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Meet the New DNA Board

Annual General Meeting Produces New Board and New Logo



The DNA AGM included a lively panel discussion featuring (l-r) Rob Hamilton, Linda Lukasik, Sonja Macdonald, Kieran Dickson, Ken Coit.

On November 6th, the Durand Neighbourhood Association held its 2007 Annual General Meeting. President Sonja Macdonald provided a poignant year-in-review that summarized the goals, the actions and the



Sonja Macdonald, President of the DNA, provided a year-in-review report. (l-r) Craig Hanson, Treasurer, Sonja Macdonald, President, Graham Cubitt, Secretary.

accomplishments of the DNA over the past twelve months. Poignant because, as is too

often the case, you sometimes get so close to the work you're doing, that you lose sight of the progress you're making. Progress was the theme of Sonja's remarks (see Sonja's Year in Review on page 3).

A new Board of Directors was elected to serve through 2008. The 2008 DNA Board members are: Nicholas Kelvahan, Craig Hanson, Graham Cubitt, Madelaine Stellar-Cain, Sarah Matthews, Janice Brown, Martin Maretzki, Denis Baker.

The business part of the AGM was followed by a lively and interactive panel discussion about neighbourhood development that featured Rob Hamilton, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Linda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, Kieran Dickson, Hamiltonians for Progressive Development, and Ken Coit, City of Hamilton Planning Department.

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Madelaine Steller *Executive Director*

IT'S ALL ABOUT CHOICES

To skate, you need two things. Ice and skates.

We'll look after the ice, if you'll help us with the skates.

The DNA is planning on setting up an ice rink in the Durand Park this winter. Already the weather looks like it will cooperate. So, although the ice making may be easy, some kids in our neighbourhood can't afford the skates they need to enjoy the ice rink. Can you help? If you'd like to donate old, slightly used or new skates to the project, please contact president@durandna.com and we'll arrange to pick them up.



2008 Board of Directors

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Year End Review

The DNA Accomplished Much in 2007

Message from Sonja Macdonald, President, Durand Neighbourhood Association

2007 was an active and important year for the Durand Neighbourhood Association, and I wanted to provide you all with an update on our activities. We celebrated our 35th anniversary as the oldest neighbourhood association in the city and our Board worked hard to fulfill the new vision we set out for ourselves in 2006. As we mentioned last year, our new vision is for us to be an active, resident-based voice, successfully addressing priority issues affecting our neighbourhood to nurture a vibrant downtown community. We have 4 main strategic objectives to move this forward – Membership, Issues, Communication and Events.

In terms of membership, we have spent the year cleaning up our existing list, establishing a more accurate renewals process and working to generate new membership through our events. We are always looking to expand the membership of the Association to all reaches of the neighbourhood, and the best way to do that is through word of mouth from existing members, so we call on all of you to remind folks that one of the reasons for our great community is the association. Please engage your neighbours and encourage them to join us.

In 2006, we established a number of general issue areas for the Board to focus on. Over the past year we have worked on the following four; the environment, transit & traffic, safety & health, and urban development. The main focus of the environment issue has been the health and future of our local park. As a result of the Grand Durand Garden Tour, we raised over \$8,000 to be dedicated to park beautification. Now that we have the funds, the next step is for our parks subcommittee to work to design the plan and priorities for how to spend this money. Over the next year we will be seeking member and community wide input. Additionally, we have been pressuring the City to properly maintain the park, this pressure will continue into the future, until there is regular and reliable maintenance and care of our only park.

Nicholas Kevlahan, DNA's Vice President, focused much of his Durand time on transit issues over the last year, including drafting two articles for the Durander on transit issues and ideas. Also, he has worked to reinforce the Association's support for a Downtown VIA Rail station, and he is working with the Hamilton Civic Coalition transit sub-committee. We continued to advocate with City officials on traffic issues including parking on Bay St. S., participating in the City's pedestrian workshop, and following up on the two-way conversion of James and John and the neighbourhood traffic study. Community Safety was an active area over the last year, Durand continued participation on the Hamilton Police

Services Division One Superintendent's Advisory Committee, we continued to try to build a relationship with our local crime manager, although we have lost yet another one this year. We hope the next one assigned will be in the position for the allotted 2-3 years as promised by the HPS.

With respect to community issues and crime we want to emphasize the need for members to continue to report criminal activity to the police directly, and keep us advised of issues in your part of the neighbourhood so that we can bring those forward to the HPS.

Issues of urban development is an area where the past seems to be recurring in the present. The future of the Thistle Club site is still up in the air as the current owners have the project on hold as they negotiate with the City on issues related to parkland dedication fees and other development charges. Hopefully some reasonable resolution can be reached and an appropriately sized project can begin to the benefit of the whole community.

Another area for neighbourhood concern is the new Hunter St. Development, on the north side of Hunter between Bay and Caroline, where the last three Victorian homes on that side of the street will be torn down to make way for a multi-storey condo building. The whole project was approved without public consultation, as they were able to include it in the downtown secondary plan process.

Finally, we continue to work with the City to find an appropriate use for St. Marks. We have communicated our position to City Staff, and we encouraged residents and members to voice their comments to the City as well. We are eager to see an appropriate adaptive reuse of the structure and the protection of the green space in front of the building as public space.

The DNA has remained committed to working for our neighbourhood and in participating in other community and provincial organizations to forward shared objectives. One important new committee is the Ward 2 neighbourhood committee which was established in January 2007, with Councillor Bratina. The Committee meets on a quarterly basis and is comprised of all 6 neighbourhood groups in the Ward. It has proven to be a valuable way to share information and work together on issues such as community safety, cleanliness and other broader city issues.

As 2007 was an important anniversary year, we chose to host a number of events to invite our members, our neighbours, and the community at large to celebrate with us. This began in June with the Grand Durand Garden Tour, which was brilliantly co-chaired by Graham Crawford and Janice Brown.

Year End Review (continued)

The day was a grand success with over 500 tickets sold to people from across the city and beyond. As mentioned, we raised over \$8,000 for park development.

In July, we officially celebrated our anniversary with the Picnic in the Park. Craig Hanson did a phenomenal job organizing this great day of fun, games, music, food and memories. Approximately 1,200 joined us throughout the day. Hopefully we can build on this success in summers to come!

Earlier this month, we held our 2007 Annual General Meeting, and panel discussion on Neighbourhood Development. It was an engaging evening, organized by Board members Madelaine Stellar Cain and John Hawker.

As you can see it has been a very productive year and that your Board has been working hard to support our vibrant neighbourhood. We still have a lot of work ahead and there are plenty of opportunities for all our members to get involved, whether through membership, on sub-committees, writing for the newsletter, or just keeping us up to date on issues and events in your part of the neighbourhood.

I would like to close with a special thank you to my Board colleagues – I am stepping down as President and off the Board, but I have to say that it has been great fun to work with all of them. I would like to thank those who are leaving the DNA Board, Graham Crawford, John Hawker, Dawn Graham, Michelle Stark for their work over the years and wish them well as they take their energy, expertise and commitment to their next challenges.

From those of us leaving at the end of 2007 to those who are picking up the DNA mantle in 2008, we wish you the best of luck, much fun and we know you will continue to build on the 35 year old legacy of our venerable Association.

The Board of the Durand Neighbourhood Association would like to thank Sonja Macdonald for her dedicated leadership over the past year.



Message from Bob Bratina, Councillor Ward 2

To Durand Neighbourhood Residents,

The Thistle Club development remains a problem in terms of when the first resident will move into a new condominium unit. There is disagreement over what the City insists is a valid million dollar park dedication charge. I have further concerns about delaying construction until a certain number of units are reserved. Typically projects in the Downtown area need to be at least partially built before people will make their deposit. Examples are the Core Lofts on Bay and the Sylvestri project on Napier Street which were built prior to offering model suites.

On another matter I was very proud to stand with the residents of Inglewood Drive in their fight against a property severance. Their arguments were thorough, indisputable and presented in a calm and dignified manner. It was public engagement at its best and resulted in the desired outcome....that the severance be disallowed.

Another project of concern is the Hunter Street Condo development. We do not want the three homes on the site demolished until such time as the new building would be constructed. This is to avoid the empty lot problem that we see at the Thistle site.

Some residents have been asking me about progress on the return of VIA train service to the downtown. We have a commitment from GO Transit to work with VIA to return the service to James St. North. Our plan (I'm on the GO Board) is to have a platform facility constructed at James North. The plan is supported by the GTTA which has recommended the Province provide 3 million dollars for this.

I also want to thank the new Chair Sarah Matthews and the residents of the Durand Neighbourhood who've stepped forward to sit on the DNA Board. In doing so you show your commitment to this great Canadian urban neighbourhood.

In the upcoming budget process I'll need your help to make sure that funds are secured to properly maintain our Durand Park and the neighbourhood streets.

I wish you all for 2008.

Sincerely,
Bob Bratina, Councillor, Ward 2

Picnic in the Park Huge Success

Almost 1200 People Join Celebration in Durand Park

We could not have asked for a better day - clear blue sky, it was warm but not too humid, and a mild breeze was blowing through the park. A small army of volunteers gathered early on the morning of Saturday, July 7, 2007 to set up the stage, distribute picnic tables and information tables. We had no idea how many people would join us, but we certainly hoped that there would be a fair number of neighbours who would stop by for a brief time.

Picnic in the Park, our official event to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Durand Neighbourhood Association, began with the dulcet tones of the Balkan Strings at 11:00 am. Bob Bratina, our Ward Councillor and a Balkan Strings band member opened the day for those assembled. This was followed by a brief recognition of those who started our neighbourhood association and those who worked over the years to keep it. We were pleased that members from the first Board of Directors, Diane Dent and Grant and Brenda Head were present for the day, as were Herman Turkstra, Russell Elman and Bill McCullough, all of who were integral in establishing and continuing the Association and its influence in the City.

The continued importance of the DNA was demonstrated by the fact that we had representation from all three levels of government join us. David Christopherson, MP, then MPP Judy Marsales, and newly elected MPP Andrea Horwath were all in attendance, as was Councillor Bob Bratina



CHECK SPELLING OF NAMES

DNA President Sonja Macdonald thanks DNA founders for their contribution to our neighbourhood. (left to right) Diane Dent, Brenda Head, Grant Head, Bill McCulloch, Russell Elman, Claire Elman.

who brought us best wishes from the City. As the day progressed the crowds grew. There was a lot to draw them in - there were kids games, a pet show, information tables, bicycle repair and great food from Rardon's Deli. Over the day, approximately 1,200 people came to the park to join in the celebration. The music continued throughout the day with performances by groups including Turkey Rhubarb, Jude Johnson, and an Elvis Presley impersonator.



The day was a big one for the children, although some found it a little too stimulating and had to take some time to catch up on their sleep.

Picnic in the Park Continued

The day could not have taken place without the kind assistance of our sponsors, Inch Hammond Barrister and Solicitors, the Bank of Montreal, the Durand Seniors Residence, TD Canada Trust, Alert/Best Nursing and Home Care, Bob Bratina, and the City of Hamilton.



Residents of the Durand Seniors Residence had the best seats in the house - cool shade on a hot day.

The Picnic was a great success, and reminded all of us the real importance of the DNA. It is about building community, and our Durand Park is the best location within our neighbourhood to do this. We hope that all who joined us on that beautiful July day had a wonderful time, as we did, and we look forward to future events like this.



Craig Hanson, Treasurer of the DNA, was the mastermind behind the day,



Pet show judges admitted this was a first for them, but didn't let inexperience get in the way.



An engraved stone at the south-east corner of the park commemorates the founding of the DNA 35 years ago.



Councillor Bob Bratina and the Balkan Strings provided a lively start to the day.



A wonderful variety of fantastic talent kept the crowds happy and entertained throughout the day.



"Yes, I know. But they tell me my face will grow into them."

Thistle Never End

Thistle Club Site Continues To Be a Thorn in the Side of Durand

by Nicholas Kelvahan

The state of the former Thistle Club property on Robinson Street has been the subject of many Durander articles and much effort by the DNA board over the past two decades. Although the property still sports a sign advertising 'luxury freehold townhomes – coming soon!', readers will have noticed little activity over the last six months. Although the site was eventually levelled and graded, we still have to contend with a huge weed-filled eyesore in the heart of the neighbourhood, years after the old Thistle Club was demolished.

In this article we'll bring you up to date on how we came to this, and what the future might hold for the Thistle Club property. As you'll see, the history of the Thistle Club site is long and convoluted (and far from over).

The Hamilton Thistle Club, one of Canada's best-known curling clubs, existed for 139 years, from 1853 to 1989. In 1988 a controversial high-rise development was proposed for the site, although this never came to fruition. In 1995 another controversial development was proposed. The DNA and the developers eventually reached a settlement, which resulted in modified plans, and avoided an OMB hearing. This project, also, was abandoned.

The property was finally sold in 2003 to Hi-Rise developments, which promptly demolished the Victorian clubhouse and old curling arena. As part of the conditions on the demolition permit, the developers were required to preserve some architectural features of the building to be incorporated into the new development. These artefacts apparently still exist (somewhere).

Not surprisingly, Hi-Rise wanted to build high-rise, high-density buildings on the site! The DNA proposed modifying this plan to low-rise townhouses, and Hi-Rise appeared to support this change. However, not long afterwards, Hi-Rise abandoned the project and sold the site (still not graded and levelled as required by City by-laws) on to Londonderry (another property developer).

The site was finally graded and levelled, after over two years of constant pressure by the DNA on the Building and Licensing Department of the City to enforce its own by-laws! Londonderry proposed yet another development, and promised construction would start Spring 2007 at the

latest. However, Londonderry also ended up abandoning the project and sold it on to Dundurn Edge Developments (headed by Robert Manherz). This is where we are today.



Manherz has been in the news recently as the developer of the new private McMaster student residence on the old CNIB site on Main Street West. Manherz is aiming for this building to be LEED (leadership in environmental design) certified because of its high energy efficiency. It would be good to see a high-quality environmentally sustainable development built on the Thistle Club site! The proposed design is still in its early stages, but it will likely involve a combination of a mid-rise building (6 to 8 storeys) and townhouses around a central courtyard.

The DNA Board is committed to staying on top of the situation and will keep you informed of any developments as we become aware of them.

Winter already got you down?



Spring. | Appearing soon at a park near you.

Grand Durand Garden Tour Update

Garden Tour Delights Hundreds of Guests

by Janice Brown & Graham Crawford, Co-Chairs of the Grand Durand Garden Tour 2007

Sometimes, things just work out the way you want them to. Late last year, as we planned The Grand Durand Garden Tour with a goal to raise a significant amount of money for the beautification of the Durand Park, what we wanted were great gardens, great sponsors, great volunteers, great weather and great crowds. Ambitious? Perhaps, but in this case, the results say it all.

First came the great gardens. We selected them carefully and early. Each gardener we approached said yes to helping us achieve our goals. Our theme was "Gardens that

will embrace your senses." Each gardener ensured that that our theme became reality. Each one different, each one extraordinary in its own way, all 10 gardens on the tour were breathtaking in their beauty. Hard-working, dedicated gardeners became engaged and generous hosts to more than 600 visitors that day in June.

Next, came great sponsors. We said that we would try to stay local, meaning we would contact businesspeople who lived in our neighbourhood. Our budget said that we needed five to agree. We came up with a list of 10 potential businesses and contacted the first five on our list. The first five became the final five because each of them said yes to our request. Neighbours became sponsors. Their money meant we could market the tour properly.

For something as ambitious as The Grand Durand Garden Tour, we had to have great volunteers. With 10 gardens,

not to mention ticket sales and marketing, the efforts of volunteers can mean the difference between good and great. Our dedicated and tireless volunteers ensured great was the outcome.



As you might expect, we also wanted great weather. While there wasn't much we could do about this component, perhaps goodwill begets good weather because that's just what we got. It was a magnificent day. Warm, sunny and clear. The gardens looked splendid. Indeed, the senses were embraced.

Finally, great crowds. Without them, the day wouldn't have achieved its ultimate goal. But, with them, it did.



So hot was the ticket for The Grand Durand Garden Tour that we had to cut off sales at 600. We could have sold more, but we were concerned about the sheer volume of people in our gardeners' private spaces. In hindsight, we might have been able to handle another 100 or so. Certainly, our gardeners said they would have been happy to play host to more people. But for the 600 who bought tickets that permitted them to experience some of the finest gardens in the City of Hamilton, truly it was a splendid day.



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What all of this added up to was a proud moment for the Durand, and for the Durand Neighbourhood Association. We set ourselves a goal of clearing \$8,000. We achieved

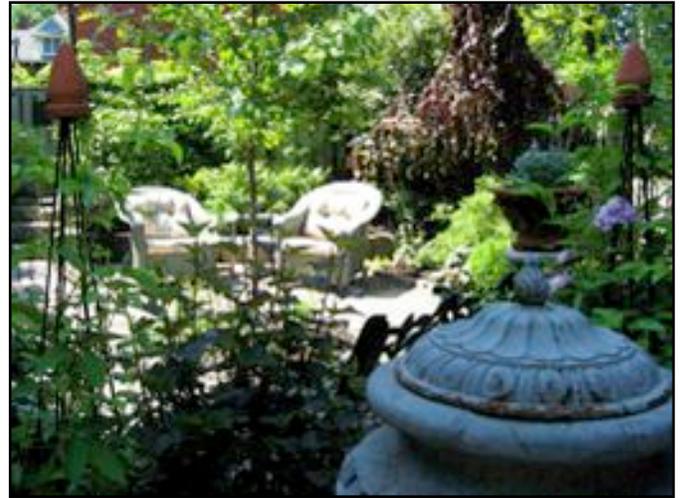


that goal, and even a bit more. The money raised in the Durand, by Duranders, will stay in our neighbourhood, manifesting itself in improvements to the Durand Park.

So, although The Grand Durand Garden Tour lasted but a single day, it's impact will be felt by many for

a very long time to come.

To our gardeners, to our sponsors, to our visitors and to our volunteers, we thank you for making The Grand Durand Garden Tour another proud moment in the ongoing and vibrant history of the Durand neighbourhood.

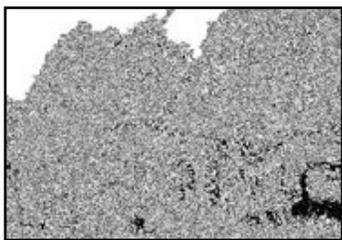


Hunter Street Properties Slated for Demolition

Historic Homes To Become Highrise Condo

by Graham Crawford

The Hamilton Spectator was first to report on a move by the owner of three historic properties on Hunter Street to demolish them to make way for an ambitious \$20 million, 11 storey condo project. The developer, Alokin at Hunter, is owned by the Janjic family who also own a number of nursing homes. After presenting their plans to the Municipal Heritage Committee, the developer's architect, planning consultant and marketing person met with the Board of the Durand Neighbourhood Association to discuss neighbourhood concerns. The DNA, although cautious about supporting high-rise development, given it was the fight against such buildings that led to the formation of the DNA 35 years ago, acknowledged that the City's Secondary Plan permits such development. After talking with the developer, the Board offered some recommendations regarding the project, which they agreed to support in principle. Of most concern was the intent by the developer to demolish the houses before trying to pre-sell any of the units. They acknowledged that they need to sell at least 70% of the units for the project to be viable. The DNA expressed their concern that this sequence might lead to another empty lot, as is the case with the Thistle Club site (see update on page 7). The Board suggested that the existing homes be used as the Sales Centre just in case the developer was unsuccessful at pre-selling enough units. The developer agreed to consider the suggestion, but did not commit to following the DNA's request. It's important to note that the City of Hamilton has approved a loan of \$1.3 million to the developer to help get the project underway. We'll keep you updated as further details emerge.



The homes as they exist presently on Hunter Street between Bay and Caroline.



The proposed condo building.

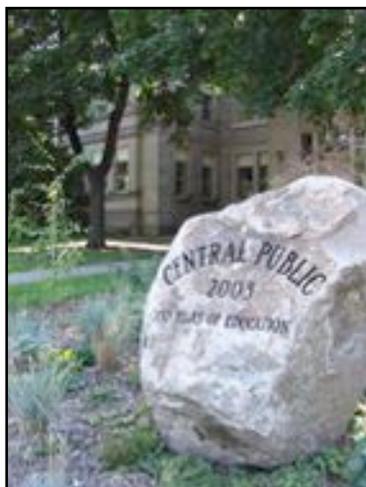
Photos by Barry Gray, the Hamilton Spectator.

To Walk Through the Doors...

Central Public School is Very Much Alive and Well

by Sue Shaker

To walk through the doors of Central Public School is to both walk back in time while experiencing an active school community of today. A designated historic building, the school enjoys prominence on its Hunter Street site unmatched by any other school in the city. It is currently undergoing renovations to the second floor which will provide new classrooms, library, computer lab, reading room, conferencing center and more, all ready for September 2008. Principal Rene Contant, sensitive to the many demands of an inner city school, works to foster a welcoming and successful atmosphere for the students from 27 nations, speaking 68 languages. Students, staff and families are encouraged to become involved in a wide range of activities and



this he believes leads to a well rounded and enriched education. As needs are identified he and his staff create programming that addresses the selected areas thus fostering the development and full potential of each child. This includes reaching out to parents, increasing their knowledge of the community and our education system. Much has been achieved under Mr. Contant's guidance but it is not hard to imagine what more lies ahead. With improved facilities, an appreciated and dedicated staff, students who are put front and center, Central is OUR best little school and luckily for us, it is in Durand. Cheers to this wonderful community asset!

Boo's Bistro & Wine Bar Is A Hit

Latest Addition to James Street South Takes An International Approach to Cooking

Restaurant Review by Mike Valente

Since the addition of our two girls to our family, Sarah and I do not get the opportunity for a night out as much as we would like to. So when we venture out on the town for a meal, we expect the best. Boo's Bistro & Wine Bar exceeded our expectations.

Boo's is a recent addition to the Durand community dining scene, having opened this past summer. Sarah and I have had the pleasure of dining at Boo's when it first opened in June and most recently in mid-September. On both occasions the food and service were excellent; the only difference is that on our second visit the hostess was turning patrons away at the door.

Boo's has an upscale contemporary bistro look and feel. Both lighting and background music are soft, which is particularly nice dimension to your dining experience when you want to enjoy the company of your dining partner.

Boo's bar is well stocked with a variety of premium martinis and an extensive cocktail menu. Boo's also has a wide selection of wine available by the glass or bottle. The regions are varied and the price points are very reasonable. Lounge lizards or barflies would be more than welcome to sip a cocktail or two at the inviting bar.

However, if you can only stay for a drink, you will be missing a gastronomic treat. The culinary talents of Chef Boo are evident in his original menu that varies from chilli shrimp and prosciutto figs as appetizers, to Thai beef and tomato & coconut salads. For your entrée you will be tempted by the stuffed chicken supreme, spice duck breast, and the pomegranate lamb loin. Sarah and I do not often agree, but the chilli shrimp and spiced duck breast received a resounding applause from both of us.

All of the desserts are home-made. If you are like us and cannot decide between the classic crème brûlée or the cheesecake with blueberry sauce, try them both; your taste buds with thank you.

Boo's staff are friendly and knowledgeable. They are an added bonus to this bustling venue with a relaxed celebratory feel. If you are looking for a gastronomic treat, try Boo's.

Boo's is located at 164 James Street South.

Make reservations by calling 905-296-7598 or you will be disappointed. Visit the website at www.boosbistro.ca. Bon appetit!

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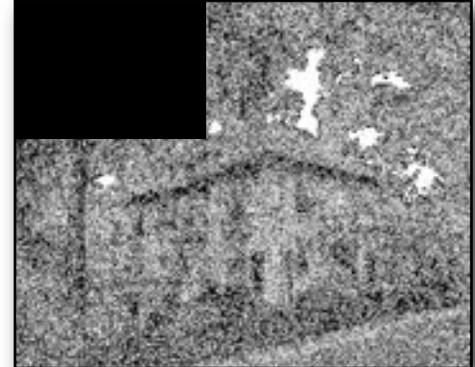
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The photo on the left appeared in a catalogue produced by The Right House in 1918 that featured many of the homes for which the Right House Interior Decorating Department had done the interiors. The photo on the right was taken in December 2007. The current owners are going to great effort to ensure that the house is restored to its past glory. It's comforting to see owners who understand what they have and make the effort to maintain it.



ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE

HUNTER STREET

Peter Hunter Hamilton was the youngest half-brother of George Hamilton, founder of the city. Born in Queenston in 1800, he moved to Hamilton and, in 1823, purchased extensive property in the area. He married Harriet Durand and they live, originally, in a log house at the end of Charles street. Peter was one of the first magistrates of the city, served on the board of health during the cholera epidemic of 1832 and served as president of the board of police in 1836. He died in 1857 and is buried in the Hamilton Cemetery. Hunter Street faced a radical challenge in 1895. The TH&B Railway had begun operations and needed to find a way to bring trains in from the west to the station on Hunter and Hames Street. It was decided that the line would not run along the street, but under it. Using steam shovels, a tunnel was built in 1895. The tunnel cost \$300,000 and three lives. The first train went through the tunnel on December 28, 1895. The TH&B Railway went out of business in 1987. GO Transit acquired the station and the lines and began operations on April 29, 1996.

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BOOKS ABOUT HAMILTON

Vanished Hamilton III

When something is popular, it almost certain that a sequel will follow. Such has been the case with the Vanished Hamilton series, edited by Margaret Houghton who heads up Special Collections at the Hamilton Public Library. The third volume has just hit the shelves. According to Margaret, this is likely to be the last in the series. It seems as if Margaret, and the local authors who have contributed to the series, are ready for something a little more positive. But, reminding people about what we have lost, no matter how melancholy that may make people feel, is a poignant reminder of the role our built heritage plays in our memories. Buildings aren't just buildings if they have been part of our lives. If you've lived in Hamilton for a number of decades, this book will help you remember what we've lost. We hope, however, that if you're a little younger, this book will help you fight for what we have left. And there's nothing melancholy about that.

The Pets of Durand

Still more cats than dogs, not to mention a cat who writes! If you'd like to be profiled, just send a photo and a profile.



Sebastian

Age: Unknown
 Breed: Possibly Asian Leopard
 Favourite food: Cream
 Most Loveable Trait: Affectionate
 Favourite Place to Hang Out: Front window
 Favourite Phrase: "Come here"



Sasha

Dear Durander,
 I just had a peak at The Durander - it was left on my favourite resting place - the ottoman where no one can step on my tail. What a surprise!! It was the best picture of me, ever, and I was featured in our own neighbourhood newspaper! I'd like to meet Hunter and Petra, but they might not want to meet me; after all, I am a cat and I am bigger than most little lap dogs. Thanks for making my parents so proud of me.



Sasha



Boots

Age: Maybe 3
 Breed: Tabby
 Favourite food: Temptations, especially Chicken flavoured
 Most Loveable Trait: Taking walks with the dogs and the rest of the family
 Favourite Place to Hang Out: The porch
 Favourite Phrase: "Let's go!"

The Pets of Durand is brought to you by Barker Street.

New Logo for DNA's 35th Anniversary

International Connection Provides DNA With New Look

by Nicholas Kelvahan



You may have noticed that this issue of your Durander looks slightly different. As part of our 35th anniversary celebrations this year (which culminated in the Picnic in the Park on July 7) we decided our logo needed to be updated to better reflect today's DNA.

The new logo shows an imaginary Durand skyline silhouetted against a green semi-circle, representing the escarpment and the inclusive nature of our community. Although you can't actually see this 'typical' skyline anywhere in the Du-

rand, it is in fact a collage of real Durand buildings. See if you can identify them all!

Geneva, Switzerland based graphic designer Ingrid Cox very generously designed our logo *pro-bono*. After several years working in public health communications for the WHO and MSF, Ingrid decided to change career directions. She retrained as a graphic designer at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington DC and now works freelance for clients in Switzerland and around the world. Thanks Ingrid for your generous help.



CrimeStats

Police Beat Tracker Results Show Increases & Decreases in Durand Crime

Prepared by Crime Manager, Angela Abrams - Hamilton Police Service

TYPE OF CRIME	August	September	October
Robberies	1	1	5
Break & Enter	5	6	7
Auto Theft	2	4	2
Mischief	8	14	11

Around & About & Above & Beyond

BITE SIZED NEWS ABOUT HAPPENINGS IN AND NEAR THE DURAND

December 14 James North Art Crawl Promises Christmas Window Displays



In addition to new shows by local artists, and a few international ones, the James North Art Crawl continues its contribution to making James Street North the place to be. The next Art Crawl, December 14, will also feature creatively

decorated storefront windows celebrating the holiday season. While the windows at the old Eatons might have been a bit grander, the windows on James North are at least as creative! If you're a kid at heart, or have a kid close to your heart, be sure to have a walk along one of Hamilton's oldest and most vibrant streets.



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Winter already got you down?



Spring.

Appearing soon at a park near you.

City of Hamilton Honoured by Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer for Leadership in Energy Conservation

Ontario's Chief Energy Conservation Officer Peter Love will present Hamilton Mayor Fred Eisenberger with a Certificate of Recognition for the city's first place finish in the Volunteer Blackout Day Challenge 2007.

On August 14th, 2007, Hamilton successfully reduced energy consumption by 2.2 per cent (104,737 kWh) and peak demand by 3.2 per cent between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. According to Horizon Utilities who compiled the results, the reduction is equivalent to 6,000 homeowners turning off their air conditioners for eight hours, or taking 4,000 homes off the grid.

Hamilton. Public Health Services Receives First Laboratory Confirmed Case of Influenza Type A

"Flu has officially arrived in our community," said Dr. Elizabeth Richardson, Hamilton's Medical Officer of Health. "The arrival of the flu is a reminder to residents to get their vaccinations as soon as possible."

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. It attacks the respiratory tract and is different from the common cold and other respiratory viruses. Symptoms begin three to four days after the virus enters the body. Influenza typically has a sudden onset with headache, chills, sore throat, nasal congestion and dry cough, followed rapidly by a fever, loss of appetite, muscle aches and extreme fatigue.

It can be spread person to person by coughing, sneezing and from infected surfaces starting one day before the onset of symptoms and up to three to five days after onset of symptoms. The best prevention is the influenza vaccine along with careful attention to hand washing and cough etiquette. For further information on flu vaccination clinics, call 905-546-CITY (2489), or visit the Public Health Services website at www.hamilton.ca/influenza. You can also receive the vaccination through your family doctor.



Standing Room Only for Bill Manson's History Talk at HIStory + HERitage

At a recent slide talk conducted at Hamilton HIStory + HERitage by local historian and Durand resident, Bill Manson, the crowds overwhelmed the intimate space at 165 James North. So much so

that a second show was scheduled for those who couldn't be squeezed into the room. Who said history was old hat?

the Durander Calendar



WINTER 2007/2008

December	January	February
<p>3</p> <p>Choir Concert</p> <p>7:30 p.m.</p> <p>St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 70 James Street South</p>	<p>1</p> <p>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Council Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hamilton Convention Centre Albion Room</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Committee of the Whole Budget Strategic Planning</p> <p>9:00 am - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hamilton Convention Centre Albion Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Committee of the Whole (COW)</p> <p>9:30 am</p> <p>Hamilton Convention Centre Albion Room</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Heritage Week Launch</p> <p>Ontario Heritage Trust Sponsored Event at the Scottish Rite</p> <p>10:00 am</p>
<p>16, 23, 30</p> <p>Christmas Family Sundays at Whitehern</p> <p>Live music and refreshments.</p> <p>1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>NFB Film Club</p> <p>The Great Adventure</p> <p>12 noon - 1:00 pm</p> <p>Central Library, Hamilton Room</p> <p>Filmmaker Jean Lemire and his crew undertake a five-month, 21,000-kilometre voyage to record the impact of global warming on the Arctic. Watch as the crew navigates a three-masted sailing ship through the legendary Northwest Passage - a treacherous, ice-choked route that has captured the imaginations of great explorers for centuries.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Family Day</p> <p>The first of its kind in Ontario. To be marked on the third Monday of February.</p>
<p>25</p> <p><i>Happy Holidays</i></p> 	<p>25-26</p> <p>Upwind Downwind 2008 Conference - Climate Change & Healthy Cities</p> <p>Hamilton Convention Centre 8:00 am</p> <p>Presented by Clean Air Hamilton (see listing on myhamilton.ca)</p> 	