

DURAND

Through the Decades



Durand Park Bazaar, 1978

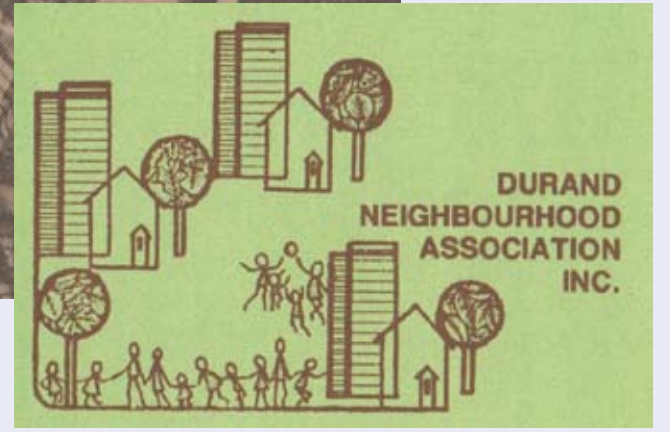


- In 1972, residents organize to protect neighbourhood from uncontrolled development and demolition.
 - Durand Neighborhood Association Inc. (DNA) is established.
 - DNA insists on a neighbourhood plan and a park.
 - City acquires property bordered by Park, Charlton, and Herkimer.
 - Streets for future park; Durand Park opens in 1975.
- Durand Neighbourhood Plan approved by the City Sandyford Place designated under the Ontario Heritage Act (1975).
 - New DNA "logo" designed.
- Provincial historic site plaque unveiled at Central Public School (125 years old).

1970



Planning Durand, 1973

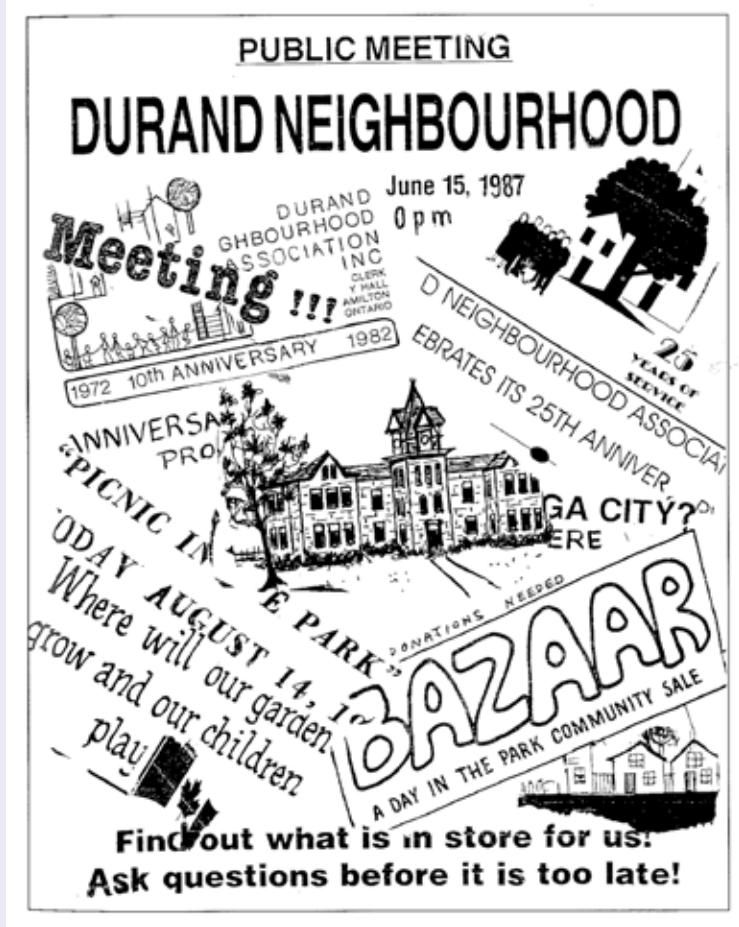


Original DNA Logo

- Elevated rapid transit system on James Street South derailed.
- DNA has reservations about a high-rise development for the Thistle site and St. Marks Church site.
- Adaptive reuse of Carnegie Library (Family Court), Sandyford Place (condos) and Southam Mansion (CHCH).
- DNA authorizes Alleyway Study for pedestrian and bicycle network.
- Former President Muriel Beatty chosen as one of Hamilton's "Women of the Year".
- DNA forms committee to deal with traffic and parking issues.
- DNA organizes Neighbourhood Watch.
- Revised Durand Plan approved by City.
- DNA is involved in a successful quest to preserve a historic mansion at 105 Aberdeen, but is unsuccessful in saving another at 65 Markland.



Skating in Durand, 1982



Public Meeting Ad, 1987



Canada Day, 1987



Canada Day in the Park, 1985

1980

- Two Heritage Conservation Districts created: MacNab-Charles and Durand-Markland.
 - Officer's Club demolished before Designation could be approved.
- DNA addresses Mayor Morrow over traffic accidents in the neighbourhood.
- DNA supports conversion of major downtown streets from 1-way to 2-way.
 - DNA fundraises for new playground equipment.
- DNA hosts 20th Anniversary Celebration at James Street Baptist.
- DNA and residents win support for improvements that preserve the natural environment in reconstruction of James Mountain Road.
- DNA, developers and City reach a settlement on new plan for the Thistle Club, avoiding a full Ontario Municipal Board hearing.
- City purchases and designates St. Mark's Church an Open Space; this would be the start of a long battle by the DNA to ensure much needed green space for the community.
 - DNA receives Vision 20/20 Recognition Award.

1990



Durand Park, 1990



Vision 2020 Recognition Award, 1998



Thistle Club



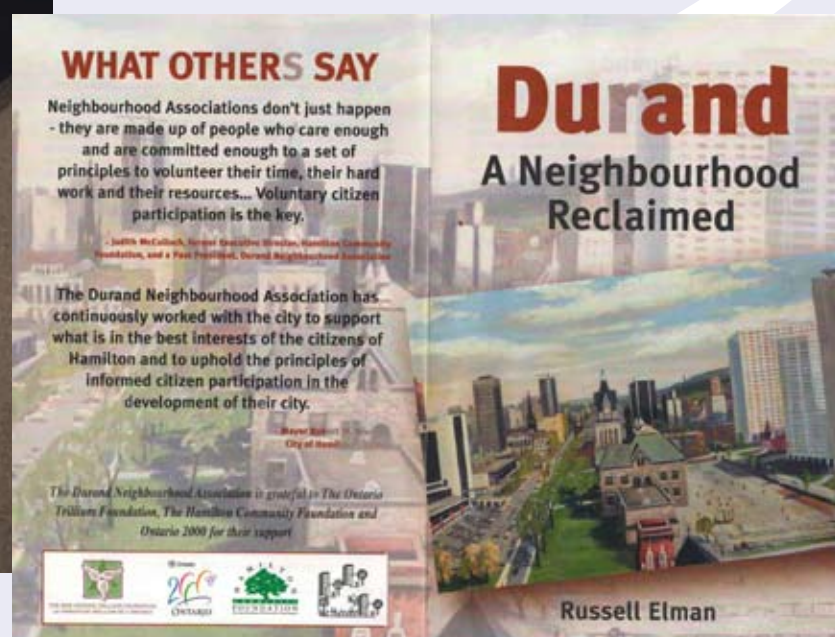
St. Mark's Anglican Church, Bay Street South

- Executive approves new mission statement and goals.
- DNA's Millennium Project produces 2 books and hosts a province wide symposium for Ontario neighbourhoods.
- Officer's Club is demolished and DNA endorses a town house complex on the site.
- DNA hosts picnics at Whitehern and Durand Park.
- DNA fundraises: Durand Tour of Homes and the Grand Durand Garden Tour.
- DNA invites Property Standards Department to come to a meeting of Duranders to address their concerns.
- Traffic study implemented.
- Association presents business plan to Councillor and City staff for much needed Durand Park revitalization.
- Newsletters go electronic and new logo created.
- DNA supports Dundurn Edge development plans for Thistle site property (2 towers not to exceed 200 units and a 4-storey complex).
- City advises Association that St. Mark's is to be disposed of; DNA engages in talks with new developers of Thistle site.

2000



DNA Presidents, 2000



Durand: A Neighbourhood Reclaimed, 2000



Demolishing Former Military Institute, The Spectator - June 26, 2002



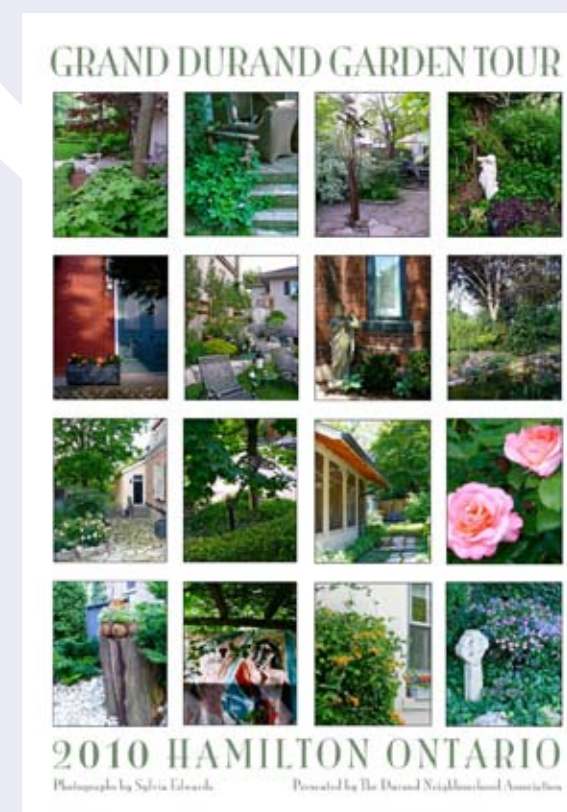
Picnic in the Park - June 20, 2009

2010

- Council approves St. Mark's as a cultural and community facility following over 20 years of advocacy by the DNA.
- DNA addresses traffic and safety issues: lower speeds, protected bike lanes, 2-way conversions, and traffic humps.
 - DNA fundraises: Grand Durand Garden Tours 2010, 2013 and 2016.
- Heritage under siege: James Street Baptist; 1 St. James Place; fire at Pasadena Apartment.
- Council ignores OMB 1995 Minutes of Settlement, a blow to the Association and community; 3rd tower built by New Horizon Homes.
- Newly designed Durand Park opens June 2016 and hosts movie nights, Spooktacular and the 45th Celebration of the Association.
- DNA advocates to preserve character and heritage with Character Zoning Project, Durand Built Heritage Inventory, and Secondary Plan.



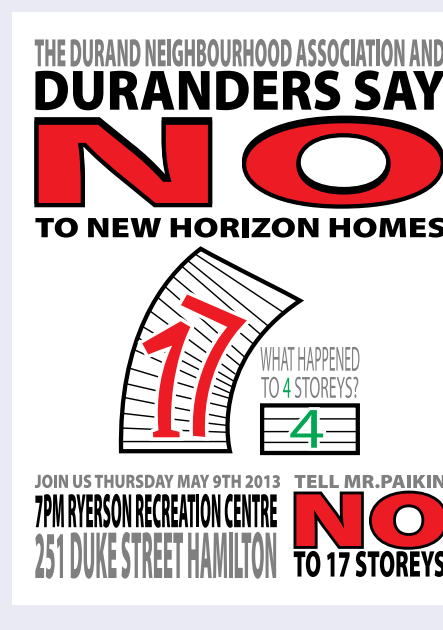
Durand Park, 2016



Grand Durand Garden Tour Ad, 2010



Grand Durand Garden Tour, 2013



DNA Public Meeting Ad, 2013



Protected Bike Lane on Herkimer, 2016



James Street Baptist Alteration, 2014



Spooktacular, 2016



Throughout All Decades: All Candidates Meetings for Ward 2, Annual General Meetings, Public Meetings, Newsletters, and Representation on City-Wide Committees.