



FALL 2013

# BEASLEY BADGER

THE BEASLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Beasley Neighbourhood Assoc.  
www.ourbeasley.com



Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7-9pm in the

**NEW BEASLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

145 Wilson Street  
(the South/West corner of Dr. Davey School)



- Do you want to be more involved?
- Do you have ideas on how to improve the neighbourhood?

Come and share your experiences in an open & friendly environment. All are welcome!

## BEASLEY PARK COMMUNITY MURAL

The Beasley Community Mural was completed the week of August 5 to 12, 2013! Matt McInnes, Becky Katz and Sylvia Nickerson, along with numerous neighbourhood volunteers of all ages helped paint the Beasley Community mural onto the exterior wall of the old Beasley Community Centre in Beasley Park. The design for our mural came from about fifty kids drawings made by kids who live in Beasley or attend Dr. Davey School. These drawings were collaged together to make the mural design. On the West facing wall of the centre Landon Haggerty and members of the Hamilton Skateboard Assembly completed a memorial mural inspired by people who have passed away but were important to the Beasley community. Both murals were complete in time for the 21st annual Sk8 Jam, held in Beasley Park, August 10 and 11. A big Thanks to: Benjamin Moore, Hamilton Community Foundation, Sylvia Nickerson, Matt McInnes, Becky Katz, Landon Haggerty, Beasley Neighbourhood Association volunteers, kids from Dr. Davey School and the Beasley neighbourhood, Charlie Mattina, Brandon Braithwaite, Neighbourhood Development Strategies office, City of Hamilton, and many more people who helped us get this project completed this summer.



## 2013 MCLAREN CUP



This past summer the BNA helped organize the 2nd annual McLaren Cup. During the last week of August dozens of neighbourhood kids came out to practice soccer skills and play in some organized games, finishing off on the weekend before school with an all day tournament and the crowning of the McLaren Cup Champions.

Thanks to the Youth Out Reach Workers, Y on Wheels and the West Hamilton Youth Soccer club for helping to make this happen!

## MCLAREN PARK IMPROVEMENTS

McLaren park is one of the smallest yet most heavily used parks in Hamilton. It was identified in our neighbourhood plan as a park that needed some TLC. The City, Hamilton Centre for Civic Inclusion and the BNA organized a neighbourhood engagement event and spent all day on a Saturday talking to people about their ideas. Look for improvements to happen over time, first up will be the replacement of the parks perimeter fence, currently a tall chain link fence, with a nice cast iron fence that will give the park a better look, while still providing safety from the busy street.





**THIS SUMMER WARD  
2 RESIDENTS VOTED  
ON HOW TO SPEND  
\$1,000,000?**

# BEASLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD CHARTER



The Beasley Neighbourhood Charter group was pleased to host Hamilton Police Services Chief Glen DeCaire at our September 25th meeting. Chief DeCaire spoke about the neighbourhood ACTION teams (Addressing Crime Trends in Our Neighbourhoods), which are teams of officers who are deployed on foot and bicycle patrol based on an ongoing analysis of locations, crime trends, and offenders. This ensures that the ACTION Teams are in the right areas at the right times (for more information, please see <http://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/HPS/ACTION>).

The Chief presented data showing significant decreases in certain crimes, noting that Statistics Canada numbers indicate that Hamilton has experienced the single biggest drop in violent crime of any jurisdiction. Since 2009, violent crime has fallen 19%, and property crime is down 14%. These reductions are far ahead of the national average.

The Chief admitted that impaired driving is still a problem, and residents shared some concerns about traffic safety in Beasley, but many residents agreed that the HPS and ACTION teams have helped with public safety in the neighbourhood.

**The next Charter meeting is on  
Wed, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-9pm in the  
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## BEASLEY T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!



These exciting new t-shirts are based on the banner design in a variety of sizes and bright colours. Featuring 6 of the most popular "Be-statements" Shirts are \$20 and available in a variety of sizes.

Contact us if you are interested in ordering a t-shirt.  
[beasleyassociation@gmail.com](mailto:beasleyassociation@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**THINGS AT THE PRING: ALL HALLOWS  
EVE HAUNT! Thurs. Oct. 31, 2013**

Where: Hamilton Guesthouse, 158 Mary St.N

What: This Halloween, come by HGH for a little spooky fun! From 5.30pm till 9.30, we will have tricks and treats. We are also collecting canned goods for Welcome Inn Community Centre, so drop some goods in the cauldron while you're here!

**ELGIN / MARY ST. ALLEYWAY PROJECT  
Engagement Meeting: Wed, Nov. 27, 2013**

Where: Beasley Community Centre

What: From 7pm to 9pm, Come share your ideas at the neighbourhood engagement night regarding the Elgin alleyway project! This is the alleyway that runs between Mary and Elgin, from Cannon to Barton streets. We are looking for neighbourhood input as we embark on a project to make the alleyway a safe and vibrant place in our community.

Alleyways are consistently areas used for dumping and other acts that shouldn't happen in public spaces. In the Neighbourhood Plan, residents identified alley ways as a part of the neighbourhood that they wanted to improve on.

We are looking to develop creative uses for our unused alleyways. With the help of our fellow neighbours in Ward 2, the Beasley Neighbourhood was able to secure funding through the Participatory Budgeting process. We have up to \$200,000 for the improvement and beautification of the Elgin St and Mary Alleyway running north from Cannon to Barton. process

**WINTER CARNIVAL  
Sat February 8, 2014**

Where: Beasley Park from 2pm - 5pm

What: Come join us for the Annual Winter Carnival in Beasley Park! Fun filled outdoor winter activities for the whole family!

**THE BEASLEY BADGER  
WANTS  
YOU!**



**check out  
our website**

**[www.ourbeasley.com](http://www.ourbeasley.com)**

In August, over 1,000 Ward 2 residents helped choose how our tax dollars are spent by voting in Hamilton's first ever Participatory Budget (PB). The winning budget included 31 capital projects to be paid for with \$1 million from Councillor Farr's area rating fund.

Beasley residents were excited to see money dedicated to neighbourhood projects such as \$80,000 to upgrade the Beasley Skate Park, as well as money for an outdoor community oven and kitchen renovations at the Beasley Community Centre.

PBW2 is still looking for volunteers to help run the process in 2014, and to help ensure the winning projects are properly implemented. If you would like to learn more or get involved, visit [pbhamont.ca](http://pbhamont.ca) or contact [info@pbhamont.ca](mailto:info@pbhamont.ca).



In early September, City Council voted unanimously to support the installation of two-way bike lanes on Cannon St. through the downtown core. Over just a few short months, the Yes We Cannon campaign convinced councillors that a

prominent east/west bike route on Cannon will be good for residents & cyclists, and will not greatly impact drivers. The bike lanes are expected to be in place before the 2015 Pan Am Games and will help get visitors to Hamilton from the new James North GO Station to Ivor Wynne Stadium for soccer games.



Thanks to the hard work of residents and volunteers for knocking on the doors of the John/Robert towers and neighbouring apartment buildings. They gathered signatures in support of installing a pedestrian activated crosswalk at the corner of John and Robert streets. Residents were empowered to make a positive change and make the streets safer for the children crossing to get to McLaren Park!