

# Hamilton Beach Banner

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Hamilton Beach Community (New)



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Photo from the Book: Prints Over  
Hamilton

## Upcoming Hamilton Beach Community Council Meeting Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:30pm - 8:30pm Open to all!

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes - see last page.

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**Annual Beach Strip Garage Sale - Sunday July 10th.**  
The Beach Rescue will be hosting a R & B band "Shades of Blue Revue".  
They will be playing from 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Cover charge will be collected at the door.  
Bar will also be available from 12pm-5pm

Above photo:  
From the book Prints Over Hamilton

This was the scene along Van Wagner's Beach about 1960, when the whole area around Lakeland Pool had an almost carnival atmosphere.

The huge pool attracted hordes of people on a summer's day, while amusement rides, an arcade, and the sandy beach meant that the lakeside complex was the spot to be.

I'm always looking for photo's for the Beach Banner so please feel free to email them to Lorraine at [jlhughes2006@yahoo.com](mailto:jlhughes2006@yahoo.com)

### ORIGIN HISTORY OF THE HAMILTON BEACH RESCUE UNIT INC.

In 1939 our forefathers started a volunteer A.R.P. (Air Raid Patrol) along the shores of Lake Ontario from the Hamilton Canal to Van Wagners Beach.

In 1941, the A.R.P. was disbanded and the Burlington Beach Volunteer Fire Department was born. The Fire Marshall's Office in Toronto officially recognized this volunteer fire department in 1941. In those years the beach strip was a separate community that was managed by the "Beach Commission". This group was comprised of a manager, secretary, and seven volunteer commissionaires who would oversee their own Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works Department. The Beach Commission reported and answered directly to the Ontario Provincial Politicians in Toronto. The beach strip was a closely-knit community in those days and still is today.

In 1956, the City of Hamilton annexed the beach strip, and we became part of the City of Hamilton. The City Fire Department took over our volunteer fire department and the active volunteers still wanting to stay together decided to form the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit. They were all trained in first aid, water rescue, and used two twelve-foot dinghies to rescue swimmers in the summer and ice bank rescues in the winter.

In May of 1957, the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit was founded and started with one borrowed and one rented boat and motor. They patrolled every Saturday, Sunday and Monday holidays from May until September, but were on all to answer any emergency

24 hours a day, 365 days a year. As the years past, they were able to purchase bigger and better boats capable of handling the storms and rough waters of Lake Ontario.

Those dedicated Volunteers ran a small carnival, sold tickets, ran ham and turkey raffles and raised money to cover the expenses of the unit. Sometimes the members had to dig into their own pockets and donate money to cover the outstanding bills.

Somehow, we survived those lean days and in 1965, we approached the City of Hamilton and asked for some financial assistance to help cover our operating expenses. The City agreed but the unit was still responsible for raising their own capital funds for purchasing new boats, equipment, and a vehicle to tow the boats to the launch area. Only with a lot of hard work and dedication by these volunteers, have we been able to build and progress the unit to meet today's standards and community's requirements. Over the past 50 years we have saved many lives and have assisted hundreds of boaters in trouble on the Lake and in Hamilton Harbor.

In order to expand out training, better serve the boating community and other

water recreational public, we joined forces with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary. For over 25 years our volunteers have worked in co-operation with the Canadian Coast Guard to receive training in such courses as C.P.R, First Aid, Hypothermia, Boating, Boat Inspections, Search and Rescue Tactics, V.H.F Radio, Radar, Towing, and G.P.S. operation.

Although we receive an operating grant and some capital monies, we still have to raise additional funds to meet the capital project needs of the organization. The City of Hamilton and the Ontario Trillium Foundation have both donated funds toward some of our recent major capital projects. We are very grateful for their support, which has enabled us to purchase a new boat, towing vehicle, and commence renovations of our training hall.

In 2004 with great assistance from The City of Hamilton and the Ontario Trillium Foundation we were able to purchase a new 22 ft Limestone to help us keep up to date with the current rescue needs and assist in keeping our volunteers safe while performing rescues.



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.

Early in 2008 we were able to complete our new boat storage facility including computer and radio contact with the Coastguard and Hamilton Marine Police. We replaced our 1950's dinghy trailer with a new trailer constructed with 2008 standards along with two 9.9 Honda outboard motors. We replaced an aged, leaking Zodiac with a new 18 ft Zodiac to assist with training and rescues on the Lake, in the Harbor and surrounding waters of Hamilton.

In September of 2008 we celebrated our 50th Anniversary of The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit with an open house where we showcased all of our equipment to the community, local Politicians, and other Rescue Units in our area.

Late in 2009 a surplus ambulance was acquired from EMS, and became known now known as Rescue 2 which was a support and tow vehicle to assist police, fire and EMS when required. The support vehicle was equipped with the following equipment, first aid kits, blankets, survival suits, floater coats, backboards, stokes stretcher, ropes, throw bags, life rings and other items that assisted us with search and rescue.

In May of 2012 through our fund-raising efforts, we received our new state of the art 25 ft Stanley Rescue Vessel. The Stanley is outfitted with twin 150hp outboard motors, as well as all of the latest electronic equipment to assist the Boating Public in the Hamilton Wentworth Region as well as maintaining the safety of all our members aboard.

During inspections at the start of the 2014 our very old, well used 12 ft Springbok Aluminum Boats we deemed to be at the end of their service live. These boats were replaced with two 14 ft Lund Aluminum Boats to continue

with our commitment to the City of Hamilton and to ensure the safety of our members while they are performing rescue services.

In 2015 again through our fundraising efforts and with fantastic support from the City of Hamilton we were able to replace our 2004 Limestone with our second state of the art 25 ft Stanley Rescue Vessel. The Stanley is again outfitted with twin 150 hp outboard motors, as well as all the latest electronic equipment to assist the Boating Public in the Hamilton Wentworth Region as well as maintaining the safety of all our members aboard.

As we continue to maintain our vessels and equipment our Zodiac that was purchased in 2008 had come to its end of service life. With both the assistance of the City of Hamilton and more fundraising from our members we were able to complete the purchase of a new fully equipped state of the art Zodiac. This vessel can be used in the more difficult to get to areas in the region.

In 2018 with the ever-changing needs of the Unit and the Boating Public we were able to complete the fundraising required to replace the Surplus Ambulance that was donated from EMS with a new Ford F-250 4X4. This will allow our unit to transport any of our vessels to where it is needed in the Hamilton Wentworth region.

As we continue to provide services to both Hamilton Wentworth Region and the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary the need for a second 4X4 truck was identified. We proceeded with more fundraising activities and were able to proceed with the purchase of a new 2019 Ford F-250. This new vehicle will allow us to be able to transport the larger vessels to where they are needed. Having two Trucks will allow us to launch both vessels for speedy responses when needed.

The members of The Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit Inc. are a group of well-trained, dedicated volunteers who risk their lives on a regular basis to save lives of fellow citizens using our community waters in the Hamilton Area.

**NOTE: We are always actively recruiting for new volunteer members.**

Being a member of the Hamilton Beach Rescue Unit gives one a personal sense of pride, assisting in the community and rescuing those in need on the waterways in the Hamilton Wentworth Region! If you are interested, please come down to the unit on a Monday or Wednesday night at 7 PM to find out more!

William Dean & Mark Dean  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022



## 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.

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



#### Hamilton Beach Strip Kids T-Ball

If you would like to sign your children up for T-Ball please call Ryley Anderson at 519-575-8855 or email [personalryley@gmail.com](mailto:personalryley@gmail.com).

The date for T-Ball is

Thursday evenings from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the baseball diamond beside Jimmy Lomax Park.

T-Ball photo from 2016 end of season

#### **Hamilton**

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

#### Beach Strip Garage Sale

Sunday, July 10, 2022  
Beach Blvd

#### The Winona Peach Festival

August 26-28, 2022  
Winona Park  
1328 Barton Street, Winona L8E 5L3

#### Train Days with the Golden Horseshoe Live Steamers

July 10, July 24, August 14, August 28,  
September 11, September 25  
11:00am to 4:00pm  
900 Woodward Ave, Hamilton, ON L8H 7N2

#### Tesla Electric City Festival

Sunday, September 25, 2022  
11:00 am to 4:00 pm  
900 Woodward Ave, Hamilton, ON L8H 7N2

#### 'Shakespeare in the Park' with Tottering Biped Theatre

Wednesday, August 24, 2022  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM  
Fieldcote Memorial Park & Museum  
64 Sulphur Springs Road

#### Festival of Friends 2022

July 29th, 30th, and 31<sup>st</sup>  
Gage Park in Hamilton

#### **Burlington**

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

#### Burlington Downtown Car Show

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

#### Kids Mini Fest

Saturday, August 13, 2022  
10:00am to 5:00pm

- Brant Hills Park (2255 Brant St.)
- Cumberland Park (562 Cumberland Ave.)
- Millcroft Park (4520 Millcroft Park Dr.)

#### Movies Under the Stars

- July 7: My Girl, Nelson Park (4183 New St.)
- July 14: Encanto, Orchard Community Park (2255 Sutton Dr.)
- July 21: Trolls 2: World Tour, Central Park Bandshell (2311 New St.)
- July 28: Dolittle, Kiwanis Park (494 Townsend Ave.)
- Aug. 4: Soul, Kilbride Park (2175 Blessington St.)
- Aug. 11: Abominable, Ireland Park (2315 Headon Forest Dr.)
- Aug. 18: Sing 2, Spencer Smith Park- West Lawn (1400 Lakeshore Rd.)

#### Burlington Model Railway Club Public

Sat, July 30, August 27, September 24  
11:00 AM - 03:00 PM  
1137 Hidden Valley Road, Burlington, ON,

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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 serves available evening and weekends
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## Particulate and Salt Fallout

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

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

## Hamilton Beach Community Council Meeting

Date: June 14, 2022 – Time: 7:30pm – Location Beach Rescue Unit

### Council Members Present

Joel Hughes  
Terri Laan  
Ed Nowlan  
Scott Howley  
Charlie Witherington

### Election

New Treasurer: Matt Frances  
New Secretary: Lorraine Hughes

### Constitution

Remove reference to seal as the HBCC does not have one.  
Outgoing Treasurer to review Treasurer Duties.

### Beach Banner

A number of residents are not receiving the banner. Ed and Lorraine to review.  
Suggestion to leave some Beach Banners at the Varsity Store.

### Treasurer's Report (by Charlie Witherington)

HBCC Account: \$3467.37 (no change)  
Navada Account: \$1709.00

### Correspondence

Inquired into *Parking by Permit* signs on some side streets, all are City installed.  
Signage at Lift Bridge to direct bike traffic underneath bridge, initial inquiry dead end, will try other channels.  
HOPA regarding Digital Signs on Eastport and Fisherman's Pier, Chad Collins in a MP capacity is part of the correspondence thread, so no need to forward.

### New Business

Ebikes and other motorized devices on the path – Residents concerned with speed of electric vehicles on the path. Path limit is 15km, what enforcement exists?  
Bylaw officers handed out just one ticket in 2021. Presently just issuing warnings.  
Residences suggest installing 'slow down' lawn sign. Apparently a sign effective in the West End, is that of a small child with a bright flag, available at Wall Mart.

### Heritage Signs along path and street.

Some are missing, many are faded, who to contact?  
A resident said the signs were managed by Sandy Bell, a Conservation Authority Planner. Also, Lisa, of the Conservation Authority, should have details.

### Red Wind Towers

What happened to them?  
Improperly installed. They were tipping and removed by the City.

#### T-Ball

Run by Ryley Anderson on Thursday Evening from 5:30pm to 6:30pm, at the ball diamond beside Jimmy Lomax Park.

#### Environment report

An older letter regarding HOPA salt piles started with Chad Collins should be initiated again now that Chad is at the Federal Level. An ongoing debate/battle to have the salt, and other materials moved to another pier.

#### Signage on East Port Drive

MTO has reduced the HOPA signage to one single facing sign, of smaller dimensions. To be installed at the South end the Beach Strip on the West side Eastport Drive facing North (Hamilton bound traffic). Of the two original signs, this location was furthest from residences.

The HBCC has little say in the matter. We have stated our objections.

#### Beach Garage Sale

Vendors, what bylaws apply to them and how are they enforced?

#### Beach Canal Lighthouse

Lighthouse and Pier will be transferred over to HOPA very soon. This is strictly to manage, as HOPA wants to eventually transfer to the city.

MTO continues to keep the canal piers closed due to liability reasons. The City wants to address safety and liability, so we don't expect any changes soon.

The lighthouse and Keeper's Quarters to moved 100m. Some monies from the aforementioned Eastport Signage will go towards these projects.

#### Harry's Pub

The restaurant has new owners, Mike Crooks and Mike Paterson. It is currently undergoing renovations, hopefully opening in July with a 1920's theme under the name of Crooksy's.

#### Tax Receipts for Donations

The HBCC is not a charitable organization so does not issue tax receipts.