

# Hamilton Beach Banner

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Hamilton Beach Community (New)



hamiltonbeachcommunity.com

## Upcoming Hamilton Beach Community Council Meeting Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm Open to all!

### Agenda:

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes - see last page.

### Business Arising:

- Treasurer and Secretary positions, nominations and selection.
  - If you cannot attend the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please send nominations to Joel Hughes at [joel.l.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:joel.l.hughes@gmail.com), or call 905-545-6817.
- Constitution review.
- July Garage Sale, response from City.
- Bike path signage at Lift Bridge.

### New Business :

- Donations : is the HBCC a charitable organization? Can tax receipts be issued?

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Easter Egg Hunt - Friday April 15, 2022  
The Easter Egg Hunt was a great success this year with around 150 people in attendance. Please join me in thanking Anika, Mike and all the other volunteers for making this an amazing Beach Kids event. Thanks to the Boys and Girls Club of Hamilton for the free Skechers Clogs. The adult egg and spoon race was a great addition. Hopefully we have many more community events like this one.



UPDATE

SPRING 2022

# SAVE OUR PIER

STANDING UP  
FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY



In December of 2020, our community was made aware of a Transport Canada plan to go ahead with closing the Hamilton and Burlington Canal piers. To make matters worse a supposed lawsuit in which someone slipped and fell on the pier added to their reasons for the closure. I founded the Facebook group "Save Our Pier - Hamilton Beach Community" and collected over 2000 signatures for a government petition, which was an overwhelming success. On the petition we had a resident in every single province and territory sign their support to keep pedestrian access to our piers. Throughout 2021, Transport Canada kept pedestrian access to our piers and also completed some repair work. It wasn't until December of 2021 that they erected the barrier which still stands there today and has kept our community off the piers well into the spring without a permanent solution.

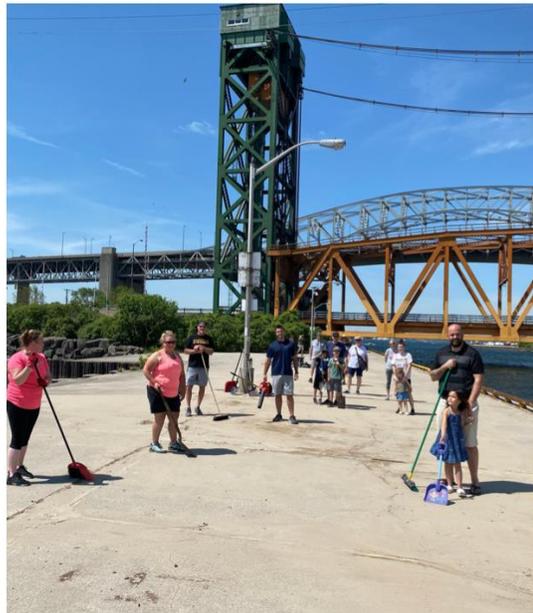
I have been working hard to find answers as to why our piers have closed for the first time in over 100 years and when they will reopen permanently for our community to enjoy. I understand that discussions are taking place between Transport Canada and the Hamilton Oshawa Port Authority (HOPA) which could see HOPA take on the liability for the piers and lease the surface of the piers out to the respective municipalities, much like the pier in Oshawa. This arrangement could give the municipalities the chance to implement improvements such as benches, lighting, garbage cans, street sweeping, etc. I will make sure that nothing is done without consulting our community first, which I will bring to the Hamilton Beach Community Council.

Our community must continue uniting together to see this through! Progress will not happen unless we pressure the municipalities.

Please join our Facebook group and be apart of an exciting opportunity to transform the entire area and give the lands the attention they so deserve. We will be organizing a pier cleanup once again and a time and date will be posted on the Save Our Pier Facebook group (weather permitting). Hamilton has some of the best waterfront property in the province and it is massively under-utilized. This is our chance to do something special for coming generations to enjoy. Thank you to everyone who has joined me to build this grassroots movement and helped to preserve and progress our community. We couldn't do this without you!

We will Save Our Pier!

Matt Francis



Save Our Pier - Hamilton Beach Community

William "Bill" Alfred Pennell  
January 17, 1929-March 26, 2022

Bill was a proud father of William, Phyllis (Rob), Beth (Henry), Glenn (Lori), Jeff (Pauline), Joyce (Dave) and Lynn. Awesome grandpa and papa to 17 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his beloved mother Elizabeth, brothers John, Arthur and his sister Eleanor. Bill will be lovingly remembered by his extended family and many friends. Bill retired from Firestone after 37 years of dedicated service. Volunteering and helping others was his passion in life. He was a long-standing volunteer of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit for 57 years including several years as Chief, bravely risking his life to rescue others. He was a volunteer for many years with the Boy Scouts Canada as well. A man of honour, he was a selfless person who was a positive influence to all he met. Bill made well over 100 blood donations to Canadian Blood Services, a giving, kind man who always had an open door policy. The family wishes to thank the VON, Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit members, the whole team at the Hamilton General Hospital, P.S.W's, Rosemary for the wonderful care and friendship and Martin for being a great neighbour and buddy to "Pops".



Chief Wm. Pennell

If you have a story or event about the beachstrip you would like to share in the banner please send it to [jlhughes2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhughes2006@yahoo.com). A picture would be nice to go with it.

## 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!!

### Eucher

At the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit.  
Cost \$10 per player  
Potluck  
Bar will be open for refreshments.

May 14<sup>th</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>



#### Hamilton Beach Clean Up

Saturday, April 30, 2022  
9:00am sharp  
Beach Rescue Unit  
316 Beach Blvd, Hamilton  
Gloves & Garabage Bags Provied  
BBQ Lunch to follow at 11:30am

Hamilton Beach Strip Kids T-Ball  
If you would to sign you children up for T-Ball please call Ryley Anderson at 519-475-8855 or email [personalryley@gmail.com](mailto:personalryley@gmail.com).  
Start dates and time TBD.

#### **Hamilton**

[www.hamilton.ca/attractions](http://www.hamilton.ca/attractions)  
[tourismhamilton.com](http://tourismhamilton.com)

#### Doors Open Hamilton

Saturday, May 7 & Sundy May 8, 2022  
10am to 4pm  
[Doorsopenontario.on.ca/hamilton](http://Doorsopenontario.on.ca/hamilton)

#### Hamilton Food & Drink Festival

May 13-14, 2022  
First Ontario Centre  
101 York Blvd, Hamilton

#### Sew Hungry - Food Truck Rally

May 14, 2022, start 11:00am  
204 Ottawa St. N., Hamilton  
<http://www.sewhungry.com>

#### Compost Giveaway

Saturday, April 30, 2022  
Saturday, May 7, 2022  
Saturday, May 14, 2022  
7am to 12 noon (while quantities last)  
Turner Park - 344 Rymal Rd, E., Hamilton

#### Beach Strip Garage Sale

Sunday, July 10, 2022  
Beach Blvd

#### 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](http://calendar.burlington.ca)

#### Rotary Drive-Thru Ribfest

May 23, 2022  
10:00am - 7:00pm  
Burlington Centre  
777 Guelph Line, Burlington

#### Burlington's Sound of Music Festival

June 11-19, 2022  
Spencer Smith Park  
<https://www.soundofmusic.ca/>

#### Queen's Jubilee - 70 Hats for 70 Years

Thursday, June 2, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Friday, June 3, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Saturday, June 4, 2022, 2:00pm - 4:00pm  
St. Matthew on-the-Plains Church  
126 Plains Rd. E., Burlington

#### Burlington Downtown Car Show

July 9, 2022  
10:00am to 5:00pm  
Burlington City Hall  
426 Brant St., Burlington



Mike, Easter Bunner, Anika

Animal Services	Child Care
Travis Lloyd Timson Beach Boulevard Pet Services 289-260-2471 travislloyd@gmail.com Dog walking and pet sitting available 7 days a week.	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	

## Obituary

Darlene Anne Francis  
1938-2022

Darlene Anne Francis Passed away at the Hamilton General Hospital, on Saturday, February 26, 2022, in her 84th year. Darlene was the loving mother of Jeff (Lisa) and Mike. Cherished grandmother of Matthew (Justine), Adam, Brett (Taylore), Mark and great grandchildren; Chloe and Luke. Predeceased by her companion Jack Wray (2022) and will be missed by his children; Debbie Hixson (Bob), Susan Lokner, Ronald Wray and Darryl Wray. Dear sister to Jake Townsend (Eleanor) and was predeceased by 4 other siblings. Darlene is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Cremation has taken place. As an expression of sympathy, donations to St. Joseph's Hospital-Firestone Clinic, would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences and notes of sympathy may be left at [www.donaldvbrown.ca](http://www.donaldvbrown.ca)



## Beach Community Council Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022

Present:

Joel Hughes, President

Terri Laan, Vice President

Scott Howley, Special Committees

13 members of community

**Treasurer and Secretary** Positions are open. Voting will occur at the next meeting, June 14, 2022. Nominations will be accepted at that time. If you cannot attend and wish to nominate yourself or someone else, please send nominations to Joel Hughes at [joel.l.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:joel.l.hughes@gmail.com).

### 1117-1133 Beach Blvd - New Development

Council comments:

-10 units, parking will be a problem

-City seem ok with development

-Height might be a problem - 4 stories, 12m rather than 11m.

-It is early in the process; we will monitor closely and review the height.

### Beach Banner

-Electric Copy of the Banner will be available, please email [jlhughes2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhughes2006@yahoo.com) if you would like an electric copy.

-Beach Banner Delivery – Proposed that students deliver Beach Banner and earn volunteer hours. No objections. If you have a student between grades 8 and 12 that wishes to deliver to a portion of the Beach Strip, please contact Lorraine Hughes at [jlhughes2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhughes2006@yahoo.com) or 905-520-6817.

-**Current Beach Banner Deliverers** please contact Lorraine Hughes at 905-520-6817.

### HBCC Constitution

-Carol Hughes has revised the Constitution. An electronic copy will be sent for review to those who provided emails. Plan is to ratify at the next meeting.

### Garage Sale - Annual Event - Sunday July 10

Concerns raised regarding unsupervised or unpermitted use of parks and adjoining boulevard. The HBCC makes no official statement on the sale, likewise the City, as presumably, doing so would expose either to official review and potential liability which, in the end, would mean the end of the sale. None the less, we will contact our Ward 5 councillor to ascertain the City's unofficial stance.

### Russ Powers

-City of Hamilton elections are schedule for October 24<sup>th</sup>. Our current Ward 5 councillor, Russ Powers, is interim until next full election.

### Beach Cleanup

-Saturday April 30, between 9 and 11:30am. Meet at the Beach Rescue Hall to receive gloves and garbage bag. BBQ to follow at the Beach Rescue Hall at 11:30am.

### Social Media – Hamilton Beach Community Pages

– Facebook “Hamilton Beach Community (NEW)”, Moderator, Haylie Van Allen

“Hamilton Beach Community” – Moderator, Tobias Smulders

Both are previous beach residents. Should these pages be run by a beach resident?

### **Easter Egg Hunt – Friday April 15, 2022**

- Donations appreciated. Please send to Anika & Mike
- Chad Collins donated money for the new Easter Bunny Suit.

### **T-Ball**

- Riley Anderson will be organizing. Please call 519-575-8855 or email [personalrley@gmail.com](mailto:personalrley@gmail.com)

### **Signage for Bike path to/from Burlington**

- Better signage is required to direct people to the path that goes under the bridge, rather than attempting to cross Eastport Drive.
- Cyclist died last summer on Eastport Drive March 2021
- Council will follow up with the City to push for larger or eye catching signage.

### **777 Beach Blvd**

- Resident inquiring if this 5 unit build was approved as it has 5 electrical boxes  
The City allowed a re-build of the previous non-conforming multi-unit structure.

### **271 Beach Blvd.**

- No updates on development

### **Lighthouse**

- Harbour commission plans to renovate and move it.

### **Save the Pier**

Transport Canada wishes to permanently bar access and potentially redevelop the Lift Bridge pier structure to make it unusable to foot traffic. The Lift Bridge channel piers are a historical part and well used feature the Beach Strip. At the same time the Harbour Commission has development plans for the same piers. Matt Frances, previous community resident is spear heading a movement to retain access to the piers and also bring all parties to the table.

### **Signage Proposal on Eastport/QEW**

MTO adjusted the Harbour commission's initial design, reducing sign size, and to one side facing down bound Niagara traffic. The Harbour commission has a mandate to share some proceeds of sign revenue with local communities. The HBCC declined a revenue stipend on the grounds that it would be a conflict of interest. The signs will affect Beach residents, and the HBCC has ongoing disputes over incompatible use and/or unacceptable storage of materials on the adjacent piers, such as salt, which adversely affects the Beach Strip.

### **Flood Management Study**

- The City is embarking on another flood management study.

### **Beach Community Funds**

- Beach Council Account has approximately \$300 to \$400
- Nevada Account -\$1709.79, donated \$535 to Hamilton Beach Easter Egg Hunt
- Funding comes from Nevada ticket sales at the Variety store, contributions from Ward 5 Councillor, and donations from members of the Community.

### **Beach Rescue Unit**

- Looking for New members
- Stop by any Monday night at 7:30 to obtain information.
- Must be over 18 years of age