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EDITOR'S NOTE

Season's Greetings from Stinson!

Just a quick note to thank everyone for another great year putting together the StinZine for you. We've gotten feedback from a number of our readers, and we're stoked to be planning more issues for 2016. We just want to remind you that, if you want to share your thoughts or ideas about the StinZine, please email us at stinzine@stinsoncommunity.ca, or mail your letters to:

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And of course, if you have any interest in joining the wonderful world of community news publishing, contact us and tell us why you want to join the team.

STINSON EVENTS PAGE

SKATING TIME AGAIN!

Do you love the feel of fresh, crisp air on your face, the sound of snow crunching under your feet, the magic of a gentle snowfall? If so, WE NEED YOU!

Once again this winter, members of the Stinson Community will brave the elements to create and maintain the skating rink in Carter Park.

Of course we are at the mercy of Mother Nature, but likely are looking at January to get underway.

If you are available to help with this community effort please contact Mike at mike.montreuil@gmail.com

StinZine Workshop Event

Our Community Developer, Lyna Saad, has convinced our EiC (after much cajoling) that we should have a workshop event to teach people what we do at StinZine HQ, so you too can see what it takes to work on Stinson's premier community zine publication. This event is still in the planning stages, but if you want to take part in it and receive news when we get it set up, email us at:

StinZine@stinsoncommunity.ca

Art In The Park CALLING ALL STINSON ARTISANS

As part of the Carter Park redevelopment, Hamilton artist Bryce Huffman was commissioned to create a large mural (10' x 70') to be mounted behind the basketball court this spring. We invite Stinson artists and artisans to show their wares in Carter Park amid the Spring Art in the Park event. There will be limited spaces, so apply early. We hope to be able to provide tables and chairs for a nominal fee, if you need them. There will be plenty of FREE, family-friendly activities such as painting, chalk drawing, wood creations, music making, etc.

Let's celebrate and promote the wide range of talent right here in our own backyards!

If you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact Linda Matthews at: matthews.linda@rogers.com

We're Social! For more information and extra content, go to:
www.stinsoncommunity.ca/news-magazine
This is our handy Info-Stamp. When you see it, you know that there is extra content on the [stinsoncommunity.ca](http://www.stinsoncommunity.ca) website.

THE STINSON CREATIVE LAB

<http://thestinsoncreativelab.wordpress.com/>
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STINSON FOCUS

STINSON'S CARTER PARK Grand Re-Opening



photos by
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Talia Adele,
and Lee Mc.



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SCA & Neighbourhood COMMITTEE UPDATES:
StinZine: ACTIVE; planning for February issue starts soon.
Carter Park Revitalization: Taking a much needed rest. More work to do in 2016. Join us for Phase 2!
Central Memorial Recreation Centre Civic Square: ACTIVE
StinFilms: on hiatus
Songs From The Bishop: planning commences in January.
Participatory Budgeting: ACTIVE; always accepting members
Outreach: ACTIVE
Fundraising: NEW! If you want more events in 2016, join now!
Events: NEW! Plans under way. Join now!
Community Garden: on hiatus; email us for more information on how you can take part and get the garden built in 2016!
History/Heritage: on hiatus; if you have a passion for Stinson's history, contact us and help get this important community back to work.
Complete Streets: on hiatus.
Beautiful Alleys: NEW! Carlos Pinho in Sherman has been looking for people to adopt and help beautify alleyways, across the city, and here in Stinson. Contact us for more information, or search for 'Beautiful Alleys' on Facebook.
Team-Up to Clean Up: For those new to Stinson, we try to hold three to four clean ups per year of our two biggest parks, Carter Park on Stinson and West, and Bishop's Park on Hunter and East. If you love a clean park, contact us for more information on when and how you can get involved.

The SCA meets every second Thursday of the month at Central Memorial, between 7 and 9 PM. Come out, meet your neighbours, and get involved. Refreshments served.

STINSON COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE
Have you ever wondered what volunteer work went into planning the Carter Park redevelopment? Did you know that it was led by local volunteers, working with city staff and our councillor, to improve our neighbourhood? Would you like to know what we have planned next? Can you think of what else this neighbourhood should do to make things better for everyone? Would you like to come along and take part in our revitalization?

It's not too late. In fact, now is the perfect time to get involved! We're just about to reorganize our Neighbourhood Action Plan, at our December 11th meeting. Come out and help us get our plans together for 2016 and beyond.

The Stinson Community Association is also considering hosting a special open house event, where we would share the projects and initiatives we are involved with. If you are interested in attending such an event, please send us an email to RSVP at: info@stinsoncommunity.ca

STINSON EYE SPY FEATURE

Where Have You

Seen This Before?

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WALKING WITH Maggie

By: Maggie Day-Myron

HAMILTON WENTWORTH INCLINE - part 1

HISTORY:
Wentworth Street is named after Sir John Wentworth, lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, from 1792 to 1808.[1]

The Wentworth stairs are a significant part of our neighbourhood and it is easy to forget the history and important contribution made when the area was first cleared (in 1894), to make way for this massive project known as The Mount Hamilton Incline Railway (MHIR). This incline railway at the base of the escarpment was built to compliment the success, 3 years previously, of the Hamilton & Barton Incline Railway at the foot of James Street South. When you think about it, access up and down the mountain was non-existent in the late 19th century, except for the few treacherous paths and trails that the horse and buggy had to contend with. The mountain was mostly agricultural land with a few settlers along the brow, so getting farmers goods down to the market or for materials to be delivered either way, the incline railways provided much needed reliable transportation. It was decided that the escarpment end of Wentworth Street provided the perfect location for Incline Railway #2. I can imagine when the news hit the streets. It may have been a similar reaction to what happens now, when a

new GO train station opens, or a new school is being built - the area becomes suddenly desirable! This must have been the case in the Stinson neighbourhood, as along with plans for the incline railway,(completed August 1895) we were also in the midst of having the first phase of Stinson Street School being built (completed May, 1895). followed by Hamilton's Central Collegiate Institute built two years later in 1897. The neighborhood was hopping! When you look at the photograph of the Incline Railway you can see that the area all around Stinson School was practically vacant, so it appears that a lot of new residential development did take place in the early 1900's in our neighbourhood and might have been a direct consequence of all the new conveniences available. Wentworth Street was actually chosen for the incline railway because of the way the land lay at that location. A huge advantage was that it would require very little cutting of the slope and although the construction went smoothly there were a few delays. Close to the finish, poor weather in the spring of 1895 and a landslide on April 21 1895 caused by melting snow delayed the opening of the MHIR by several weeks, but it finally opened on the long weekend of August 5, 1895 to haul passengers during this

August civic holiday long weekend. loaded car speed downhill at a faster than designed speed. The car hit the bottom with a crash, but there were no reported injuries or damage.

After the long weekend, the MHIR did not permit passengers to ride, but did allow wagons with work crews. On August 9 the MHIR had its first accident, when the brake on the downward car did not properly engage, and the heavily

On August 26, 1895 the MHIR officially opened to the public, with free rides all day by an estimated 5 000 people.

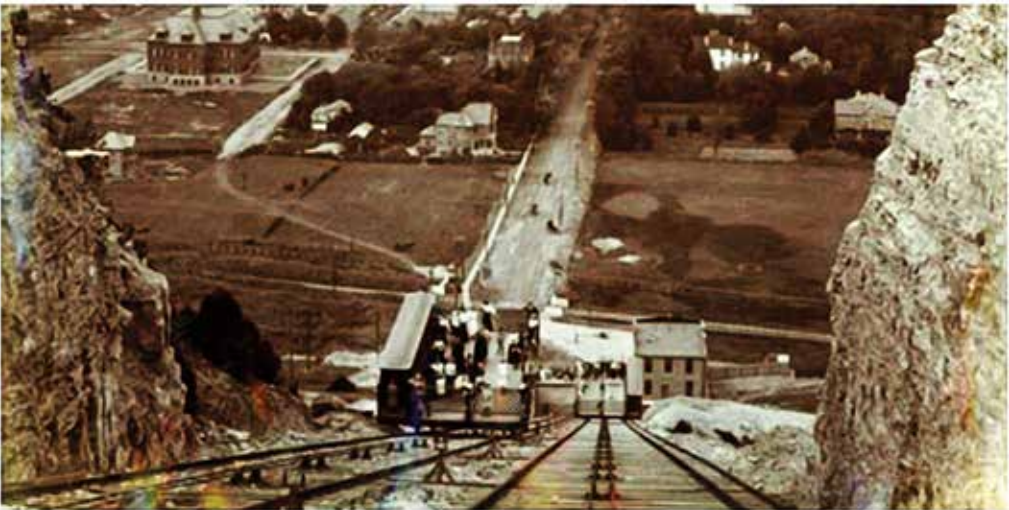


Photo : Hamilton Public Library

The house that can be seen directly south of Stinson School is still there, situated at the South East corner of what is now Alanson Street and Grant Avenue.

Next issue: Part 2 – The rise and fall of the Wentworth Incline Railway.



(retouched) photograph originally from the Hamilton Public Library Special Collections

Neighbourhood Leadership Institute 2016

The Neighbourhood Leadership Institute (NLI) is looking for passionate and engaged residents who are interested in being a part of the 2016 cohort, which begins in late February. Interested applicants are required to apply and participate in the program as a pair. Applications are due on January 15, and can be found on our website.

The NLI works with a number of Hamilton organizations, agencies and educational institutions. Mohawk College has certified the course which means graduates can receive a college-level credit for their work. Through Hamilton Community Foundation, some projects may be eligible for a small grant to support implementation in neighbourhoods.

Hamilton's Neighbourhood Leadership Institute creates space for engaged, transformative leadership skills and values to be shared and applied. Research shows that strong local networks build resilient neighbourhoods and cities. As such, Hamilton's NLI follows an evidence-based and widely evaluated model that has two inter-connected goals:

1. Self-Knowledge: understanding one's talents, values, interests, specifically as they relate to the ability to provide

effective leadership and build leadership competence (the capacity to mobilize one self and others to serve and work collaboratively); and, 2. Facilitate positive social change at the neighbourhood, community and / or institutional level

Hamilton's NLI is guided by the following assumptions about leadership:

- Leadership is socially responsible, it impacts change on behalf of others
- Leadership is collaborative
- Leadership is a process not a position
- Leadership is inclusive and accessible to all people
- Leadership is values-based
- Community involvement/service is a powerful vehicle for leadership

The NLI is open to residents from the following neighbourhoods: Beasley, Crown Point, Davis Creek, Gibson/Lansdale, Jamesville, Keith, McQuesten, Rivderdale, Rolston, Sherman, and Stinson.


For more information, please visit our website or contact us:

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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



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PBW2 UPDATE

HEY, FOLKS! TIME FOR ANOTHER PB UPDATE!

LAST SPRING, THE PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING-- HAMILTON ONTARIO TEAM ORGANIZED SOME NEW WORKSHOPS.

THESE WORKSHOPS WERE SET UP TO REORGANIZE PBHAMONT'S PLANS FOR PBWARD 2 IN 2015 AND 2016.

THESE WORKSHOPS, WHICH RAN ALL THROUGH THE SUMMER, GAVE US A NEW PB PROCESS.

THE NEXT STEP WAS TO HOLD THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF PBW2 INFORMATION MEETINGS, TO HELP ASSEMBLIES TO GET ALL REGISTERED FOR 2016.

AT EACH MEETING, WE WOULD PROVIDE UPDATES ON PAST PROJECTS, TAKE ANY IDEAS FOR NEW PROJECTS, AND RECRUIT.

DURING THE WINTER, WE'LL CONDUCT A FACILITATOR CANDIDATE TRAINING SESSION.

FINALLY, WE'LL HOLD A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF HUNDREDS OF WARD 2 RESIDENTS, WHERE THE NEW FACILITATOR AND PB TEAM WILL BE ELECTED, AND THE NEW PROCESS WILL BE RATIFIED, SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY.

AFTER WHICH, WE'LL HAVE A NEW ONE MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SESSION AND HOLD A VOTE IN THE AUTUMN.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED TODAY!

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Healthy Neighbourhoods

The Link between Neighbourhood Connections and Health
 by Sarah Mantini

Most people desire to be happy and healthy throughout their lives. ‘Social capital’ – a person’s social supports and relationships – is one the biggest contributors to health and happiness. The Public Health Agency of Canada suggests having strong social supports can reduce your risk of death.

A Vancouver Foundation report explains, most people consider close friends and family their main supports but neighbourhoods can also play an important role. The neighbourhood can be an easy place to build connections yet most people claim to only know neighbours on a surface level. This is partly due to the busy nature of life which leads to neighbours seldom seeing one another, but also to individuals being unsure of how to engage their neighbours.

- Here are some ways to get to know your neighbours:
- Spend time in your front yard and talk to passing neighbours
 - Organize a neighbourhood garage sale
 - Tour each other’s gardens to get ideas and share tips
 - Help neighbours when they need assistance, such as with shoveling snow this winter
 - Form groups such as a book club, a dog walking group, or a coffee group at rotating homes.

These are just a few suggestions but you can use whatever works for you to develop positive relationships with your neighbours. Happy neighbouring.

Sarah Mantini,
 McMaster Social Work Student

Zoe on Holiday

Season's Greetings to one and all.

Happy Holidays

Happy Holidays

Diwali Hanukkah Kwanzaa Nav Year Santa Lucia Day Winter Solstice Three Kings Day Saturnalia Las Posadas Eid-al-Adha Yule Festivus Omisoka Shrove-Yalda Winterfest

I think the Stinson-Corktown area is a great area to live in, even though it has some flaws to it.

Our first reason why it is a great area to live in is because it's a very kid-friendly place, you will rarely ever find bad and dangerous things there as it is a residential area to live in. It has numerous parks (Myrtle, Corktown, Carter, Livesavers, Shamrock) and many others.

Our first reason, why it isn't a good place to live in is because it's a very big construction zone, everywhere in that area is either procrastinated construction or construction that is just getting started and it is rather irritating, and it does not look the best decoration wise.

Our last reason on why it is a good area to live in is because it has all the essentials a good community requires, like for example.. Stores, parks, rec centres, pools, and well-balanced schools.-+

I know, our opinion seems all the over the place, but overall Stinson-Corktown area is an amazing place to live in, aside from the construction. You should consider living in this area, you won't regret it!

By; Sheridan and Darlyn.

Stinzine

I live in the Stinson area, and I think that it's a quiet and safe neighbourhood. When I go outside, whether it's day or night, I feel safe, because I know that there are no drunk poeple, or anybody that might pose as a threat in the neighbourhood. The place I live in is quiet and peaceful. I don't see/hear people fist fighting. Usually, the only thing I hear outside are cars passing by, people passing by, or pet owners walking their pets. The people there are very welcoming. An example would be my neighbour, who would always greet me in the morning when I see him on my way to school.

My only problem is that I feel like there's nothing going on, which makes it a bit boring. In my opinion, a way to make people go out more is to have something in the park for people my age or older to do, no just for kids.

Stinson

Today while walking to school, I walked through a cloud of marijuana. I knew it was marijuana from the smell. While living in Stinson/Corktown or around it you will learn what marijuana smells like whether you want to or not. It's sad to realize that people I know have found needles used for drugs in parks right around Corktown. Smelling and finding drugs has become something normal! Drugs shouldn't be this popular in a place loaded with kids of all different ages. We shouldn't have to be surrounded by something toxic. You may be wondering how we can make this change. I think that if you know someone who is suffering from a drug addiction, you should offer them help with their addiction. It takes more than one person to achieve this, but as a community, I think we can eliminate this problem.

by Chloe Greer



If you noticed the smoke, then congrats, you found the problem. I am both concerned and annoyed about the amount of cigarette smoke in public places like around a school, or even a park. There are many bad effects from cigarette smoke. One bad thing is it makes you cough and the gross smell stays with you. Plus, what about all the children with asthma.

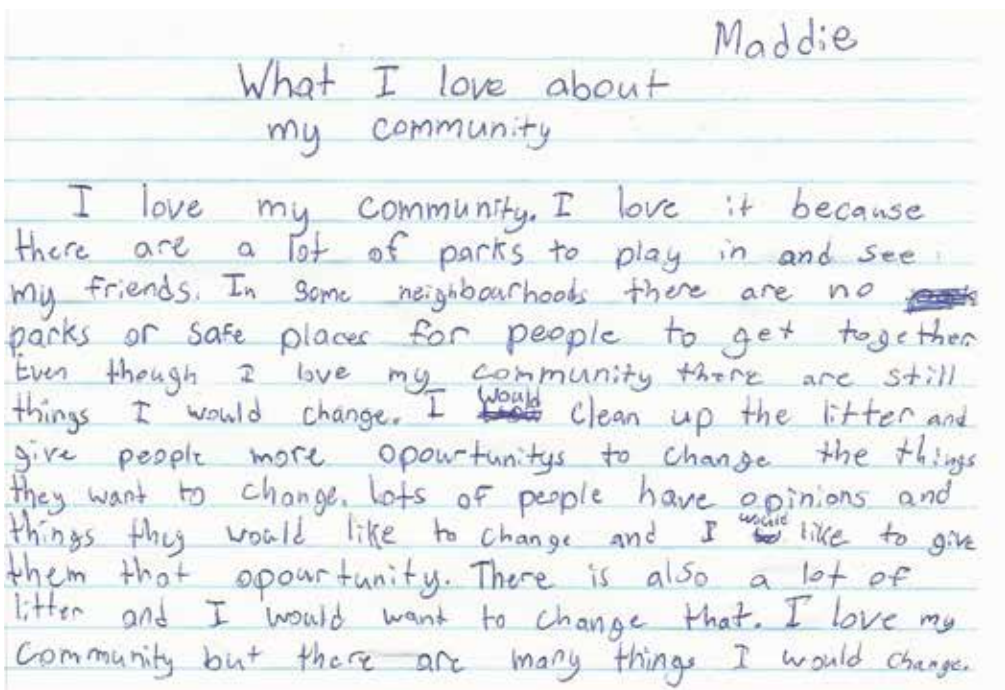
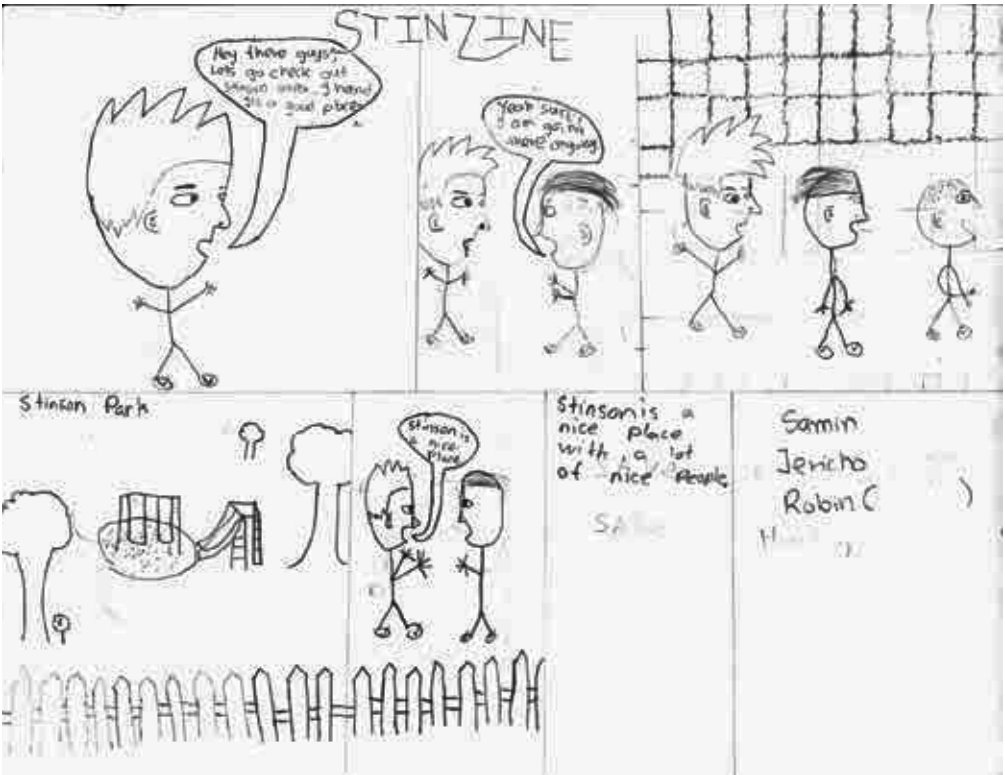
Anyways, I believe we need to lower the amount of smoking near children. I know we can't take away smoking, but we can put up more signs, or the easiest way is to please don't smoke near schools parks or restaurants. Please smoke in the designated areas. If people do this, it will also help decrease the amount of cigarette litter. Please help kids, and if you smoke, don't do it around children. Thank you.

-Kaitlynn

Hello Stinson Community!

I'm a grade 8 student at Queen Victoria Elementary. Living in the Stinson Community is a great place to live. There is always events at our Carter Park for every holiday! Not only that, Central Memorial Recreation Centre offers many activities and free swimming on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00. Although we have all these awesome programs here in the Stinson Community, there are also some concerns. Carter Park is located in a "scary" part of town. It's near a busy intersection, and an underpass. Because of this, this may raise parents concerns about their children running off. Not only that, teenagers and kids may find the park unwelcoming. There is always construction, which may also be unwelcoming. Besides the fact, I find Stinson Community a very welcoming place. Lots of people know each other on the street, which may make people feel more safe when walking down the street. I may have only lived in Stinson Community for 2 years, but I feel 100% safe walking down the streets.

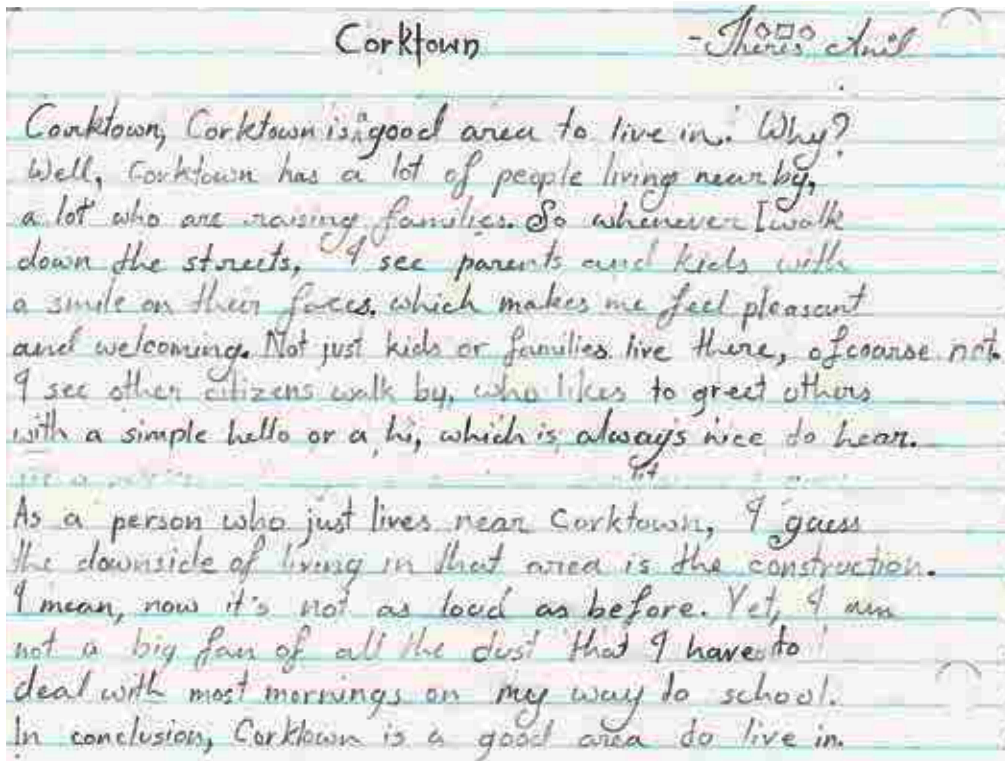
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The children of Queen Victoria elementary School were asked to submit their impressions of the Stinson neighbourhood. Here are some of their excellent submissions.

WELCOME 2 STINSON

To see more student submissions, visit our website:
<http://www.stinsoncommunity.ca/news-magazine/>



Stinson Area

Trent Saville

Is it a good place for your family?

I live in the stinson area myself and it's a beautiful area for me and my parents to live. It's a nice quite area for us. It's nice throughout the day because all the kids are at school and it's just the parents at home. Also in the afternoon when the kids are walking home it's still nice because no one's loud. There's plenty of bus stops on stinson street so you don't have to walk to far for transportation. All of the residence on stinson are friendly so you'll always feel welcome, and the homes are fairly large for the looks. I honestly recommend the stinson area for a great living space for you and your family to live in, and for your kids to grow up in.

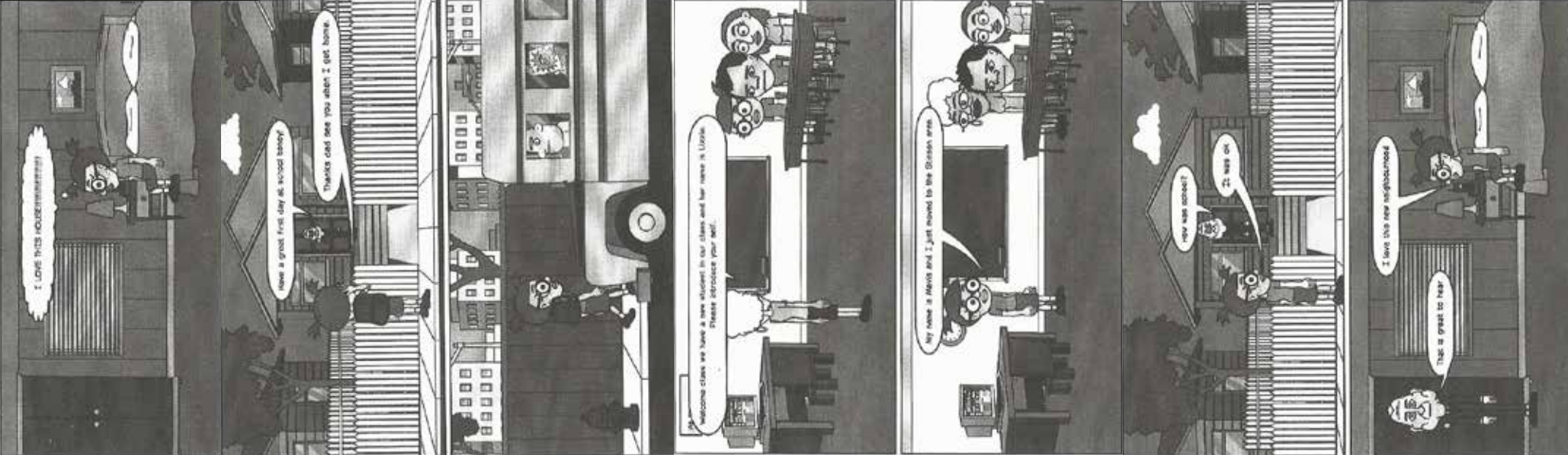
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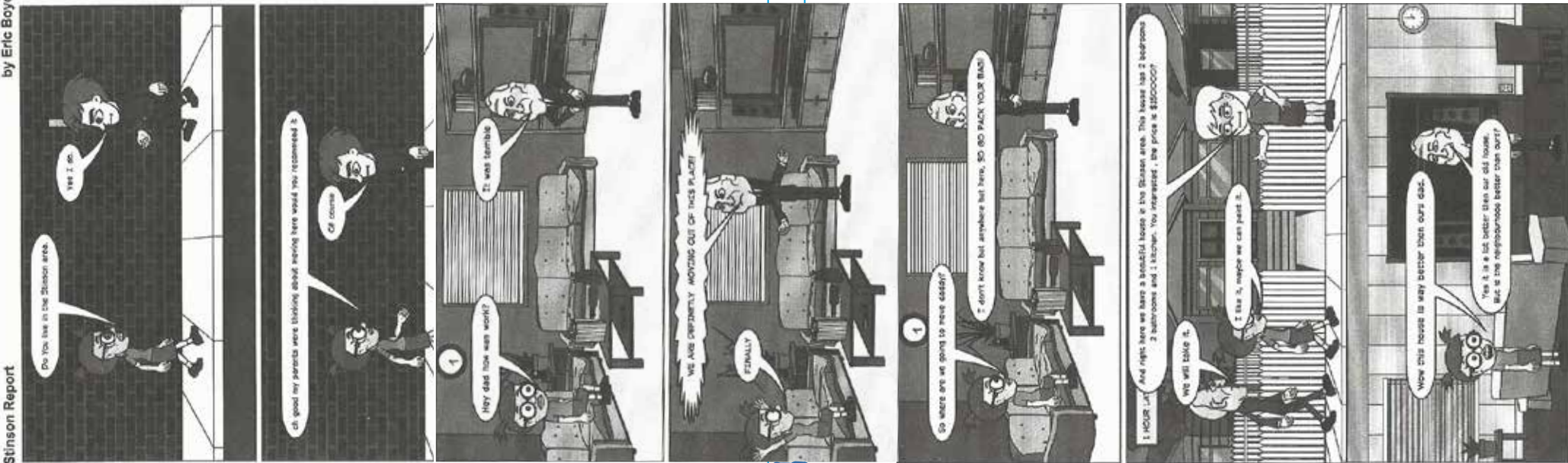
- 1 - Old Cathedral High School
- 2 - 340 Main Street E.
- 3 - 68 Victoria S.
- 4 - 90 Stinson Street
- 5 - 118 Stinson Street
- 6 - Carisma Church

Winterfold Answers:

can be found on the Stinson Community Association website, by clicking the StinZine page link at the top of the navigation bar, and clicking on issue #008.

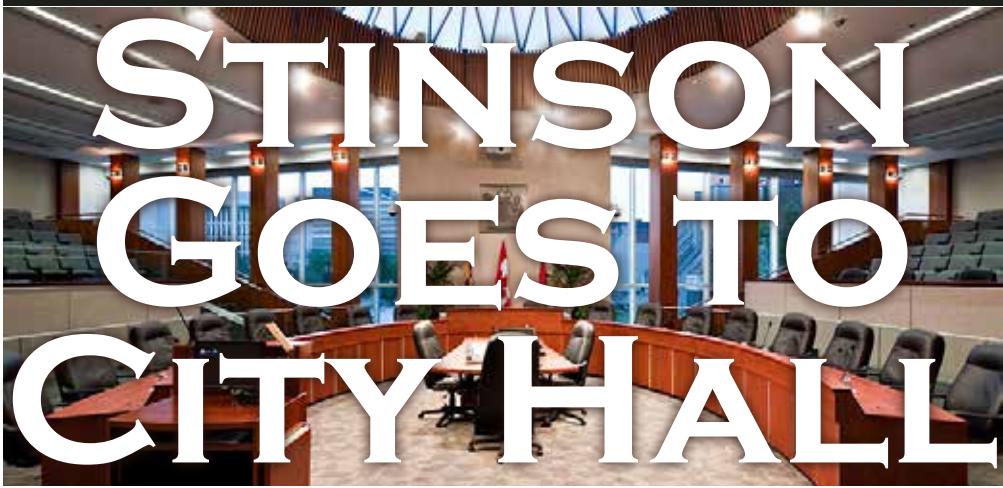


by Eric Boyd



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When people stop being polite, and start getting real...
...you get a perfectly placed gazebo. Kidding. **BY LYN SAAD**



What happens when city staff and community organizations support resident-led initiatives? When residents develop neighbourhood plans, and the City and other stakeholders throw their support behind it? Can neighbourhoods become better for children? Can economic opportunities increase? Can a person's overall health increase? Will people take more ownership over their neighbourhoods? These were the questions asked when the Neighbourhood Action Strategy (NAS) began in 2010.

In 2010 the Hamilton Community Foundation, the Best Start Network, the City of Hamilton, and Hamilton residents came together to form the Neighbourhood Action Strategy. This initiative would support resident-led neighbourhood plans and community development. Stinson is one of the neighbourhoods where this work plays out.

Now, five years later, we're beginning to answer some of these questions. On November 9th, neighbourhood residents, community partners, and City staff packed City Hall for the Neighbourhood Action Strategy report, given to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

The presenters included Suzanne Brown, Director of Community Initiatives and the Neighbourhood Action Strategy for the City; Dr. Jim Dunn from McMaster University and Dr. Sarah Wakefield from the University of Toronto, who have been conducting third party research trying to answer the questions above; and Stinson Community Association co-chairs Lee McIlmoyle and Erika Morton, who told the story of the Carter Park redevelopment.

Suzanne spoke of the hundreds of residents, City staff members, partners, and the community developers who

have come together to support dozens of initiatives. Dr. Dunn's research team knocked on hundreds of doors and found large increases in neighbourhood satisfaction, and residents looking for solutions to local problems since the start of the research. Dr. Wakefield's team found that internal City culture is starting to change within departments, since this framework is creating deeper connections to residents. They also found that we need to improve our inclusivity on these team initiatives.

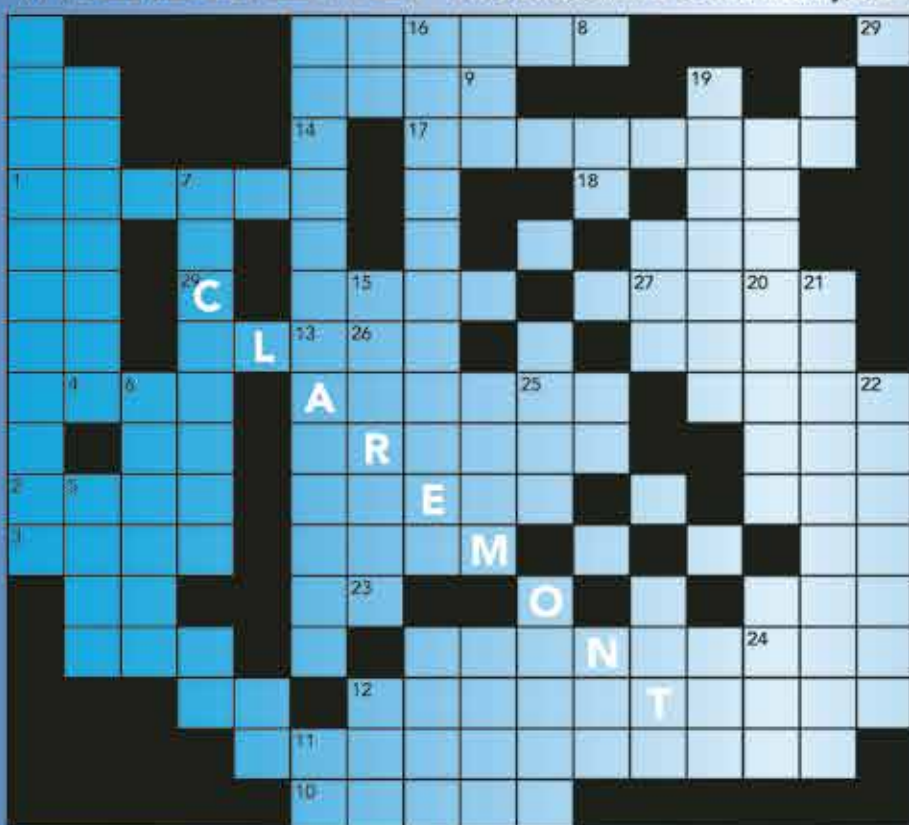
When we heard from our Stinson representatives, they explained the beauty, the mess, and the importance of this work. Carter Park brought together hundreds of residents, City staff members and departments, and the Councillor, because park improvement was identified as a priority by residents in the Stinson Neighbourhood Action Plan. It took working together, deciding together, disagreeing, agreeing, angry emails, gratitude, creative decision making, and celebrating to get this park redevelopment completed. If the City had done it without residents leading the way, it probably could have been done faster, but maybe not as good: maybe without a drinking fountain, or a gazebo, and probably without fifty people in a park on a rainy day celebrating their beloved new park.

You can read the full report by visiting the City of Hamilton's website, on the Community and Emergency Services Committee Nov. 9 page.



WINTER ACTIVITY SHEET

WHERE ARE WE? This crossword is not always straightforward, but like Stinson, it's direct and practical.



- DOWN AND OUT
- 1 A small group of trees
 - 2 A spider's best skill set
 - 3 A sooty girl made of wood
 - 5 The sun sets in the ____
 - 6 The first American automobile
 - 7 A Turn of the Century Matriarch
 - 8 Orion's intense occupation
 - 9 The most precarious chess piece
 - 10 The opposite of old
 - 11 The bassist from the band Genesis
 - 12 The southernmost route through our neighbourhood
 - 13 A member of the Group of Seven arts collective
 - 14 Asia was once said to be the Far ____
 - 15 A jealous gemstone
 - 16 Either tis hill or ____

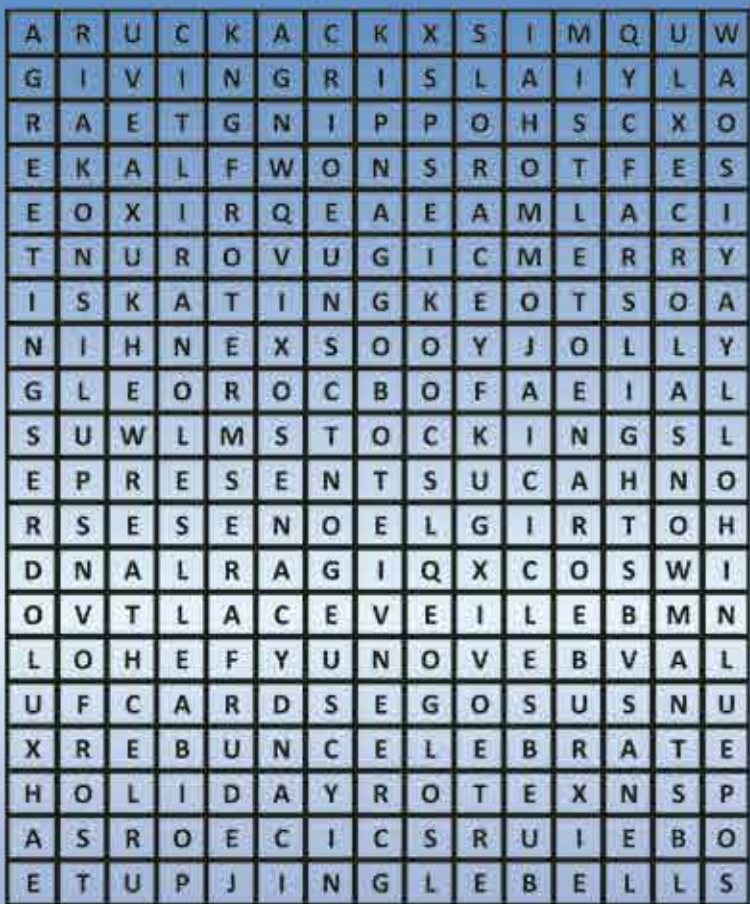
- 17 Indiana Jones's Director
- 19 The warmest province in Canada
- 20 A disbursement of money
- 21 The southernmost route to Gage Park
- 22 The best place to call home
- 25 The General who wound up a tank
- 26 A public beach with a girl's name
- 29 A clear route to the mountain

- ONWARDS AND UPWARDS
- 2 A Duke who wound up a boot
 - 4 Does this ring a bell?
 - 18 The creepiest of the Great Lakes
 - 23 Washington crossed it in wartime
 - 24 The Viking heir of Alan
 - 27 A handy street if you know French
 - 28 The chattiest staircase in Hamilton

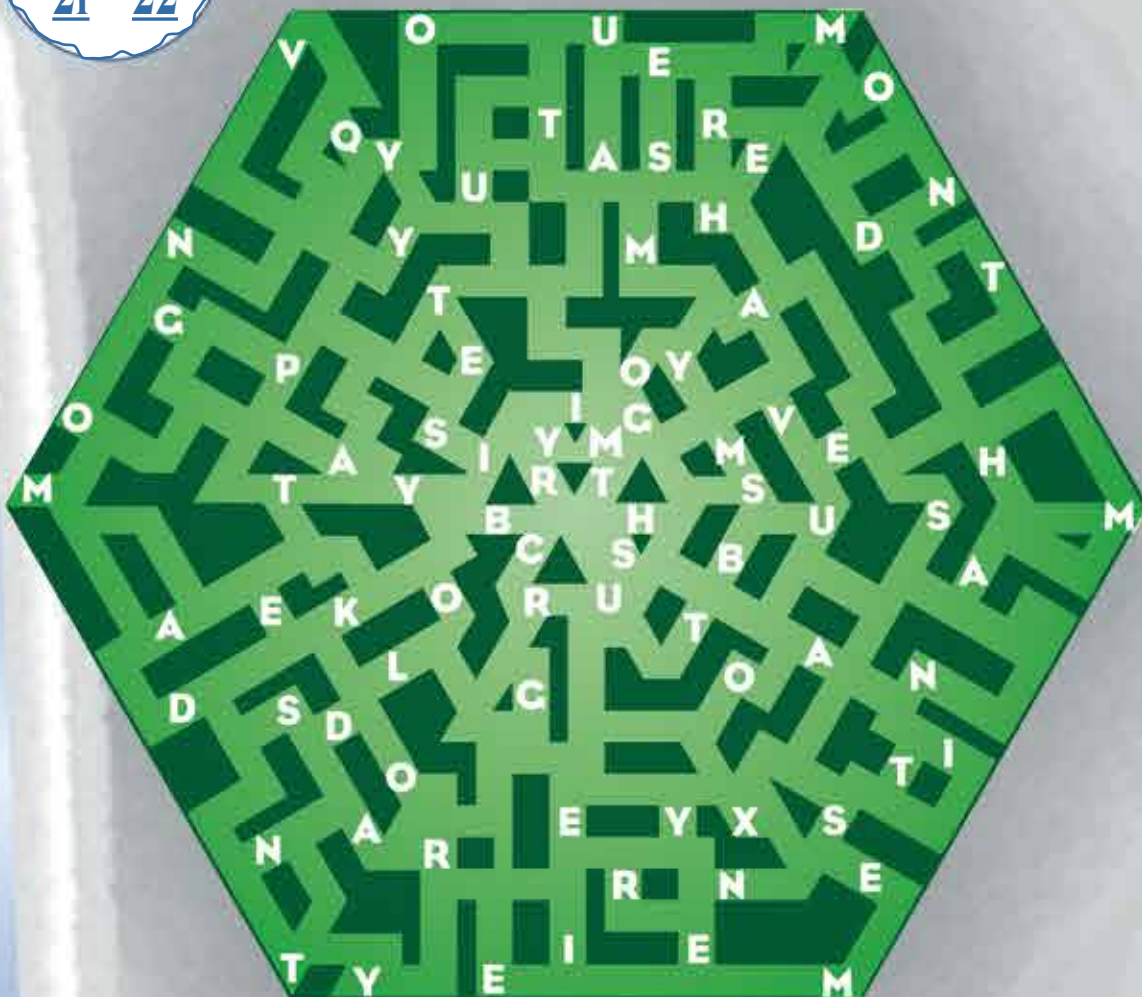
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HOLIDAY WORD SEARCH

The following words may be backwards, forwards or on an angle



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| CALM | HOLIDAY | PEACE |
| CANDY CANE | HOLLY | PRESENTS |
| CARDS | HOME | SHOPPING |
| CAROLS | ICICLES | SKATING |
| CELEBRATE | JINGLEBELLS | SNOWFLAKE |
| COOKIES | JOLLY | SNOWMAN |
| FROST | LIGHTS | STOCKINGS |
| GARLAND | MERRY | TOBOGGAN |
| GIVING | MISTLETOE | WREATH |



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This clever labyrinth has a secret message for those who find the correct path to the heart of Stinson.