

StinZine

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STINSON IN FOCUS



Photo: Talia Adele



Carter Park cleanup:

A group of neighbours gathered last month to get Carter Park into shape for the summer, cleaning up garbage and tidying the main outdoor gathering space in Stinson.

Photos: Linda Matthews

'Eye Spy' ...

Where are these local architectural highlights? See how well your knowledge of Stinson buildings stacks up. Check the August issue of StinZine for the answers.

Buildings from April issue:
Roof peak detail: 89 Grant Avenue.
Porch support pillars: 67 Ontario Avenue.



STINSON'S CARTER PARK Art CELEBRATION

MEET BRYCE HUFFMAN - the artist responsible for the Carter Park Mural • Enjoy FREE BBQ • Meet and greet your local artists • Display and sell your own artwork • Bring your whole family for a day of painting and fun • Find out about how the mural came to be • Learn about future plans for the park, and the civic square • Join the planning team in celebrating our community.

11:00AM - 2:00 PM
SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 2016

Artists wishing to participate can register before June 1st at:
INFO@STINSONCOMMUNITY.CA

Songs from The Bishop

Grab your lawn chair and head over to Bishop Park at the corner of East Avenue and Hunter Street to enjoy intimate music nights held every Thursday at 8 p.m. during August.

Watch for a schedule of the Thursday evening performances in the next StinZine or check in at stinsoncommunity.ca as performers are confirmed.

Plenty of options for 100in1 Day

By Lyna Saad, Community Developer, Social Planning and Research Council of Hamilton

On Saturday, June 4, hundreds of Hamiltonians will take to the streets for 100In1Day, a global festival of fun and creative 'urban interventions' that make our city a bit more fun, a bit more exciting and that highlight the possibilities of our streets and public spaces.

This free citizen-driven festival started in Bogotá, Colombia, with the goal of bringing 100 ideas to the city in one day. In Hamilton this festival is led by Evergreen and remains citizen-driven and -led.

All around the city you will find outdoor movies, bike rides, chalking, art, swaps, empty-space takeovers and more. Our very own Stinson residents will bring quirky, creative, and dreamy interventions to 100in1Day:

Fireflies in the Night

9 to 11 p.m., the Rail Trail between Wentworth and Wellington – Hundreds of lanterns will light up the rail trail between Corktown Park and Wentworth for a magical and dreamy night on the trail.

Art in the Park (Superhero Theme)

2 to 5 p.m. in Bishop Park – This arts and crafts event is for all ages. Materials will be supplied to create art that will be hung in Bishop's Park for the summer or taken home. Come dressed as a superhero for extra fun.

Stop Signs and Safe Streets

Look out for dressed-up stop signs and a 'Stop at the Sign' game encouraging cars to stop appropriately at our stops signs.

Visit hamilton.100in1day.ca to see the full schedule of 100in1Day interventions in Hamilton.

Building a safer Ward 2 together

By Eleni Jalbout

In Hamilton's Ward 2 this year, Participatory Budgeting has a new face and name: Plan-Local. Ward 2 Safe Streets asks residents and business owners to identify neighbourhood traffic safety concerns and potential solutions. By identifying and later voting on these "hot spot" areas, citizens directly inform city officials where to invest \$1 million allotted to improving street safety in Ward 2.

Phase 1: Identification

Last month, citizens of Ward 2 identified unsafe locations and related safety ideas in their six neighbourhoods: North End, Central, Durand, Corktown, Stinson and Beasley. A shortlist of the most frequently suggested locations, along with possible solutions, was developed. While compiling the shortlist,

Councillor Jason Farr and city staff considered a number of factors such as possible conflicts with city plans, budget feasibility, and equal representation in all six neighbourhoods.

Phase 2: The Vote

The voting process runs from June 20 to 30. It is crucial for a significant amount of people to vote on their top choices on the shortlist, so the wishes of residents will come to fruition. The PlanLocal Safe Streets vote results will be reported in July.

Phase 3: Build

After City Council approval, the projects will be slated to start in the 2017 budget year.

Please tell your neighbours, friends and families to vote this month at planlocal.ca/ward2. If you have any questions, please email Stinson's PlanLocal advisory board member Eleni Jalbout at elenijalbout@gmail.com.



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A look at the history, present, and future of Cathedral Boys’ School

By Maggie Day-Myron

Brief history:

This magnificent stone structure at the corner of Main Street East and Emerald Street South is one of only five remaining Catholic schools built in Hamilton between 1891 and 1945. It contributes to the wonderful architectural variety of our neighbourhood, but as with other schools built in the same era across Hamilton, its original purpose is now part of our history – the school closed in 1995, when a new Catholic high school opened on Wentworth Street.

What’s happened since closure:

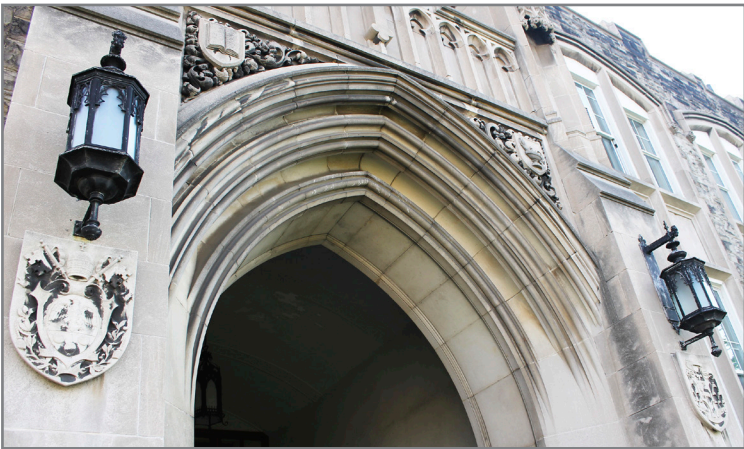
The building then became home to “Wilma’s Place,” an alternative learning centre that provided many years of service before moving to a new location in 2013. The future of Cathedral Boy’s School is unknown, although St. Leonard’s Society

of Hamilton has received approval from the city to move into the historic school for a year while it renovates its nearby halfway house building.

In 2013, the Stinson Community Association presented an application for Cathedral to be protected under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act and it is expected to receive a heritage designation. The diocese is studying future uses for the building, although no decisions have been made yet. Hopefully this solid, beautiful building will find re-purpose in our future.

Architectural Style:

The school was designed in the Neo-Gothic architectural style by Hamilton Architects Hutton & Souter and built by the Hamilton Pigott Construction Company, with additions made in 1942 and 1951. The building is reinforced concrete and steel, clad with rock-faced Credit Valley sandstone ashlar, and smooth-



Cathedral details:

Some of the highlights of Cathedral include the stone facade, Gothic buttresses, and lanterns flanking the Main Street entrance.

Photos: Talia Adele

cut, light buff Indiana limestone trim.

Cathedral’s architectural features, typical of the Collegiate Gothic style, include the stone façade and accents, the symmetrical composition, the prominent and popular centre frontispiece with carved ornamentation, and Gothic buttresses with a pair of suspended lanterns. Above is a carved stone cross and plaque bearing the name “Cathedral School.”

Also noteworthy are the marble staircase leading from the archway to the main entrance doorway, the stone-framed window bays with the remaining wood windows featuring multi-paned upper sashes, and the crenelated parapet walls with limestone capping.

This is a remarkable building and as residents we can appreciate its true beauty every time we walk our neighbourhood.



Black Forest Inn: you gotta eat here

By Linda Matthews

The Black Forest Inn Restaurant: “You Gotta Eat Here” according to The Food Network’s John Catucci, and being a longtime patron of the Black Forest Inn I would have to agree.

This International Village institution has been specializing in traditional Austrian and German foods since Fred and Rosa Oberreiter opened their doors in 1967.

Back then people lined up along King Street and around the block just to get a taste of their delicious home-cooked meals.

In 1979 a lounge was added so you can now sit, relax and be enveloped by the welcoming European atmosphere as you sample an imported wine or beer.

Today, Fred’s son Wolfgang and wife Gabi continue to serve up tasty samplings in portions large enough to satisfy the hungriest guests. If you

can’t choose from their huge menu I would recommend my husband’s favourite, the Black Forest Plate. This combo plate lets you try a variety of specialties such as schnitzel, kassler, sausage and sauerkraut in one sitting. Although known for their huge variety of schnitzels, the Black Forest Inn also has menu items such as goulash soup or salads for smaller appetites.

As the warmer weather approaches, the outdoor “Biergarten” patio (located on Ferguson Avenue at King Street) will once again offer an inviting spot under the trees to sit a while, relax and enjoy as you sit back and enjoy a cold one.

Come and try a little taste of the Alps, and tell them Bruce and Linda sent you. Prost!

Black Forest Inn is at 255 King St. E., just west of Wellington. It’s open 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, open an hour later on Friday and Saturday, and closed Mondays.

Free trees could benefit Stinson

By Diane Girard

It sounds crazy, but the City of Hamilton really wants us to have more trees in our neighbourhoods.

The free tree program has been in place since 2004. I used the service back in 2006. The city delivered and installed the tree, so I didn’t have to worry about planting.

The ongoing loss of the Ash tree population in the Hamilton area, plus damage from the ice storm of 2014, has created a deficit of thousands of trees. With more than 50 species to choose from in the program, there is certain to be something to enhance your property and contribute to beauty of our neighbourhood – not to mention the benefit to the environment.

‘Every Tree Counts’ is the new promotion. Homeowners

select their top three tree varieties, either by mail (call 905-546-2489 and ask for a copy of the Street Tree Planting Program brochure), or online (search “street trees” at hamilton.ca). Order by June 15 to make delivery for the next spring planting. Later submissions, up to January 15, 2017, will be delivered the following September. Don’t be put off by the online requirements – the city will inspect your property and

determine if your request is feasible.

Can you re-imagine the beauty of the past when Stinson, East, Victoria and Wellington were lined with beautiful, majestic trees? This made it a cool, beautiful pleasure to walk around the neighbourhood. This could be the reality again if homeowners were to request free trees! Please consider it and order soon. It’s an easy and free way to make Hamilton greener.



The way it was: This photo shows how East Avenue South used to look in 1904, when most streets in the Stinson area were lined with trees. Hamilton’s free tree program could make this scene a reality again.



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