

STINSON FOCUS



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The StinZine Team is recruiting new members. Join the team today!

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YOUR COMMUNITY STINSON ASSOCIATION UPDATES

- Carter Park Reopening Party - a committee has been meeting to plan a celebratory reopening of the park for October 24, 2015. If you are interested in helping, please contact: info@stinsoncommunity.ca
- Roadwork south of Stinson is completed. Claremont Access work continues through Autumn.

- SCA/ACTION PLAN COMMITTEES**
- StinZine: ACTIVE; Recruiting Open
 - StinFilms: ACTIVE
 - Communications: OPEN
 - Property Standards, Landlord Tenant Relations, Alleyways: OPEN
 - Grants, Funding: ACTIVE; Recruiting Open
 - Branding, Community Pride: ACTIVE
 - History, Heritage, Genealogies: OPEN
 - Streetscapes, walkability: OPEN
 - Rail Trail: OPEN
 - Youth & Life Skills: OPEN
 - Social Services and Nutrition: OPEN
 - Building Relationships with RCFs: OPEN
 - Community Garden Committee: OPEN
 - Stinson Event Planning Team: ACTIVE

At this time, most Action Plan Committees are seeking volunteers to help reorganize and move Stinson's Action Plans forward. The SCA is an entirely volunteer-based organization, made up of community-minded neighbours like yourself. Please consider sending an email to ask us about any of the standing committees that interest you, and come out to a meeting to find out what you can do to help make a real difference in the life of your neighbourhood.

The SCA meets the 2nd Thursday of every month, starting at 7pm in Central Memorial Recreation Centre (Stinson and West). Come join us in person, or contact us at: info@stinsoncommunity.ca

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STINSON EVENTS PAGE

STINSON'S CARTER PARK Grand Re-Opening

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015

Art In The Park

Saturday, October 24th, 2015 1-3 PM

All Ages Community Art Event
at Carter Park (Stinson and West)
Dress Appropriately

hamiltoncreativecomm@gmail.com

Stinson Event Planning Team donations accepted at these events.

Movie
in the Park

FREE CLASSIC CARTOONS!
PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES!

OCTOBER 24TH
@ CARTER PARK
@ 7:30 PM

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Growing up in the downtown core, you learn early on that there is a certain etiquette to living so close to your neighbours. You recognize that you can hear every noise your neighbour makes, so in turn you are more thoughtful about the level of noise you create.

When driving, there are many narrow streets in the downtown that make it difficult to pass oncoming traffic when others are parked on one or both sides. Therefore, you learn to be courteous and pull in behind parked cars to let traffic get by. As any resident in the core knows, parking itself can be an issue at the best of times let alone in one of Canada's least favorite seasons.... Construction! Yes, Stinson has certainly seen its' share of road work this past year. The road crews have been very good about trying to give access at the end of each day if you are lucky enough to have a driveway. For those less fortunate, there is a nightly ritual of seeking an empty spot on the road, likely in front of someone else's house.

Another point of etiquette in the core is that homeowners have an unofficial claim to the parking spot in front of their home. Of course there is no legal right to this, but plenty of emotional attachment. Unfortunately, during construction season many of us have had to encroach on these prize spots on neighbouring streets. Although this nightly ritual could not be avoided, some common courtesy could go a long way. Did you know that legally your car can only be parked at any given spot for a maximum of twelve hours.

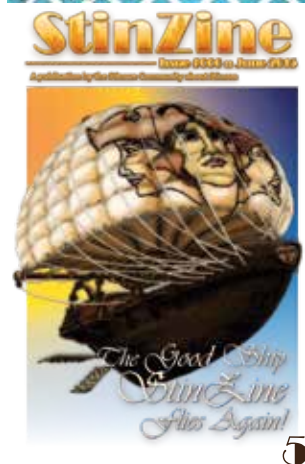
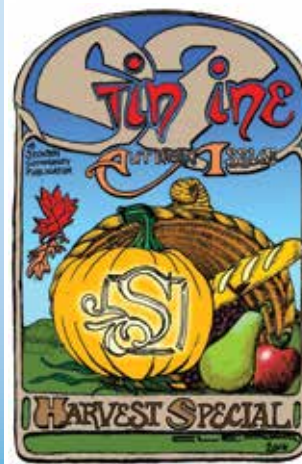
Whether you are a long time resident or just discovering all of the great reasons to live in Stinson, we must remember that a little etiquette can go a long way in creating good neighbours and an even stronger community.

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StinZine NEEDS YOU!

StinZine, Stinson's Community Publication, is recruiting for writers, illustrators, graphic designers, ad salespersons, photographers and editors. We publish a free, B&W community news 'zine' every two months, distributed by our volunteers. We are entirely volunteer-based. We do it for the love of our community. We hope you feel the same way about Stinson that we do, and that you want to join the team and share your skills and talents with your community.



For more information, or to volunteer, please contact us at: StinZine@StinsonCommunity.ca

2015 FEDERAL ELECTION: ELECTION DAY CHANGES, (AKA WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE WITH YOU TO THE POLLING STATIONS)

October 19th is Election Day in Canada and people across the country are already rallying to get out the vote. Many of the issues that matter most to our communities are up for debate in this election, from childcare to housing to health care. This year, though, things are a bit different as a result of the recently passed Fair Elections Act. Among other things, this Act has changed what you need in order to vote. Former Elections Canada officials, the Council of Canadians, and the Canadian Federation of Students have all noted how these could make it much harder for students, people who are homeless, and First Nations and Aboriginal members to vote in this crucial election. So, here's a run-down of some of the biggest changes and what they are going to mean for you this election.

One big change from the last election is that Voter Information Cards, which tell you where to vote, no longer count as proof of name or address. This means you will need other ID on you when you head to your polling station. You can use either a driver's license or provincial ID card as a single piece of photo ID to prove your address and name.

If you don't have a government issued photo ID, you need to provide two pieces of ID from a list available on the Elections Canada website (www.elections.ca). Neither has to have your photo, but at least one has to have your current address. You can use a number of items as a form of ID from a utility bill, to a credit card, to a hospital bracelet, to your health or SIN card.

However, if you don't have a fixed address it may be tough to find a piece of ID that proves where you live. One option is to get a Letter of Confirmation of Residence from a shelter that you have used. A second and commonly used option in the past was vouching; however the rules around vouching have also changed as a result of the Fair Elections Act.

In the past, people in the same polling district could vouch for someone else's ID and address as long as they (the voucher) had the right ID and signed an oath.

Under the Fair Elections Act, a partial ban on vouching means you can only vouch for someone's address but not their identity. That means the person being vouched for now has to have two pieces of ID with their name on it. The person vouching has to have ID that proves both their name and address. They also have to be in the same polling division, meaning the same neighbourhood and can only vouch for one person.

The Hamilton Roundtable for Poverty Reduction is working with people in the City and in your neighbourhood to assist in getting people what they need to vote and engaging residents on issues that matter this election. Stay tuned to www.hamiltonpoverty.ca for more information, and let's make Ending Poverty a priority for all political parties in this election!

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CENTRAL MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTRE: A LOOK TO THE FUTURE



Looking for information about approved funding for signage at the Central Memorial Recreation Center, I recently reviewed minutes from a Stinson Community meeting from 2010. I read about great visions for improvements to our ambitious little corner of Hamilton. As a relative newcomer to the area, I am impressed by the great strides made by past Association members since that planning meeting. Recent improvements to Carter Park including the new gazebo, enlarged basketball court, new drinking fountains, beautification of the surrounding walkways and gardens bring pride to our neighbourhood.

Also discussed at the meeting five years ago were plans to improve the façade of the Central Memorial Recreation Center. To keep the momentum of Stinson pride pushing forward, a group of residents recently met with local architect and fellow Stinsonite, Kathy Vogel, to discuss ways to visually promote our gem of a center. There was much talk of colourful signage, as well as opening up a garden space where passersby could stop and reflect on their day. Kathy will put our thoughts to paper and present a proposal to the city. This project would be building from funds previously approved for improvements to signage in the hub of the Stinson Community. As the project progresses, watch for opportunities for further community input to discuss positive changes.



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