

# The DURANDER

## Picnic in the Park

*A big thank you to everyone for helping making it a success!*

*by Craig Hanson, Treasurer*

June 21, 2008, was a big day in the Durand. Although the weather was unsettled, it didn't stop a record turnout from enjoying an expanded format of Picnic in the Park. From the Bouncing Panda to the pet show and everything in between, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Our friends, The Balkan Strings, deserve credit for staying on the main stage during the early stages of the downpour and Calvin the Magician for taking the initiative to commandeer the membership tent in order to keep the kids dry. The show must go on!

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Mark your calendar for the 20th of June 2009, the anticipated date for the next Picnic in the Park. If you are interested in being a volunteer or sponsor, please email [president@durandna.com](mailto:president@durandna.com).



*Midsummer fun in Durand Park!*

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## Introducing the e-Durander

Starting with our Spring 2009 issue the Durander will be going electronic. In order to reduce the costs of printing and postage, and to save paper, we have decided to distribute the Durander electronically. All members who have provided their email addresses will receive an announcement with a link to the new Durander. Besides saving money and the environment, this will also allow us to produce a larger, more informative newsletter and make full use of colour photographs and graphics. Those members wishing to have a printed Durander delivered should contact [president@durandna.com](mailto:president@durandna.com), or write to Durand Neighbourhood Association, 17 Bruce St., Hamilton, ON L8P 3M5.

## Message from Bob Bratina, Councillor Ward 2



Thanks to the combined efforts of the Durand Neighbourhood Association and City Parks staff progress has been made toward an improved Durand Park. Our Parks designers Rob Norman and Lawrence Stasiuk were especially complimentary to Janice Brown and her park committee for producing an excellent plan and design guidelines to assist in creating a workplan. We should see gradual improvements, including new equipment over the next several years.

Residents will be interested to know I hope that we're working with another downtown developer toward a spring start of construction for a 12 story 133 room hotel to be constructed at Main and Walnut. We're also hopeful that the Hilton planned for the H.M.P. site will also get underway in 2009. The renovation of City Hall is troublesome to me

if the decision is made to go with cladding other than the original materials, thereby sidestepping the City's own Heritage Designation and by-laws.

We have asked for consideration, however, for Durand's deficit of parkland by adapting some of the City Hall site for more extensive public use. Thanks to those who provided input regarding pet limits per household. My amendment to the staff recommendation ensures that Hamilton will not remove limits, which would allow for any number of animals per household, which was being suggested in the Animal Control report. I love animals and certainly Durand has some wonderful pets and pet-owners, but limits must be in place in dense urban settings.

Sincerely,  
Bob Bratina, Councillor, Ward 2

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### 2009 Board of Directors

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The Durand neighbourhood is the innercity district bound by Main Street West, James Street South, the Escarpment and Queen Street South. It is home to approximately 12,000 Hamiltonians. The DNA was established in 1972 as a politically independent community organization and chartered as a not-for-profit provincial corporation.

It is the DNA's vision to be an active, resident-based voice successfully addressing priority issues affecting our neighbourhood to nurture a vibrant downtown community.

Please contact us at anytime with questions, comments or concerns in the neighbourhood or if you are interested in joining or renewing your membership. If you would like to volunteer or get involved in your community, this is a wonderful opportunity to make a difference.

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Please visit our website at  
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# President's Remarks

by Sarah Matthews, President

*"All my life I have tried to pluck a thistle and plant a flower wherever the flower would grow in thought and mind."*

*Abraham Lincoln*

If you attended our Annual General Meeting on October 21st, you are already aware of how busy and successful this past year has been for the DNA. A new Board of Directors was elected at that Meeting and we are already hard at work with some of our existing projects and looking forward to new challenges.

The first order of business is to announce the Board of Directors for 2008/2009. We are: Dennis Baker, Janice Brown, Adam Ellis, Craig Hanson, Roberta Harman, Nicholas Kevlahan, Martin Maretzki, Jennifer Matthews (no relation to me, I swear!), Sarah Matthews, Linda Miocinovich, and Claudia Sheldrick. I am confident that this Board will make large and positive strides over the next business year. It is with regret that we say farewell to our longtime Board Member and Secretary, Graham Cubitt. Graham and his wife, Emma, purchased a home in the Kirkendall neighbourhood, which although just next door to our neighbourhood, belongs in Ward 1. I know that Graham and Emma will be an asset to the KNA. Thanks for all your hard work, Graham!

Going forward, the DNA Board will continue to advocate for the Durand neighbourhood at the Committee of Adjustment, Ontario Municipal Board, to City Council and all of its Committees, and continue to develop positive working relationships with City staff, our Ward 2 Councillor Bob Bratina, and the Hamilton Police Services. Your input on all of these and other neighbourhood issues is vital, so please continue to communicate with us. You can email me at [president@durandna.com](mailto:president@durandna.com), or visit our website and make a comment on the blog at [www.durandna.com](http://www.durandna.com), and we are also on Facebook under the group "Durand Neighbourhood Association."

The Durand Park is such an important place in our neighbourhood. As we sharpen our skates and get ready to hit the Durand ice rink, I would be remiss if I did not thank our Summer Playlot Supervisor ("Supie"), Allison Henry, for engaging and entertaining the Durand kids in rain and scorching sun this past summer. Allison was unfailingly pleasant and her energy and creativity delighted the kids and caregivers alike. This Cityrun program was a big hit and I hope that we see Allison return to the park next summer.



*Supie Allison Henry and friends.*

The DNA Park Revitalization Committee worked particularly hard this past year to develop a Durand Park Revitalization Proposal and presentation for City staff. They had several meetings with City staff and I am very pleased to say that, as a result of their diligence, the Durand Park is on the Capital Budget forecast! The new playground equipment will be installed this coming Spring. In 2013, money will be designated to design a Master Plan for the park's revitalization. Construction is scheduled to commence in 2015. Those who attended our Annual General Meeting were the initial recipients of this exciting announcement and were also fortunate to hear the wonderful presentations made by DNA Vice-President Nicholas Kevlahan, Ward

Councillor Bob Bratina, and the City's own Landscape Architect Lawrence Stasiuk. We are so fortunate to have Lawrence Stasiuk working on this project. He is so passionate, talented and insightful. I can't wait to see what unfolds in the park over the next number of years!

I would also like to say thank you to DNA member Sonja DePauw for donating 250 King Edward daffodil bulbs for planting in the Durand Park. Although those of us that turned up to help plant the bulbs on a beautiful Friday afternoon are relatively mainstream, I believe that on some level we felt like we were part of the subversive "Guerrilla Gardening" movement, fighting the war against the neglect, land shortage and apathy towards public spaces. Talk about grassroots! Thanks to Sonja, the DNA Flower Girl, for inspiring us! I can't wait to see the daffodils bloom in the Spring.



*Sonja planting daffodils in the Durand Park ... dreaming of the golden Spring to come!*

The Public Meeting regarding the City's sale of the St Mark's Church site was held on June 17th. Thank you to everyone who provided me with their thoughts about this potential travesty. Your comments formulated the basis for my argument to the Economic Development and Planning Committee

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which can be viewed on our website under the heading "Active Projects." The result was better than anticipated. On June 25th, Council ratified a motion from this meeting that would determine whether the Durand neighbourhood would be able to retain this space as a park rather than it being sold to a private purchaser. City staff prepared a report with many options about future use of the heritage building and open space which were discussed at another meeting of the Economic Development and Planning Committee on October 21. Again, my submission at that meeting can be viewed on our website. Council ratified the Committee's motion to take the property off the market, retain the green space, and try to find money in the City's 2009 budget to make some moderate changes to the heritage-designated structure. Overall, just a great result!

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing concerning the severance at 41 Inglewood Drive has been adjourned to June 2009. This is as a direct result of the Niagara Escarpment Commission's evidence against the severance.

By the time you are reading this, it is likely that the Public Meeting regarding the development at the old Thistle Club site will have occurred on December 2nd, 2008. The Thistle Club closed its doors in 2002 and the building was demolished in 2004. There have been a couple of changes in ownership since then but the current owners, Dundurn Edge Developments, have been very open about its intentions to develop the site. The DNA position is that we would

like to see this site developed with a high quality structure that fits in with the unique and historical character of our neighbourhood.

Finally, please visit our website at [www.durandna.com](http://www.durandna.com) for other news items that may be of interest to you. Have a safe and happy winter!

Yours very truly,  
Sarah Matthews

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## Safe pedestrian crossings in the Durand

*The DNA is trying to work with the City to provide safe pedestrian crossovers for the Durand.*

*by Nicholas Kevlahan, Vice President*

In 2002, the City of Hamilton commissioned a Durand Neighbourhood Traffic Study. This led to a number of improvements in road design in the Durand, including the conversion of Caroline and Hess to two-way and the construction of several road 'bump-outs' to calm traffic.

It is now over five years since the recommended changes were implemented, and the DNA is attempting to follow up with the City's Traffic Department. The board has decided to focus on one issue: the insufficient number of safe pedestrian crossovers. This was not addressed in the 2002 study.

At the October AGM, I informed residents of the City's official policy regarding pedestrian crossings: they will be provided only at stop signs or traffic lights, i.e. where motorists are obliged to stop regardless of the presence of a pedestrian.

This drastically limits the number of crossings, since semi-arterial roads (such as Charlton, Herkimer and Bay) typically run for several blocks without a stop sign or traffic light. It is clearly unreasonable to expect a pedestrian to walk several blocks just to be able to safely cross the street!

Long-term residents of Hamilton may recall seeing (and using) pedestrian crossings not at traffic lights in the past.

Those attending the AGM were shocked to hear that the City's policy regarding these 'old' crossings is simply to remove the 'Pedestrian crossing' signs and let the road markings fade. This is very dangerous, as pedestrians will assume that the road markings mean they have right of way (even though the motorists can't see them)!

The current situation is clearly unacceptable, especially in a neighbourhood with a large number of seniors and children. What's more, the City's official policy is to encourage walking and other forms of alternative transportation.

This is why the DNA is attempting to work with the City to come up with a safe, efficient and convenient pedestrian crossover for Hamilton.

Our starting point is the Highway Traffic Act, and associated regulations, which set out the road markings and signage for a pedestrian crossover. Hamilton is not currently following these regulations.

We contacted Daryl Bender (the City's project manager for alternative transportation) on October 6 regarding this important issue. We also expect to be working with Chris van Berkel, who helped manage the 2002 study. As I am writing this (mid November) we are still awaiting a response.

# Moving forward on Hamilton's LRT initiative

*The City cannot reasonably expect the province to pay 100 percent of the capital costs for light rail. Why is LRT important, and yet not important enough to warrant any City contribution?*

*by Nicholas Kevlahan, Vice President*

Hamilton City Council voted unanimously on October 30th to support the City's light rail bid to Metrolinx (the provincial government agency who is planning \$11 billion of spending on transport infrastructure in the GTA and Hamilton). Several councillors, however, emphasized that they were supporting the motion only on the condition that the City doesn't "pay a dime" towards the project.

The same day, I dropped into the Metrolinx Open House at the Hamilton Convention centre. This was Metrolinx's final stop in a series of open houses and workshops across the GTA. It was obvious there is a lot of enthusiasm for LRT in Hamilton: over 140 residents attended, giving it one of the best turnouts in the series.

Although I wasn't there long, I spent most of the time chatting with John Howe, Metrolinx's general manager of investment strategy and projects. This was extremely useful because we no longer have to guess about some aspects of Metrolinx's thinking:

- He was genuinely impressed with the turnout ("highest turnout outside of Toronto");
- He was very impressed with how quickly City staff have developed their case for LRT over the past year, starting from essentially zero;
- Metrolinx is very impressed with the public support for LRT in Hamilton. This support has no equivalent in the other municipalities (including Toronto); and
- Metrolinx is focusing on the B-line, and will make the decision of LRT or BRT (bus rapid transit) based on a "full benefits analysis" (NOT a "business case analysis" as City staff have suggested - Howe was careful to make the distinction).

If only transport were considered, then BRT might be the best choice, but by looking at the full benefits, Metrolinx has a very good chance of choosing LRT. Development potential is a major consideration here. The City's development potential argument is therefore exactly the right strategy.

Finally, Howe (and Jason, another Metrolinx representative) implied that Hamilton Council's position of support for LRT "as long as the province pays for everything" is problematic. In fact, the caveat, if taken seriously, really weakens the City's case. Why is LRT important, and yet not important enough to warrant any City contribution?

The City pleads poverty, yet Metrolinx knows very well that they find money for roads, sewers, and all sorts of other infrastructure projects (not to mention major freeway projects in the past and the aerotropolis in the future). Why is public transit a special case (especially when LRT will attract investment and boost tax revenues)?

In fact, I got the impression that Metrolinx may give Hamilton BRT if it is not willing to put any money in itself (even if Metrolinx's own benefit analysis suggests an LRT is warranted).

The bottom line: the City's condition of zero City funding for LRT is a deal killer. If this is simply the City's opening negotiating position, that's fair enough. But then the City needs to communicate some flexibility. So far, that hasn't happened. Everything I've heard suggests



*Coming soon to Hamilton?*

that Metrolinx is only looking for a minority contribution, something like 10 - 20%. In fact, Rob MacIsaac told the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce that the Province would "pay the lion's share" of the construction costs. This is an excellent deal compared with what most cities around the world get from higher levels of government.

It is important to let all councillors know that the City needs to walk the talk on LRT, and be prepared to contribute a modest proportion of the construction costs.





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*DNA member Graham Crawford addressing the demonstration in favour of protecting the heritage features of City Hall on November 22.*

# City Hall at risk

*by Graham Crawford*

Hamilton City Hall was designed by architect Stanley Roscoe, who was a fulltime employee of the city at that time. It opened in 1960, replacing the now greatly missed 'old' City Hall (although there were a couple of others before the Richardsonian/Romanesque-style building was erected in 1888). Most Hamiltonians regret tearing down the old City Hall. Sadly, not as many people treasure the 'new' City Hall. Those who do, and there are many, see it as an excellent example of mid-century modern architecture (aka International Style). In fact, some say it is the best remaining example in Canada. While there are no plans to demolish the building, there are plans to deface it. Marble will be replaced with concrete. Stainless steel with aluminum. Some of us think that we should not be turning this silk purse into a sow's ear. Some of us think Hamiltonians past, present and future, deserve more. This is not an office building. This is the seat of our local government and a symbol of who we are as a city. Stanley Roscoe, now a resident of Ancaster, understood this back in the mid-50's when he designed this new symbol of municipal government. He told me once that he selected the white Cherokee marble specifically to communicate purity, and truth through purity. Council seems to want to communicate cheap. Not quite as compelling a vision, at least not to this citizen.



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## Downtown Hamilton BIA and the City of Hamilton present Christmas in Gore Park

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Then the Downtown Hamilton BIA invites everyone to bring the kids down to have their free picture taken with Santa Claus at the Park and enjoy a trolley ride Downtown on Saturday, December 6th from 11 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Kids can enjoy decorating their own Gingerbread cookie as well as enter a Free Draw for a Giant Gingerbread House donated by Liaison College. Free refreshments will be provided compliments of Tim Horton's.

Everyone who attends can also enter a free draw for a "New Years Eve Night on the Town" which will include tickets to HECFI's Country New Years Eve Bash, overnight accommodation at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, dinner for 2 at Mahal's Restaurant, limo ride from and to home, and your New Year's Day dinner delivered to you in the Hamilton area by Reardon's Meats & Deli. Ballot boxes and ballots are at various retail outlets downtown as well as in the park during the Christmas activities.

Free 2-hour parking at on-street meters available Nov. 24 to Dec. 24. For more information call the Downtown BIA at (905) 523-1646 or visit our website at [www.downtownhamilton.org](http://www.downtownhamilton.org), where a complete list of Downtown seasonal events is found.

Contact: Kathy G. Drewitt, Executive Director  
Downtown Hamilton BIA, 20 Hughson St. S. Suite 807, Hamilton, Ontario (905) 523-1646

## Congratulations Harry Howell!

*On November 5th, Durand's Lone Ranger, Harry Howell, was inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction.*

Often called the greatest hockey player Hamilton ever produced, Harry Howell started out with the New York Rangers, where he played 17 years wearing jersey number 3. He then played another 8 years, in the NHL as well as the WHA. He is a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and was the winner of the Norris Trophy for being the top defenseman in the NHL in 1967 while with the Rangers. After his playing career he coached, managed and scouted in the pros and internationally. And in another tribute, the New York Rangers have announced that they will retire Harry Howell's number 3 jersey on February 22nd, 2009, where it will hang from the rafters in Madison Square Gardens.

## Sweetheart Soiree

*Whitehern Historic House & Garden*

For Valentine's Day, enjoy an evening with live music, tea and sweets in "The Stable" and a tour of Whitehern.

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Ages: 19 years and older.

Cost: \$15.00 per person. Pre-registration required.

Contact: 905-546-2018,  
[whitehern@hamilton.ca](mailto:whitehern@hamilton.ca),  
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## The McQuestens' childhood Christmas

*Whitehern Historic House & Garden*

Enjoy this special time of year as the McQuestens look back on the Christmas of their childhood. Once a year we reveal the family's toys under a tree decorated with whimsical decorations in the style of the 1880s. The table is set with the china they used for Christmas and New Year's from the 1850s when they visited Grandpa, to the 1930s when Tom entertained his fellow politicians. Cedar roping and satin ribbon complete the picture.

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2008 to Sunday, January 4, 2009 (Closed Mondays)

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Ages: All

Cost: Regular admission rates apply to the museum.

Contact: 905-546-2018, [whitehern@hamilton.ca](mailto:whitehern@hamilton.ca), [www.hamilton.ca/museums](http://www.hamilton.ca/museums)

## Check this out!

A site featuring beautifully photographed houses in the Durand:  
<http://forum.skyscraperpage.com/showthread.php?t=118098>

# The City says yes!

by Janice Brown

Good news! The DNA Park Revitalization Committee presented its proposal for revitalization of the Durand Park to Councillor Bratina, Public Works, Open Space and Planning Department and Recreation staff on Thursday June 26th at the City Centre.

Having met the timelines outlined by Rob Norman of the Open Space and Development Department, the DNA requested that our proposal be considered and added to the 10 year Capital Budget forecast. This is taken to Council each year with the annual Capital Budget Submissions.

Our proposal was well received and to ensure we would not be forgotten we provided each of our guests with a copy



of our proposal that addressed maintenance, safety, beautification and amenity improvements.

By the end of August, we had not heard if our proposal had been given any consideration. After a few e-mails and phone calls, the DNA Park Revitalization committee met in early September with our Councillor and staff to hear the results of our request.

Not only were we to be included in the upcoming 10 year Budget Forecast, but fortunately, we were able to move up in the queue of the 10 year Capital Budget Projects. Design work is to begin in 2013 and construction will commence in 2015.

In the meantime, expect to see improvements to the Durand Park with the funds that the DNA has generated through fundraising. It is our intention to continue to fund-raise and look for donors who might want to contribute.

New playground equipment will be in the park in the spring of 2009. Look



for yellow daffodils generously donated by member Sonja DePauw and planted in November by a very hardworking crew of guerilla gardeners. You can expect upgrades to benches, waste receptacles, more picnic tables, and improved maintenance as we work with the Operations & Maintenance Department from the City.

All of this good news was announced at our AGM on October 21st by Lawrence Stasiuk, Landscape Architect and Councillor Bratina. Our entire proposal is on our website [durandna.com/projects.htm](http://durandna.com/projects.htm)

Durand Park will once again be the jewel in the neighbourhood!

## DNA survey says ... your top 5 choices:

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
Members	Benches /tables	Waste containers & Gardens	Improved maintenance	Senior play equipment	Junior play equipment
Seniors	More benches	Activities for seniors	Playground equipment	More swings	Grass levelled
Ryerson Duranders	Benches/tables	Senior play equipment	Waste containers	Better paths	Fitness stations
Central Public	Colourful Playground equipment	Sprinkler/ splash pad	Basketball hoops	Better paths	Tables/benches

# CrimeStats

*Police Beat Tracker Results Show Increases & Decreases in Durand Crime*

*Prepared by Crime Manager, Sergeant Chris Zafirides - Hamilton Police Service*

TYPE OF CRIME	August	September	October	Total 2008
Robberies	4	0	0	17
Break & Enter	7	5	1	40
Auto Theft	2	2	4	40
Theft from vehicles	7	10	11	161

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- Always lock valuables out of sight, preferably in the trunk. Always carry wallet, cheque book, credit cards and purses with you.
- Do not leave small change, CD's, and coupons (i.e. Canadian Tire money etc.) in plain sight.
- Consider leaving glove and all small compartments open and empty, letting the thief know nothing is in the vehicle.
- Mount all audio and cellular related equipment inconspicuously or with mountings that allow for easy removal for safekeeping.

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# The Pets of Durand

Thank goodness for Louis...it appears the dogs have taken over! We are always looking for more pets. Just email jedbrown2003@sympatico.ca with your photo and bio.

## Maggie (Sweet Magnolia)

Breed: Ruby Cavalier King Charles Spaniel  
 Age: 3  
 Favourite Food: The crust from Mummy's toast  
 Most lovable trait: Bringing her favorite toy to me when I come home from work each day  
 Favourite place to hang out: Wherever the family is.  
 Favourite phrase: Let's go to the park!



## Obi Wan Kenobi (Obi)

Age: 10  
 Breed: The foster care givers said he was a cross between a poodle and a border collie ... not sure if both gene pools were purebred  
 Favourite Food: Chicken and carrots  
 Lovable Trait: His loyalty and affection  
 Favourite Hang: The cottage ... or walking any of the streets in Durand  
 Favourite Phrase: Want a treat?



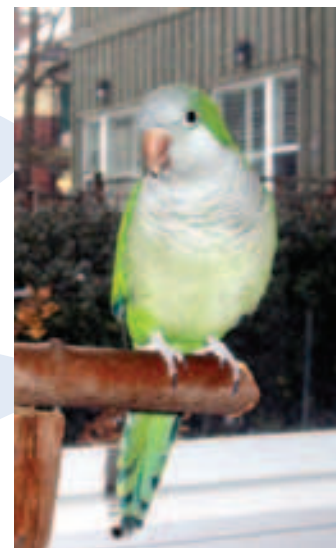
## Teddy

Age: 8  
 Breed: Border Terrier  
 Favourite Food: Any vegetable except tomatoes  
 Most Lovable Trait: Singing along to a squeaky toy that's just the right pitch  
 Favourite Place to hang out: Kitchen  
 Favourite Phrase: Let's play with squeaky



## Louis

Age: 7  
 Breed: Quaker Parrot  
 Favourite Food: Bananas, which he asks for  
 Most lovable trait: His extensive vocabulary  
 Favourite Place to hang out: Kitchen window to watch the birds at the bird feeder  
 Favourite Phrase: Can I have some fresh water?



**Zoey** 4 ( White ) Shih Tzu/Maltese Cross & **Patches** 1 ( black & white ) Shih Tzu  
 Favourite Food: Any kind of people food  
 Most lovable trait: Wagging tails when Mom comes home.  
 Favourite Place to hang out: Mom's lap  
 Favourite Phrase: Want a chewy

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# DURAND IN BLOOM!

*by Janice Brown*

Congratulations to Maude Irwin, Linda Miocinovich, Janet Blums, and Sarah Matthews & Mike Valente, this year's White Trillium Award winners. As you can see from the photos below, their gardens are beautiful. On your neighbourhood walks, please visit these delightful properties. I am sure you will be able to enjoy them throughout the four seasons. Should you meet the gardeners, congratulate them for making such a positive contribution to the Durand Neighbourhood.

Also, many thanks to the folks on Aberdeen who plant and maintain the small bump-outs. Each is unique and helps to beautify this very special neighbourhood.

The DNA gratefully acknowledges all its residents, landlords and businesses that help to beautify their properties to make a difference not only to the Durand but to the City.



# Walking, Cycling and Public Spaces: Creating a Great Durand Community

*Vibrant Cities • Healthy Communities • Great Places • Happy People*

Do you consider Hamilton to be a lively city?

Does the Durand community promote healthy, active living?

Do you wish to have world class public spaces in Hamilton?

Would you like to improve the overall quality of life for your community members?

Help *Walk and Bike for Life* and *Hamilton Partners for Healthy Weights* build a great Action Plan for the Durand Community. By participating in these sessions, you can have a voice in how to make Durand a vibrant, safe, and attractive space for all community members.

## Public Meeting and Discussion

**February 3rd, 7pm-9pm**

**at The Canadian Football Hall of Fame Museum, 58 Jackson St. W., Hamilton**

## Public Workshop

**February 4th, 6pm-9pm**

**at The Canadian Football Hall of Fame Museum, 58 Jackson St. W., Hamilton**

Both sessions are open to ALL community members. Light refreshments will be served.

Please pre-register by phoning 905-546-CITY(2489)

[www.walkandbikeforlife.org](http://www.walkandbikeforlife.org)



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Walk and Bike For Life is a Canadian based non-profit organization with an international outlook. It is dedicated to improving awareness of the benefits of walking and cycling as activities, and of urban parks and trails as great places, and their impact on creating healthier communities where residents live happier. These activities and places improve our environment, advance the economic development, boost and complement our transportation systems, make better recreation for all, and enhance our personal and public health.

Walk and Bike For Life recognize that community's hold the greatest expertise concerning their own needs. It is undertaking an exciting project called Community Action Plans (CAP)-for-Life. Funded by Ontario's Ministry of Health Promotion, the CAP-for-Life project will empower communities by providing them with the information and vision needed to inspire decision makers in the creation of happier and healthier communities.

The Durand neighbourhood was selected as one of the 12 communities in the Hamilton, Halton and Peel regions to participate in the CAP-for-Life initiative. The CAP-for-Life Public Meeting will include a presentation from Gil Penalosa, Executive Director of Walk and Bike for Life, and internationally renowned expert in the creation of walkable, bikeable communities. The following evening, participants will split into groups and, using the information and inspiration gleaned from the presentation, identify realistic short and long terms goals for their neighbourhood's improvement.

Please contact Sarah Rotz at [srotz@walkandbikeforlife.org](mailto:srotz@walkandbikeforlife.org) for more information or visit [www.walkandbikeforlife.org](http://www.walkandbikeforlife.org)

The Durand Neighbourhood Association is thrilled to be part of this initiative and we encourage everyone to attend the Public Meeting and Workshop.



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# Durander Calendar

## WINTER 2008/2009

December	January	February
<p><i>December 12</i> <i>James St North Art Crawl</i></p>	<p><i>January 1</i> <i>Happy New Year!</i></p>	<p><i>February 14</i> <i>Valentine's Day</i></p>
<p><i>December 14, 21 &amp; 28</i> <i>Christmas Family Sundays at Whitehern</i> <i>Turn-of-the-Century Christmas Tree in the Stable, Live Music &amp; Refreshments</i> <i>1:00 – 4:00pm</i></p>	<p><i>January 4</i> <i>Mayor's levee</i> <i>2 - 4pm</i> <i>City Centre - outside Mayor &amp; Councillors' offices</i> <i>(same location as last year)</i></p>	<p><i>February 22</i> <i>Harry Howell's jersey #3 to be retired from Madison Square Gardens</i></p> 
<p><i>December 14</i> <i>Candlelight Carol Service with Choir and Brass Ensemble</i> <i>7:30 pm</i> <i>Central Presbyterian Church</i></p>	<p><i>January 9</i> <i>James St North Art Crawl</i></p>	<p><i>Ice Skating in Durand Park ... weather permitting!</i></p>  
<p><i>December 25</i> <i>Merry Christmas!</i></p>	<p><i>January 14</i> <i>James St. South District Kickoff Social 5:30pm</i> <i>Powergroup Offices, 156 James Street South</i></p>	
	<p><i>January 24, 25</i> <i>WINTERFEST OPEN HOUSE at Whitehern.</i> <i>FREE visit to Whitehern, 1930s games in the Stable, hot chocolate 1-4pm.</i></p> <p><i>January 30</i> <i>St. Paul's Presbyterian Church presents an evening of Celtic music by SCANTILY PLAID.</i> <i>Tickets: \$15.00 by telephone: 905-522 2792 or email: stpaulspresby@on.aibn.com</i></p>	