

The Hamilton Beach Community Banner

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Upcoming Hamilton Beach Community Council Meeting Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm

Up coming meeting agenda:

- Treasurer and Secretary positions open, discussion of process and dates.
- Proposed development at 1117-1133 Beach Blvd
- Registering for digital copy of the Beach Banner

Hamilton Beach Community Council Minutes from February 28th, 2022

Attended virtually by approximately 25 people, The City of Hamilton hosted a meeting regarding a development proposal for 1117-1133 Beach Blvd. Summary follows:

- The Developer of 1117-1133 Beach Blvd is proposing 10 townhomes. They will be 12+m in height and ranging from 2500-2800 sq ft, not including non-living space like the garage.
- Parking consists of one unit in the garage and one in the driveway. No explicit guest parking. Guest parking would be subjected to any municipal parking nearby.
- We were advised that the court will remain as is, and the traffic associated with the 10 new townhomes have less of an impact on traffic than the commercial zoning that is currently in place.
- Construction is not expected until the spring of 2023 as this proposal is in it's early planning stage. There are still points to address, but overall, the HBCC feels the development aligns nicely with the Beach Neighbourhood Master Plan.



History of the Beach Banner

As another resident takes over the Beach Banner, let's take a step to the past and remind us of the efforts of past editors of the Beach Banner.

The first known Banner *Burlington and Hamilton Beach Review* started back 1926. It was published once a week and carried in depth Beach news, history, sports and announcements. It had an Editorial page with opinions of the local area and world news; there was also Mrs Reckles weekly rant. The paper included many advertisements from the Beach and all over Hamilton. Jim Hazell of Station Six on the Beach had ads for ice, wood and coal. The Beach Review was printed by Allied Printing of Hamilton.

In 1937 the *Beach News* printed its first edition, much like the Review with news and many ads.'

The Beach Bulletin was started in 1952 by the Burlington Beach Taxpayers Association in effort to oust the Burlington Beach Commission, their view was that the taxes on the Beach were far too high and compared the Beach tax rate (Mill Rate) to the town of Grimsby which was less with more services. With the Commission removed the Beach would become part of Saltfleet and would have access to better services and schools.

The Taxpayer's Association tried three times in thirteen years to remove the Commission but were never successful.

There wasn't a beach newsletter for many years until Beach residents Gwen Hall and Alice Selbie started the *Beach Banner*, first published in May 1993. This work was done in the resident's homes and then sent to City Hall for printing. At first the office of Alderman Fred Eisenberger printed the Banner then Councillor Chad Collins took over and printing them. The last publication for this banner was November 2007 when Gwen Hall decided to retire from active participation in the publishing of the Banner. Over many years Gwen continued to keep residents updated on all news and articles related to our community as well as any local events and activities of interest, also advertising, births notices,

marriage announcements and deaths. Over the years Gwen had 74 Banners printed and delivered to each home on the Beach and even mailed some to ex-residents.

The Beach Banner was then taken over by resident Jane Kruchka until the family moved from the Beach and in March of 2013 Lisa Witherington took over as Editor and authored approximately 48 Banners. The last one I put out was May 2020 and that was after consultation with the Beach Council because of COVID and not wanting the volunteer's going door to door during the pandemic. All the best to our new Editors and hopefully many more publications of the Banner to come.
Scott Howley



Obituary

"Bubbles" Florence Emmeline Smith

Cradled in my arms, Mom passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022. "Bubbles" was a vibrant soul with a sparkling personality, and she touched the lives of many. Loved and will be dearly missed by her children and their spouses Darlene and Rick Wissensz, Debra and Allan Zagar, Dianne and Richard DeGrow, Fred and Bonnie Smith. Predeceased by her husband Fred M. Smith and survived by her sisters Gloria Middleton, Pearl Ingham, and brother Ed Faraway. Mom was Grandma to 15, Grandma-Great to 31, and Grandma-Great-Great to one. Notes of sympathy and condolence may be left at

<https://donaldbrown.ca/tribute/details/7610/Bubbles-Florence-Smith/obituary.html#tribute-start>



Please send notice of births, marriages, and passings, to the editor.

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No. 3

BEACH TAXPAYERS ARE GRANTED VOTE FOR AN ELECTED COUNCIL

Annexation Bogey Used To Confuse Voters

Since the launching of the campaign to secure municipal incorporation of the Beach, a good deal has been heard of the probable annexation of the Beach area by the City of Hamilton in the near future.

Naturally enough there have been some enquiries from Beach residents in regard to the position of the Citizens' Committee on this question. The Committee's answer is a simple and straightforward one.

Annexation is not an immediate problem. At the earliest we will not be confronted with this question for two or three years, and in no way whatsoever does it enter into the purposes for which this Committee was conceived.

The objective of the Citizens' Committee is to rid ourselves of Commission government on the Beach. For the sake of argument we could assume that annexation was an immediate problem. We ask you then, what is preferable in the interests of Beach taxpayers?

The experience has been that all suburban areas, about to be annexed, take a rather dim view of it. The fringe areas upon which urban municipalities encroach are always reluctant to be embraced by the larger corporation. Inevitably, it means higher taxation.

But it is always possible for the suburban area to do some dickering, and strike a bargain. Does it not occur to you that in your interests as a Beach taxpayer a better bargain might be struck by your chosen representatives on a municipal council than by our present appointed Commission members who are not responsible to anyone except themselves.

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Right of Free Expression True Democracy

Some one has asked: Who is the Beach Citizens' Committee, and by what authority does it presume to speak for the rank and file of this community?

This question is particularly interesting in view of the fact that the Chairman of the Commission was recently quoted in the Spectator in these words:

"... every member of the Burlington Beach Commission is a resident and ratepayer of the Beach and we feel that it is in the best interests of all other Beach ratepayers, as well as in our own interests, that we oppose the move to incorporate as a village."

In the last issue of this Bulletin it was made abundantly clear that the members of the Citizens' Committee are all residents and taxpayers of the Beach and they outnumber the members of the Commission by four or five to one.

The truth is that this Committee could be many times larger. If there had been any assurance that the Committee could have had adequate accommodation for its meetings it would have been many times larger. Because the Commission has been in the position heretofore of denying us the privilege of using the Masonic Hall it has been expedient to meet in private homes rather than submit to another humiliation at the hands of the Commissioners and be summarily refused permission to hold larger and more public meetings.

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This issue of The Beach Bulletin is devoted to the presentation of the case for self-government on the Beach, by Beach taxpayers. In these pages will be found the results of careful investigations carried out by the Special Citizens' Committee, which is behind the movement. Every aspect of the transition and adjustment which will take place by removal of the Commission and the transfer of Beach affairs into the hands of an elected Council, has been fully studied and fully reported. It behooves every Beach taxpayer and resident to read carefully the contents of this issue and follow those which will appear in subsequent issues of "The Beach Bulletin."



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MAY 1993

GREETINGS via "THE BEACH BANNER". We'll be coming into your home on a regular basis, so if you've got news you'd like to share with the rest of the community, give us a call -
- GWEN HALL - 544-7873, ALICE SELBIE - 547-0245, or any of the EXECUTIVE, above.
DEADLINE for inclusion in our JULY issue will be JUNE 15th.

MONTHLY MEETINGS of the HAMILTON BEACH PRESERVATION COMMITTEE are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of EVERY MONTH, 7:30 p.m., BEACH RESCUE UNIT (FIRE HALL). Mark your calendar:-
MAY 4th, JUNE 1st, JULY 6th, AUG. 3rd, SEPT. 7th, OCT. 5th, NOV. 2nd & DEC. 7th this year.
Come on out to our meetings. Meet the residents who are our voice to all levels of government. Meet your neighbours. Hear first hand what is happening in our community.

" TRY IT, YOU MAY LIKE IT "

PITCH-IN WEEK - MAY 3rd - 9th, 1993

"HELP MAKE HAMILTON THE CLEANEST MOST BEAUTIFUL CITY IN CANADA"

Once again, we have been asked to participate . . .

Your own property . . . An empty lot . . . The Beach . . . A Park

On WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th (mark your calendar), the "Keep Hamilton Clean Committee" would like you to help set a new record for the GUINNESS WORLD BOOK OF RECORDS for the amount of trash collected on this day. To Register and get Special White Garbage Bags for collection call MIKE GAGNON - 545-2165 or BOB JAGGARD - 544-6518, or better still, attend the meeting on Tuesday May 4th to register and pick up the white bags.

ANNUAL GARAGE SALE - JULY 11th, 1993

(Another date for your calendar)

If you're into spring cleaning or participate in Pitch-In Week, save all those "treasures". Remember . . . "One Man's trash, is . . ."

SPECIAL LARGE ITEM PICK-UPS

For furniture, appliances, etc., call at least two days before the regular pick-up . . .

PUBLIC WORKS - 546-2785

AIR POLLUTION / EMISSIONS

Make note of the time, where it came from and which way it went, then make a phone call

MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT

521-7640 - during office hours

1-800-268-6060 - after hours and on weekends

"IF YOU GET INVOLVED, WE CAN GET THE PROBLEM RESOLVED"

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

FRANK RYAN (545-6681), Co-ordinator for the Neighbourhood Watch Programme, advises that a meeting is still in the planning stages - date and location are not yet confirmed. Remember, you're not being a 'nosey' neighbour - you're being a 'concerned' neighbour.

- Report any suspicious happenings -

911 - ONLY if it's an EMERGENCY

573-6100 - If it's property damage, mischief, etc.



Community Events

Nevada Break-Open Ticket

Help support the kids of the Hamilton Beach Community by purchasing Nevada Break-Open tickets that are available at the Beach Variety Store. Funds raised from the sales of these tickets goes towards activities for the kids of the Beach Community. Events such as the kids Christmas Party and the Easter Egg-stravaganza on Good Friday. Please support your community by stopping by the Beach Variety Store and purchasing some Nevada tickets!!



Beachstrip Events

Easter Egg Hunt
Friday April 15, 2022
11:00 am sharp
Jimmy Lomax Park
BEACH FAMILIES ONLY
Cash donations appreciated when you arrive
Easter Bunny will be there at 10:45 am for picture. Rain or shine.
If anyone would like to donate in advance please contact Anika anikalarkin75@hotmail.com

Hamilton

www.hamilton.ca/attractions
tourismhamilton.com

Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience

February 4-April 2, 2022
Hamilton Convention Centre
1 Summers Lane, Hamilton, ON L8P4Y2

Steam Museum After Dark

Saturday, April 2, 2022
Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology
National Historic Site
900 Woodward Avenue, Hamilton
Ages: 14+. Cost:
Cost: \$15.00 per person. Limited tickets available, pre-registration is required (no walk-ins).

ISU World Synchronized Skating Championships!

April 7-9, 2022
FirstOntario Centre
101 York Blvd, Hamilton, ON L8R 3L4

Hamilton Food & Drink Festival

May 13-14, 2022
First Ontario Centre
101 York Blvd, Hamilton, ON L8R 3L4

Other

Free Child's Presto Card

Pick Up Your Child's PRESTO Card for Free HSR Travel. Children ages 6-12 can now travel for FREE on HSR transit with a valid PRESTO card, available from Hamilton Public Library.

Here's How to Get Your Card :

Visit a Hamilton Public Library branch to get your child's free library card and PRESTO card. (Only one PRESTO card per child's library card. While quantities last.) Your child's free PRESTO card from HPL is valid for free travel on HSR until April 30, 2023.
<https://www.hpl.ca/bus-card>

Burlington

calendar.burlington.ca

Winter Beer Festival

April 1-2, 2022
Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre
3063 South Service Rd. Burlington, Ontario, L7N 3E9.
Ticket \$25.00

A Sp'egg'tacular Easter Event

Saturday, April 9, 2022
Ireland House Museum
2168 Guelph Line
Burlington, Ontario, L7P 5A8
10:00 AM - 02:00 PM
cost is \$10/child (ages 3-12), there is no charge for accompanying adults

Burlington's Sound of Music Festival

June 11-19, 2022
Spencer Smith Park



Animal Services	
Travis Lloyd Timson Beach Boulevard Pet Services 289-260-2471 travislloyd@gmail.com Dog walking and pet sitting available 7 days a week.	
Child Care	
Kyla Berkenbosch Certified Baby Sitter 905-519-2909 Baby sitter services available evening and weekends	
Financial	
Louise Groleau-O'Neill InfoTax Ltd 905-543-0041 624 Beach Blvd www.goinfotax.com Person & Small Business Tax Preparation Open all year round In-home Service for Seniors	
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Other	
Diane Lambert-Slagter Living on the Edge 289-683-9985 Diane@slagter.ca FB : Diane Lambert-Slagter One-of-a-kind charcuterie boards	

Particulate and Salt Fallout

If you see any fallout from the industry around the harbor that is affecting the Beach, please call and report it. The Ministry of the Environment 24-hour line 1-800-268-6060, local office line, 905-521-7650, or you can reach out to Adrienne Clark at 905-521-7716.

For the last couple of years, the Port has allowed the storage of mountains of road salt that when left uncovered or moved impacts the residents in the area. Unlike coal dust, salt can corrode and damage your home and vehicle. The salt companies have moved these piles further north on Eastport Drive this year and the impacted areas border on the side streets between Locarno Avenue and Knapman Avenue. We ask that residents keep watch during times of high winds and report all occurrences to the MOE and please contact the community so that we can keep track as well – hbcf@cogeco.ca

Banner News

This Banner has languished and we would like to get it running again to keep everyone in the community abreast of goings-on. We've included community event dates and simple text advertising from community residents, and would like to continue the practice. Please send information to Lorraine Hughes at jlhughes2006@yahoo.com or text 905-520-6817.