formerly served as the president of Hamilton Korean Women's Association, as a director of Canadian Club of Hamilton and the Friends of HMCS Haida. Currently, she is a member of the Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion's (HCCI) Police Advisory Committee, of Canadian International Military Tattoo, of Legion 58 and of Settlement and Integration Services Organization (SISO). Jones is the president of Websitegate, which provides IT services to non-profit organizations and local companies. For her dedication to veteran's affairs and her community service, she has received many congratulatory letters from former Prime Ministers Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin, Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, other Ministers, Mayors, and Members of Parliament.

Awards: Hamilton Heritage Award, Hamilton V.I.P. Award, Ontario Volunteer Award, Special Commemoration Award Certificate, 2005 Women of Distinction Award Nomination Certificate, Medal of Merit, Legion of Honor Award, Nominee, 2011 Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation.

Hamilton Downtown is the heart and soul of the city. However, poverty, homeless, high rate of crimes, dirty streets, empty stores, Brownfield, social exclusion and pollution are the main challenges that we are facing today. In order to progress for a future, we need to identify the solid and effective strategy to implement. Our commitment to change for a better future will be the first step. Caring and voting have the very similar principal and outcome. Each vote will have a life of its own - the power and energy to change for a better future for our children. It will be the true proof of our commitment and it is our first priority. Together, we will implement the rest of strategies. Without you, it will be only the plain plan. With you, it will be the powerful actions to ignite Hamilton's exponential growth which will position Hamilton as the next global city.

For more information: www.hoojungjones.ca

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Stinson Community Word Search

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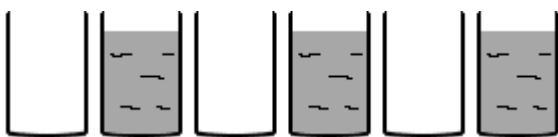
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Colour me or draw me on a separate piece of paper



Brain Teasers

1. Below you will see six glasses. Three of these glasses contain a liquid. Moving only ONE glass, can you arrange the glasses such that those containing the liquid are together?



Answer: Simply take the second glass and pour it into the fifth one.

2. I went on a trip last week. The traffic was moderate and the journey took two and a half hours. On the return journey, the traffic was similar, but I made it back in 150 minutes. How come?

Answer: The times are the same!

3. Can you name four days which start with the letter "T"?

Answer: Tuesday, Thursday, Today and Tomorrow



Moving With Susan

Cooler evenings and stores loaded with back to school supplies is a sure sign that fall is just around the corner. The Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington reports the resale market sales for June and July were down from the same time last year but despite the slower sales our year-to-date sales are still up from last year. There currently is a good inventory of listings making Hamilton, Burlington and the outlying areas such a great place to buy real estate right now.

The Real Estate Investment Network (REIN), a national organization of investors, has compiled what it says are the top 10 Canadian cities in which to invest. The recent article published in the Financial Post ranks Hamilton #6.

When submitting an offer on a property how low can I go?

There is no rule of thumb as to how low of an offer a Buyer can submit but do consider that you stand a chance of insulting the Sellers and often they will counter your offer at the full asking price or close to the asking price or even decide that they are not interested in responding to your offer. You want to be sure you are offering a fair price taking into consideration current market conditions and comparable sales in the area provided by your Realtor. Starting off with a reasonable offer will show the Sellers that you are a serious Buyer and they will be more willing to negotiate.

I want to sell my home. How do I know If I have selected the right Realtor?

It is important to interview the agent you are considering. Regardless of their experience, track record and market exposure it should be someone you feel comfortable with and who has your best interest at heart. Your home is likely your biggest asset and you want to hire someone who will treat your home as if it was their own.

Decor Dilemma: *Want to create a new look with your old treasures on a budget?*

In-expensive spray paints can change the look or bring back to life worn or weathered lawn ornaments, furniture, plant pots and accessories. Tremclad Rust Paint works the best and can be purchased at your local hardware supply store. Follow instructions on the can. Some items may require a light sanding before paint is applied. Get creative and use multiple colours to create an antique effect if so desired. Feel free to use this technique with your indoor items such as light fixtures, mirror & picture frames, vent covers etc.. I've personally used this trick many times to rejuvenate and colour coordinate items that no longer worked with my décor.

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Everything's Peachy!

Cold Peach Soup

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 whole cloves
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 3/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 cup dry white wine (inexpensive)
- 8 ripe peaches
- 3/4 cup fresh blueberries

Mix sugar, cloves, cinnamon and 1 1/2 cups water in a saucepan. Bring to boil.

Reduce heat, cover and boil gently for about 10 min. until syrupy. Dissolve cornstarch in the remaining 1/4 cup water and blend with syrup. Boil, set aside, cool, drain through strainer. Add wine. Pit, peel, dice 2 peaches. Add to syrup.

Pit, peel, puree remaining peaches. Add.

Refrigerate.

Garnish with blueberries for serving. Voila!



Cool Peach Sangria.

- 750 ml (inexpensive) dry white wine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup peach schnapps or nectar
- 6 sprigs of fresh mint
- 4 fresh peaches, sliced
- 3 cups chilled soda water
- 2 cups ice

Put all ingredients except the soda water and ice in a pitcher, stir.

Use quick dissolving sugar.

Refrigerate a few hours.

Before serving stir in soda water and ice.

Enjoy!



-Recipes are courtesy of Yvonne on Webber Ave.



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With its 66 lifestyle types, PRIZM C2 provides insights into the behaviour and mindset of Canadian consumers. PRIZM C2 has been updated with the 2006 Census, newly released Social Values research and their 2009 Demographic Estimates and Projections. When you enter the postal codes for our neighbourhood, this is the result:

Mobility Blues Social Group-Urban Mix Lifestyle -Starter Nests

Located throughout English Canada in Cities as well as small towns, Mobility Blues presents a working-class portrait: a population of young singles, families and single parents who are often on the move, to the point of sometimes feeling aimless, Residents here not only tend to move often, they also have a high rate of employment in transportation, in addition to manufacturing and sales. No one's particularly well off in Mobility Blues, but residents live decently on their \$55,000.00 annual incomes. They like to visit bars and nightclubs, gamble at bingo halls and horse racetracks, and take the occasional trip within Canada, often staying in their campers or RVs. Entertainment at home typically involves doing crafts, reading entertainment magazines and listening to the radio - country, mainstream rock and classic hits are favourite genres. With many working at tiring industrial jobs, they admit they are happy just to relax at home at night.

About This Magazine

This issue was prepared by the President of the Stinson Community Association, Brian Goodman and contributors; Susan McArthur, Nicole Mehlenbacher.

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

Community Watch

Are you the victim of crime? Is your quality of life suffering because of the actions of your neighbours, the person living upstairs, drug activity in your neighbourhood? If so, take some action.

For any illegal activity in progress, call 911

For ongoing suspicious activity, try to maintain a log of times, dates, descriptions, etc. Contact the Police via the non-emergency number of 905.546.4925 Always get an Incident number for follow-up.

Have other neighbours or witnesses call too. The more incident reporting for an address will result in more action by the Police.

If you want anonymity, call Hamilton CrimeStoppers at 1.800.222.TIPS (8477)

Tried all of the above and still no action, contact president@stinsoncommunity.ca. We will arrange for a problem solving consultation directly with a Hamilton Police Officer.

Become part of your Community Watch!

Please attend our next

General Meeting, Thursday, September 23, 2010

at the Central Memorial Recreation Centre, 93 West Ave. S.

Start time is 6:30p.m.

Our Special Guest will be our Area Crime Manager,
Sgt. Frank Miscione, Hamilton Police

The topic will be: CRIME IN A NEIGHBOURHOOD.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?!

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

There will be leaf and yard waste collection on your regular waste collection day during the weeks of **September 13-17 and September 22-30. No quantity limit.**

Acceptable items include:

- Branches/brush (bundled and tied)
- Garden, hedge, tree trimmings (bundled and tied)
- House and garden plants (no dirt)
- Leaves

Central Memorial Recreation Centre News



Please contact our Centre directly at **905-546-4939** or **come visit and pick up a catalogue**. Visit us at 93 West Avenue South or on the web at: www.hamilton.ca/CultureandRecreation/