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Regional Government: Rubber Stampers or Independent Thinkers?



FALL FAIR TIME: SEE INSIDE GUIDE



In October, the regional government in Niagara will have an opportunity to demonstrate that the two tier system of local governance in Niagara works for the benefit of the entire tax paying public in the region. Many voters pay little attention to this second tier of government (Regional) and the fault lies in both camps - we, the voters and the elected regional representatives. The regional government has responsibility for many important aspects of our day-to-day living. Excel-

lent staff work hard on our behalf and do so in a caring fashion. However, the pattern of decision-making by many elected regional representatives (and especially the mayors) that has evolved over the past decade has created doubts in the minds of many of the electorate about the need for another level of government. It is believed by many that the elected regional representatives merely rubber stamp local municipality decision making and this gives rise to suggestions of networking. This line of thinking is short term folly as there are many issues that have both local and regional implications.

The problem lies not with the decision-making responsibility itself but with some of the elected representatives who act on the principle of 'you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours'. In other words, 'you approve my projects and I'll approve yours'. The problem with this is that there are issues that have both local municipality and regional implications. What is needed is a 'regional vision' regarding tourism, environment, heritage, etc. Should the Region strive to look like Toronto and Mississauga or should it strive to achieve a unique environment that will draw many who will want to experience it. This vision would provide a background for decision making to determine what's truly local and what is a regional issue.

The Region of Niagara now has an opportunity of demonstrating that it is truly a body of second thought comprised of responsible elected officials who are concerned about the long term implications to all the local municipalities. The Port Dalhousie development proposal will be on their plate and voters across the region will be watching. Many will be basing their voting this Fall on how the issue is handled. Does the region want the lakefront that many municipalities share to be cluttered with high rise development and ultimately put all heritage districts in the region into jeopardy? Experience has shown that once the development industry achieves one tower, municipalities are helpless to prevent others from following. Does the Region want to maintain and further develop a unique travel experience that will draw people

from far and wide? The manner in which the City of St. Catharines dealt with this application, including secrecy on many levels and threats, while disturbing for sure to many regional representatives, should not be the driving force on this issue. The vision issues should be in the regional forefront. The electorate throughout Niagara will be paying close attention to the way in which this issue is handled.

Regional Council to Vote on Port Dalhousie Tower



On September 20th the Planning and Public Works Committee of our regional government reviewed the protocol recommended by Regional Planning for limiting public input at the October 11th meeting of the same committee. On October 11th the Committee will review Planning's Report/Recommendation and hear public input. Regional Council will then vote on the recommendation of the Planning and Public Works Committee, likely at the following Regional Council meeting on October 19th.



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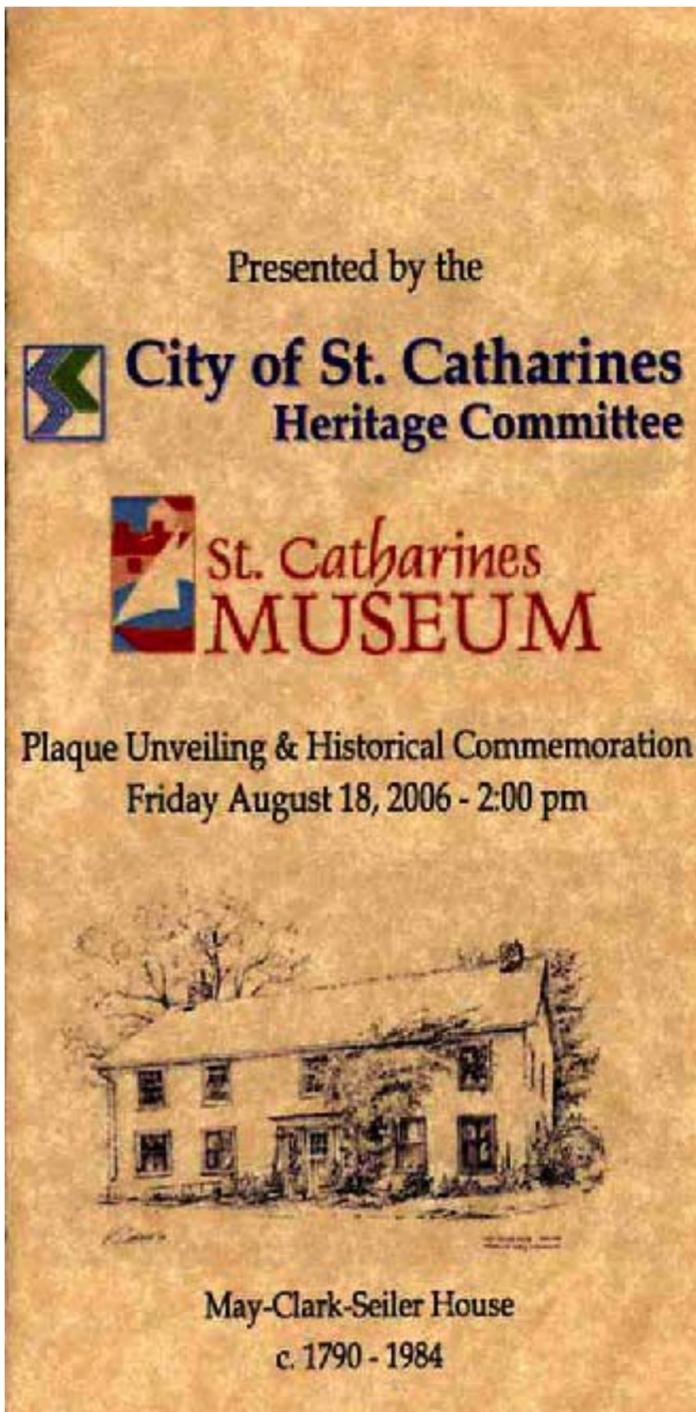
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Heritage Remembered: The May-Clark-Seiler House



An old house, located at the end of Sparkes Street was scheduled to be demolished, but a group of heritage enthusiasts convinced the owners that the house should be saved. Thus, in January of 1981, Heritage St. Catharines was formed to investigate the feasibility of preserving and restoring the historic May-Clark-Seiler House. The group set about fund raising and seeking support for the preservation. Even Pierre Berton, then Chairman of Heritage Canada became an Honourary Patron. In order to create an awareness of the project, the home's history was researched and it quickly became apparent that it could be the oldest home in St. Catharines and perhaps one of the oldest in the Province. William May, of German decent, a member of the Indian Department, a private in Butler's Rangers and a United Empire Loyalist emigrated to Upper Canada from New York State in 1783.

William May petitioned for and was granted 700 acres of land in the wilderness of Grantham Township. Here, about 1790, he built a home for his family. William May died in 1827, but the family remained there until 1838, when his grandson William May Junior sold the house to Colonel John Clark, a former officer of the Lincoln Militia and a member of the House of Assembly at York, who was then Collector of Customs at Port Dalhousie. Col. Clark renamed the house and farm Walnut Dale Farm. He died in 1862 at the age of 79 years and is buried in Victoria Lawn Cemetery. The house had a number of owners over the next 100 years.

In 1961, Herman and Inge Seiler bought it and in 1979, the Seilers built a new house on the south side of the old home and decided to remove it. However, they understood that the home was old and when approached by the group of heritage-minded individuals, gave them permission to come up with a plan to preserve it. As Heritage St. Catharines set about the task, even to the point of having an historical plaque made, fire struck on October 30, 1984 and the dreams of preserving this unique piece of our heritage was destroyed. The community and especially the members of Heritage St. Catharines were devastated by this unfortunate turn of events.

Time passed, the plaque that was to be placed at the restored home was forgotten in the home of a committee member, only to resurface 21 years latter, having been moved once and then placed in the hands of a local man very interested in family history. He realized what it was and contacted Arden Phair at the museum, who picked it up and took it to the museum. Arden advised several former members of the Heritage St. Catharines group that he indeed had the long forgotten plaque. It was decided that even though the home was gone, the site, the history of the home and the efforts of the group that had almost reached their goal needed to be remembered and thus almost 22 years after the fire, the plaque unveiling and historical commemoration took place on Friday, August 18, 2006. A very large crowd attended the presentation by the City of St. Catharines Heritage Committee, including descendants of the families that had lived there. The plaque unveiling was done by John Beverley Clark, Johan May, Vanessa Peters and Lynn Corbey. Following the programme at #3 Sparkes Street, there was a tour of the small May Family Cemetery located south and across the ravine from the house location, hidden behind cedar trees at 18 and 22 Ziraldo Road. A reception followed at another former May home, which is now the Mayholme Foundation Family Research Centre located at 525 Ontario Street. Here, descendants of the May and Clark families were able to look at their family trees, while guests mingled about and enjoyed a peach and cake dessert. A marvelous day and a tribute not only to our past but to those who made the effort to try and preserve our heritage.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT INTRODUCES NEW EDUCATION COMPONENT: STUDENTS NOW HOME BUILDING WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NIAGARA

Sept. 1, 2006

Yesterday, people gathered at the headquarters of the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) in St Catharines to hear an official announcement and News Release by the Hon. Sandra Pupatello, Minister of Education. The announcement allows high school students to customize their education with a new High Skills Majors program. One component of the program is building homes with Habitat for Humanity. Minister Pupatello, the Hon Jim Bradley and Warren Hoshizaki (Dir. Education DSBN) spoke about the win-win situation for everyone. Mr Bradley introduced Alastair Davis, Chief Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Niagara who shared Habitat Niagara's mission and its accomplishments with DSBN. "Habitat for Humanity Niagara is a non-profit, charitable housing program dedicated to provide affordable housing in the Niagara Region. Building simple, decent, and affordable houses allows families, who would otherwise not be able to purchase their own home, an opportunity to improve their lives. By working to provide a long-term solution to break the poverty cycle, our mission is to make decent, affordable shelter for all people a matter of conscience and action."

Mr. Davis thanked the students and teachers for their efforts and spoke about the tremendous impact the project had on the students and especially the two families who now own a home. For the families, a dream has come true to purchase a home.... For more information, please contact Ryan King (Communications - ryan@habitatniagara.on.ca)



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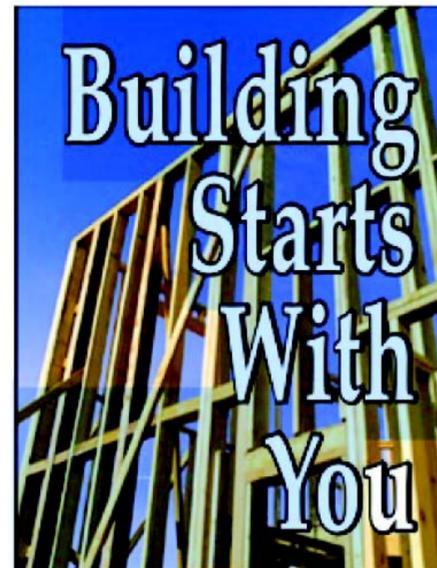
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Lost Contact Lens

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"How did you manage to find it, Mom"? the teenager asked.

"We weren't looking for the same thing," she replied.

"You were looking for a small piece of plastic. I was looking for \$150."

WHAT'S UP?



FALL FAIRS



Wainfleet Fair

(Wainfleet Agricultural Society)

September 21 - 23, 2006

Highlights

4H Shows, 4H Sheep Achievement Day, Cattle Show, Poultry Show, Antique & Lawn Tractor Pulls, Fruit & Vegetable Displays, Parade, pet Show, Hobbies & Crafts, School Displays

Phone: 905-835-5185

Address: R.R. #2 Port Colborne, Ontario L3K 5V4

Donnybrook Fair (Walsh) (Charlotteville Agricultural Society)

September 23 - 24, 2006

Highlights

Saturday - 4 Cylinder Demo Derby, Mini Tractor Pull, and Baby Show Sunday - Open Demo Derby

Directions: On Reg. Rd. 10 (Turkey Pt. Rd.) between Simcoe & Delhi

Phone: 519-582-1708

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September 28 - October 1, 2006

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September 29, 2006

Highlights

Parade, Log Sawing, Vegetables, Grains, Tobacco Tying, Nail Driving, Potato Peeling, Baby Show, Arts & Crafts, Junior Division, Domestic Science Categories, Jam Session, Home-craft

Directions 699 Regional Road 28, R.R.#3 Delhi, Ontario Fairgrounds, Hall

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Highlights

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Contact Information

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Rockton World's Fair (Rockton Agricultural Society)

October 7 - 9, 2006

Web site: www.rocktonworldsfair.com

Highlights

Expanded Agricultural/Education Programme on Friday Excellent Children's Entertainment, Huge Heavy Horses, Large Black & White & Coloured Dairy Show, Expanded Ag-Alive Tent, Four Cylinder Figure Eight Ontario Championship Demolition Derby, Spelling Bee, Public Speaking, Everything Fitz, stepdancing and fiddling, Pie Eating Contest

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Contact Information

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OTHER EVENTS

PORT COLBORNE Ties that Bind

September 01 - October 31, 2006

Venue: Port Colborne Historical/Marine Museum

Address: 280 King Street Port Colborne, Ontario,

Event Description: This exhibit will consider the significance of our railroad history locally, as well as nationally.

Contact: Port Colborne Historical/Marine Museum

Tel.: Local: 905-834-7604

NIAGARA REGION

Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival Craft Show & Sale

Phone: (905) 788-3135

From: October 6, 2006 To: October 9, 2006

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From: October 5, 2006 To: October 8, 2006

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From: October 7, 2006 To: October 9, 2006

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Phone: 905-934-8289 • Toll Free: 905-641-1934

From: November 11, 2006 To: November 12, 2006

Campden Public School Craft Show

Phone: 905-563-8723

From: October 7, 2006 To: October 9, 2006

Smithville Farmers' Market - Come for the freshness, Stay for the fun!

Phone: 905-957-6281

From: May 13, 2006 To: October 14, 2006

WELLAND

Saturday, September 16, 2006

- Rainbow Race & Mayor's Race
Fundraiser for: Ontario Special Olympics Athletes from the Niagara Region

Where: Welland County Motorcycle Race Track, 603 Netherby Rd.

Start Time: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: Adults: 13 and over: \$12.00pp or if you pre-buy, \$10.00pp

12 and under: \$2.00pp - will get free ticket for a snack.

Mayor's Race - Half-time event
There will also be raffles and draws plus a Live Band after the Races.

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P R O U D Port Dalhousie NEWS

20 SEPARATE APPEALS SENT TO THE OMB!

Yes, a total of **twenty** separate OMB appeals were filed against the city's re-zoning bylaw which would allow a massive condo tower development in the commercial core of the heritage district. Twenty appeals to the Ontario Municipal Board were received by the city to object to the City's decision to approve the controversial Port Place development. St. Catharines city councillors, in June, voted narrowly in favour of a rezoning application and official plan amendment to allow a huge tower and commercial development in historic Port Dalhousie. Anyone objecting to the City's bylaw had until Thursday at midnight to appeal the rezoning decision to the OMB. Filing an OMB appeal is not a move taken lightly as it requires payment of a \$125 fee and a commitment to pursue development that is consistent with planning regulations and heritage guidelines. This is a very high number of appeals and it sends a loud and clear message to our elected officials-- and the developer-- that there is widespread opposition to the tower proposal. Regional politicians - take note!

ANOTHER PDVC SPIN: NEGOTIATION THROUGH THE PRESS

If it weren't so sad, it would be funny. After lobbying hard to get the City to allow exemptions so that the developers would not have to pay for items normally associated with developer costs, suddenly there is an offer made through the press about a trade off with the community. In typical fashion for this set of developers, no one approached the community to negotiate such a trade off. The real sadness is that the offer to trade the repair of Dalhousie House for the dropping of appeals to the OMB shows that PDVC has absolutely no understanding of the community- a result of a lack of real dialogue with the community from the beginning of the process.

The thought that the restoration of one historic building would be worth trading off for the ruination of an entire historic district brings one to the inescapable conclusion that it is another developer spin to try to justify their attempts to make record profits. PDVC is just spinning its own wheels instead of making the development appropriate for this community. As one NOTL resident said recently about inappropriate development in her community, "If you want to be a good neighbour, don't do anything more than the law allows you to do."

HEIGHTS/DESIGNS PROPOSED FOR DEVELOPMENTS IN NIAGARA ON THE LAKE

SEPT. 6, 2006

In his public presentations, and also in his discussions with our volunteer organization, PDVC's Architect Mr. Michael Kirkland has insisted that his design for Port Dalhousie's commercial core, which includes a condominium tower the height of a 20 storey building, is "the only design that will work."

Yesterday's Standard's article listed some of the arguments over a proposed development in NOTL. It is interesting that there is a lot of concern about 4 storeys being proposed vs. the typical 3 in their heritage district. We have also noted that the Anchorage project has been approved for NOTL.

The Anchorage project includes retail and restaurant space, parking and a 74 unit condominium hotel yet, the approved design is a maximum of three storeys. Like PDVC's property in Port Dalhousie, the land slopes down towards the water (continued -see 3rd column)

RACE TO COPY TORONTO MAY LEAD TO A "HALL OF SHAME"

Recently, a National Post article on Toronto's waterfront being inducted into the Hall of Shame by N.Y.'s Project for Public Spaces: "Private development has resulted in a barrier of condo high-rises, which blocks the view of the water from the rest of Toronto and creates a psychological barrier for the general public."

Isn't it interesting that our Planning Department, the Mayor and some Councillors are trying hard to follow in Toronto's footsteps. They support a tower for our precious waterfront that everyone knows will lead to more towers and...they do this even though the tower proposal violates all applicable regulations and it is clearly not wanted by the majority of our citizens. Go figure. We can only hope our Regional Councillors will see the light.

WHAT A GREAT PIGNIC! COMMUNITY SPIRIT REACHES NEW HIGHS

Words cannot describe what a great success Sunday's (Aug. 20) Pignic was. Young families started arriving right at 3pm and the games began. Other families and individuals from throughout the Region started to arrive shortly after, and they kept coming... and coming...and coming. It was hard to keep count but by most estimates, approximately 300 attended. It was like a Henley Regatta event when both the upper and lower parking lots were full.

The roast pig was excellent and so was the music. So many people participated in and enjoyed the silent auction (thank you to all those who donated such great items). Above all, was the great community spirit: the conversations, the enjoyment, seeing old friends, making new ones. We have had so many calls and emails about what a great event it was.

We had some special guests too including our super ward Councillor Bruce Williamson, Councillor Carol Disher who has been so supportive and Regional Councillor Brian Heit. We also introduced some of the new candidates that will be running in November including Mike Sullivan, Heather Foss and Brian McMullan who as you know, is the only Mayoralty candidate with enough vision to state he would reject the tower proposal. We also had some wonderful news from volunteer Kristine Broughton who has decided to run for Council in Port Dalhousie Ward. We obviously need to replace the one Ward Councillor who will not support her constituents and Kristine will be a great choice.

Kristine also chaired the fundraising committee for this great event. Thank you Kristine and thank you to the many volunteers that made it happen including: Ed Szaszi and Marianne Kond, Judy Frugier, Ruth Barclay, Todd Hildebrand, Ian Goodwin, Barb Day, Barb McMullen, Bruce and Lorrie Cordner and many others (sorry if we missed you). A special thank you to Peter Connolly who roasted the pig to perfection.

Ian and Todd had the trailer there with the \$6,000 spa that is being raffled to help build up ACO-St.Catharines' Port Dalhousie Heritage Fund. This event helped raise ACO's totals significantly and we still need as many of you to make individual donations as possible.

Together we will win at the OMB and Save Our Seaport.

David Bergen and Carlos Garcia

Hello, Carlos and David,
Just want to let you know that Jim and I attended the Pignic yesterday, and were really impressed. We enjoyed ourselves immensely, and the food was excellent - except that Jim just wasn't quick enough to get any of the pig! All was very well organized,
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Dorothy Turcotte, Grimsby

Just want to express my appreciation for the great work and effort from you and the great volunteers!
Once again....another reason to be proud of P R O U D!
Jacqui Cornelius

HEIGHTS/DESIGNS PROPOSED (continued)

and the developer there has used a terraced design where the hotel is the high point at the rear and the sections closest to the water are lower -thus allowing views from all levels. The design appears to generally fit in and be in keeping with NOTL's heritage buildings.

Obviously, there are also alternative designs that PDVC could use and would be in keeping with the low-level, 19th and early 20th Century heritage streetscape of Port Dalhousie. Such a low-rise design would allow Port to retain its village feel and attractiveness to tourists looking for an authentic experience while still allowing PDVC an opportunity to make a profit on its investment. Certainly, we believe the Anchorage project in NOTL must have been determined to be profitable or the developer would not have proceeded.

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Lamentations of a Council Junkie

Deborah Kehler

The unfolding of the tale about the unavailability of the videotapes of the June council meetings on the Port tower proposal is getting more and more confusing. As anyone who is hooked on watching the Monday night proceedings at 50 Church Street knows, Cogeco has been recording the weekly event for as long as they can remember. In June of this year, when the single most significant issue to be decided in our fair city was being discussed, over the course of six nights, this long-standing practice did not occur, as there was a scheduling conflict on one or two of the nights. The general public was informed of this "glitch" at the meetings. We found out the first day of the meetings and when we asked the Clerk's office if we could arrange to video-record the proceedings ourselves, we were informed that only media would be allowed to video-record the meeting and it "was possible that the television media will be there." We were informed that the city had arranged for an audio recording.

When the meetings commenced, we noticed they were indeed being videotaped. I for one assumed that the City, to its credit, had decided that the council meetings discussing the future direction of Port Dalhousie were indeed important events and therefore should be recorded and made available to the public. After the meetings, PROUD made a number of attempts to obtain copies of the videos from the City Clerk's Office. For several weeks, we were lead to believe that they would be available to the public when they were received from Omni Media. Omni Media is [self-] described on its website as "A Video Production (Power) House of all-pro tools, toys and talent - for hire," whose motto is "Our PRODUCT... is a well-served CLIENT."

Recently, we were informed that, "The video tapes have not been received from OMNI Media" and the city doesn't "expect to have the video tapes in [their] possession until some time in late October." Articles in both the Standard and Niagara This Week attempted to provide further clarification and reported that that Omni Media claimed it was recording the marathon event for "archival" purposes.

So let's look at what we actually know to be the case: Cogeco, the cable company that normally video-records every council meeting for the City, did not record the meetings in June 2006. The City Clerk's Office, the cog-in-the-wheel responsible for arranging such matters opted for audio recording. Omni Media was, for some reason, permitted to record the meetings even though "members of the public [were] not allowed" to do so. The videos of the meetings have not been aired to the public.

I cannot help but ask myself, **out loud** on this occasion, why the City didn't hire Omni Media to record the meetings, since an Omni principal stated to the press that they "thought the footage could be sold to Cogeco." Presumably the footage could have been sold to the City. If the Standard, or Niagara This Week, or The Port Reporter had contacted the City Clerk's Department to request an opportunity to record the proceedings, presumably, they would have been permitted to do so. Instead we have a situation in which the City dropped the ball; a video production company picked it up, but they appear to be willing to share the information with the public only at a time of their choosing.

Why didn't the City Clerk ask Omni Media why they were recording the meetings and for whom they were doing it? If the answer was, "We're recording the meetings for archival purposes," then they are clearly not news"media" and ought not to be permitted to do something others were prevented from doing. Why didn't the City Clerk say something like, "We would like to purchase copies of the video-recordings in their entirety?" This would have enabled the recordings to be aired back in June or early July. The public would have had the opportunity to watch the six-evening event and draw their own conclusions about the discussion of this very important issue. We would not still be talking about it nearly four months later.

When will it stop? When will the City Clerk and City Council stop trying to decide what the public is entitled to know, and when they have the right to know it?

As a self-confessed council junkie, dependent on the opportunity to watch our elected officials do (or in some cases, refuse to do), their jobs, I frequently watch Cable 10 on Monday nights and occasionally on Thursday nights. I think it's important to be able to watch members of the public who have given up their evening to sit on a hard wooden bench because they believe in what they are there to talk about, whether it is much-needed supportive housing, or leash-free dog parks, and form my own opinions about the issue being discussed. I believe that being well informed is a public right and a personal duty. (No, this isn't an election ad! Oops, I'm starting to sound like Doug Herod).

Contrary to what was printed in a local publication, I along with at least one other member of the PROUD Executive attended each meeting in its entirety. I know of one woman in the community, an elegant octogenarian, who attended all but one of the meetings at an enormous cost to her health. If the primary purpose of having council meetings regularly aired on cable television is to enable the public who are unable to attend keep themselves well informed on local issues of importance, and to better understand the role and better assess the performance of their elected officials, a tremendous opportunity has been missed by the mishandling of this issue. The public is the loser on this one. The City's veil of secrecy is starting to feel more like an "iron curtain."

Port Dalhousie Ward Councillor

Press Release: September 7, 2006

Councillor Bruce Williamson to seek re-election in Port Dalhousie Ward

St. Catharines - Bruce Williamson confirmed today that he has declared as a candidate for Port Dalhousie Ward in the November 13th, 2006 municipal elections. First elected in 1994, Williamson topped the polls in the last four municipal electoral contests in the ward.

Williamson, 46, is married to Melody and they are the parents of three children. He is employed with the District School Board of Niagara as a secondary school teacher and has 16 years experience in the private sector. Williamson is active in coaching youth sports. He is a member of the St. Catharines Library Board and sits on various committees. He has acted as a Transit Commissioner and held other municipal posts.

"The citizens of St. Catharines can make a difference in the upcoming local election by selecting candidates who will listen to and represent their opinions on issues that directly affect them. I would appreciate the opportunity to again serve our community in the capacity of Councillor and be part of a new council that will reflect the common good of the people that make up our city," said Williamson.

He also noted that he will persevere in his quest to make City Hall more accountable to the citizens. Williamson also confirmed that he will continue his practice of not accepting campaign monies from vested interests, stating "decision-making is always better when it is free from the influence of campaign donations which invariably have strings attached."

The Press Release issued by Councillor Williamson announcing he will be seeking re-election in Port Dalhousie Ward is welcome news. We are elated!. Councillor Williamson has been solid as a rock this past term and stood firmly in support of his constituents This was particularly true during the marathon Council Meetings on the tower proposal. He gives true meaning to the ward system whereby a ward Councillor will (ideally) listen to and support his ward constituents. Let's get him re-elected with the biggest margin ever!

David Bergen and Carlos Garcia
PROUD Port Dalhousie

3rd ANNUAL PROUD POTLUCK AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS

The Third Annual PROUD Potluck on Labour Day was an outstanding success. Over 100 of you attended the function at David and Deborah's backyard (thank you David and Deb). Everyone had a great time and, if you missed it, you missed some great food (thank you to all those who brought so many different dishes) and even greater company. Our get-togethers are becoming legendary because of the great community spirit. Anyone missing a plate should call 934-8598.

20 APPEALS COULD BE A RECORD

There is another article in the Standard today (SEPT. 6, 2006) about the large number of OMB appeals on the city's by-law that would allow a tower in the heritage district. Twenty appeals could be a record --like the record number of residents opposing the tower proposal at the two Preliminary Public Meetings and the marathon Public Council Meeting. As the article points out, the proposal now goes before Regional Council, likely in October.

NOTL RESIDENTS UPSET

Sept. 5, 2006

NOTL residents complained that the proposed Vintage Inns development is not compatible with the neighbourhood. The Pillar and Post Inn met with strong neighbourhood opposition to its proposed expansion on the old C & C Yachts property on John Street. The proposal is for a large hotel, four storeys in height, thereby not conforming with the current 3 storey limit. The proposed complex would have 114 guest rooms and three meeting rooms capable of holding 300 people. It also includes the addition of eight rooms to the existing hotel and 78 units of townhouses and single-family homes surrounding the new building. The plans also threaten a historic building on the Vintage Inns property-an unpopular proposal in heritage-conscious Niagara-On-The-Lake.

The neighbours argued that it would add too much traffic, especially at night, to an established residential neighbourhood.

The developers argued that the project would clean up a contaminated site.



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Healing & Meditation Sessions begin Wed. Sept. 13th. Sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Wed. 7:00 p.m. All welcome anytime

Course on Miracles Class begins on Wed. Sept. 20th. Meetings held on the 1st & 3rd Mondays 7:00 p.m. All Welcome

Permits for gym use now being issued. Call Jenifer 935-7231

Want to contribute a story, photo, recipe, letter to the editor, etc. to the Port Reporter?

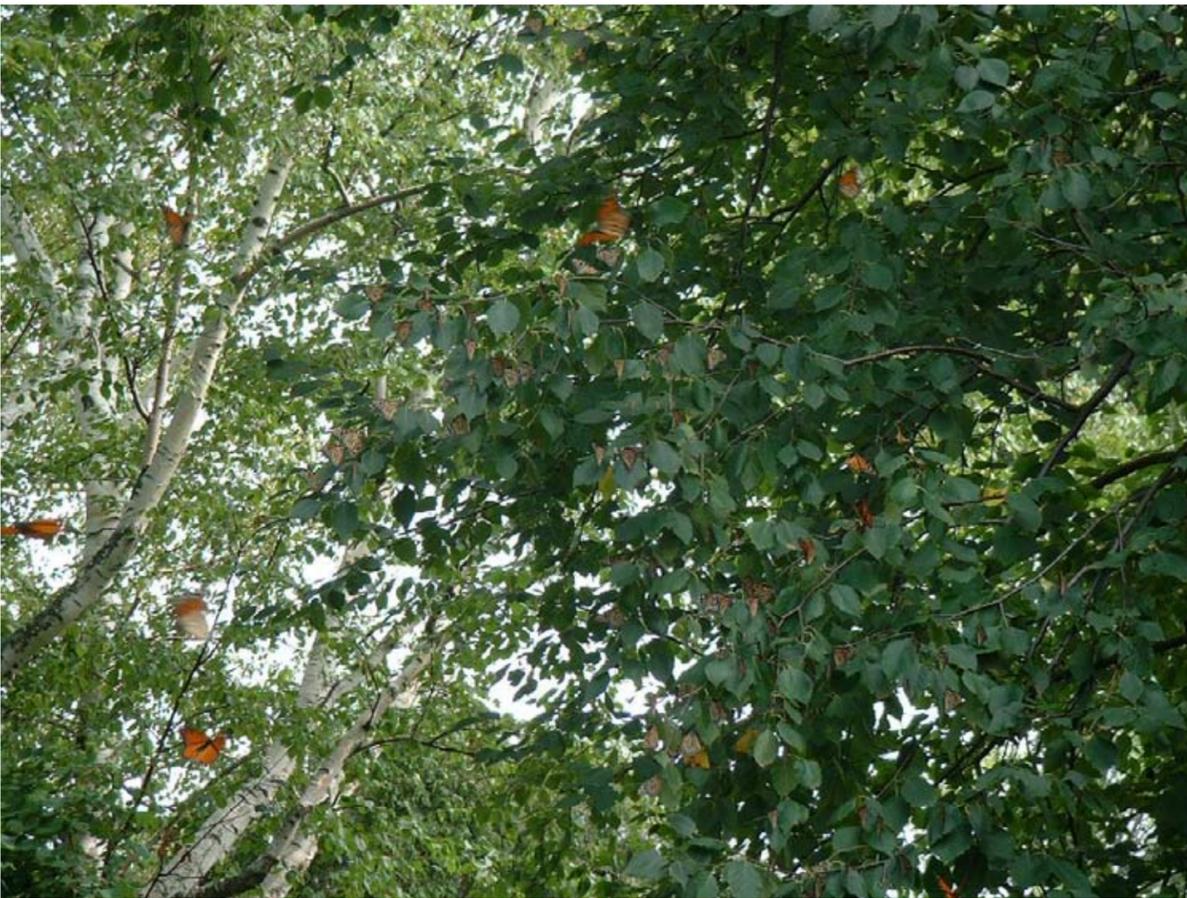
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Firestone

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Monarch Butterflies in a backyard on Dalhousie Ave. Photo taken by the Garcias

HOW CAN YOU HELP WITH THIS IMPORTANT CONSERVATION ISSUE?

Internet article from www.MonarchWatch.org/ws

The Need for a Monarch Waystation Program

What Is a Monarch Waystation anyway?

A "waystation" may be defined as an intermediate station between principal stations on a line of travel. If we imagine the principal stations for monarchs to be the overwintering sites in Mexico and the points of reproduction in the breeding season, then it becomes easy for us to visualize the value of resource-rich waystations along the monarch's route through its annual fall and spring migrations. Without resources - in the form of nectar from flowers - fall migratory butterflies would be unable to make the journey to Mexico. Similarly, without milkweeds along the entire route north in the spring and summer months, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall.

Monarch Resources are Declining

Milkweeds and nectar sources are declining due to development and the widespread use of herbicides in croplands, pastures and roadsides. Because 90% of all milkweed/monarch habitats occur within the agricultural landscape, farm practices have the potential to strongly influence monarch populations. Why we are concerned:

- Farm and ranch land is disappearing at rate of nearly 3,000 acres per day. In a 5-year period starting in 1992, 6 million acres of farmland (an area the size of the state of Maryland) were converted to subdivisions, factories, and other developments (www.farmland.org).
- Widespread adoption of herbicide-resistant corn and soybeans in the last 5 years has resulted in the loss of at least 80 million acres of monarch habitat.
- Use of herbicides along roadsides continues to reduce milkweeds and nectar plants.

Development

We are all familiar with development in and around our cities - farm and ranch land is being converted to houses, factories, shopping centers and parking lots. It is the scale of these changes that is alarming - 3,000 acres a day adds up quickly! The rate of change was greater in the 1990s than in the 1980s and it is probably even greater today. Urban sprawl, especially in the eastern half of the North America, is eliminating habitats for monarchs and displacing wildlife.

Genetically Modified (GM) Crops

The planting of crops genetically modified to resist the herbicide glyphosphate (most commonly known by the brand name Roundup®) allows growers to spray fields of young soybeans or corn with this herbicide instead of tilling to control weeds. Milkweeds survive tilling but not the repeated use of glyphosphate. In fact, before the adoption of these GM crops, surveys in several states revealed that croplands with modest numbers of milkweeds produced more monarchs per unit area than other monarch habitats. The loss of milkweeds in these row crops is significant, considering that these croplands represent more than 30% of the total summer breeding area for monarchs.

Roadside Management

The use of herbicides and frequent mowing along roadsides has converted much of this habitat to grasslands - a habitat generally lacking in food and shelter for wildlife. These habitats constitute 2-4% of the land area throughout the monarch's summer breeding range. Although some states have started to increase the diversity of plantings along roadsides, including milkweeds, these programs are small.

Unfortunately, the remaining milkweed habitats - pastures, hayfields, edges of forests, grasslands, native prairies, and urban areas - are not sufficient to sustain the large monarch populations seen in the 1990s. Monarchs need our help.

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This Carousel Horse, donated by a world renowned artist, could be yours!

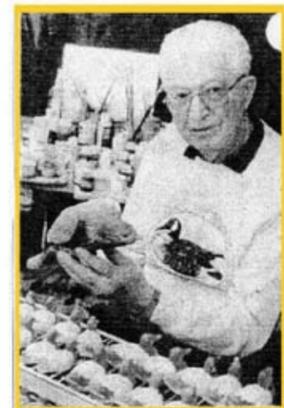


Tickets are: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00

Draw will be made at the end of the summer. Winner to be announced in the Port Reporter.

For tickets and information where to buy

CALL: 905-646 1264



Bill took up carving while still working at General Motors in St. Catharines, Ontario Canada. He attended a course in waterfowl carving at Mohawk College in Hamilton Ontario as well as private courses. Bill has won many top awards at the Worlds Competition Ocean City, Maryland and North American shows in Michigan. He has

expanded his knowledge as a sculptor and makes reproductions of his sculptures, carefully moulding and hand-finishing each piece in realistic colour. The artist carves his own originals from inception to completion. His carvings and reproductions can be found in Canada and the U.S.A., as well as Europe and Asia.

The Corporation of the City of Thorold and- Heritage Thorold LACAC

Cordially invite you to attend the Formal Designation and plaquing of the following properties and sites under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act :

Sunday, October 1st, 2006
12:30 p.m. The Lynch House
65 Chapel St. South

1:30 p.m. The Carr-Millar-
McMillan Block
31-33-35 Front St. South
(Refreshments to follow)

WHAT'S UP?

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HALDIMAND (CONTINUED)

September 24

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Caledonia
A "Walk" with family & friends in Caledonia celebrating the Scottish Heritage.
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September 30 to October 1

Autumn Treasures

Ruthven Coach House
Fine Artist/Artisan Show on the grounds of a National Historic Site. Mansion tours, refreshments, trail walks and many forms of art available. Artisans Exhibit-Free
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ruthven.park@sympatico.ca <http://www.ruthvenpark.ca>

ST. CATHARINES

18th Annual Pumpkinville

Saturday, October 14, 2006

Join us at the 18th Annual Pumpkinville at Happy Rolph's Bird Sanctuary

- Scarecrow Building Contest (registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)
 - Children's Pumpkin Carving Contest (registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)
 - Children's Games including arts and crafts, hay dive, face painting, Cauldron Fishing, Ghost Bowling, and jump and bounce fun!
 - Children's Entertainer
 - Family Photos in the Barn: \$5.00 per photo - Rachele Photography
 - Great Food and Snacks available for purchase
- FREE ADMISSION

Please consider bringing a toonie donation to help support Pumpkinville and Family and Children's Services. For further information please call 905-688-5601 extension 1563 or 1570.

A Spiritual ArtShow And Sale

Come and Enrich Your Spiritual Experience

Sunday, Sept. 17th from 12 to 4 pm

New Wine and Cheese reception at 1 pm
Sponsored by your friends at the St. Catharines Seventh Day Adventist Church All proceeds will be donated to The R.A.F.T. (Resource Association For Teens) and A.D.R.A. (Adventist Development and Relief Agency) All art has been produced locally
Sold pieces must remain on display till 4 pm
For more information contact Brent Keating at 905-937-7219 or bkeating1@cogeco.ca

ARTS, CRAFTS: The Market Mall

The Market Mall is every Wednesday (except Oct.25) through Dec. 20th in Market Square, St. Catharines. The Market Mall highlights artist, crafters and small businesses from the Niagara Region.
It runs from 10 am through 3 pm.

For more information, please call Lynn Beaudry 905-641-4567 or email lynn@promoplanning.com

WALK FOR HEART AND STROKE NIAGARA

Queenston Heights Park, Niagara Region
Sunday, Sept 24, 2006 Walk start time 11:00 am
2 km and 4 km Register today!
heartandstroke.ca/walk

Sept 24

Niagara Walk for Life for AIDS

All Niagara

FILM; BUFS' schedule of screenings

The Brock University Film Society (BUFS) is pleased to announce the beginning of its Fall 2006 Season, opening September 17 in the David S. Howes Theatre at Brock. All films are shown in 35 mm theatrical format on Sunday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for members and students (valid ID required) and \$8 for non-members.

One of the first films of the year is:

Sept. 24 **WAH-WAH** (14A, Richard E. Grant, UK/South Africa/France, 2005, 97 mins. 14A) A big, crowd-pleasing film. In the final days of the British Empire, a boy (Nicholas Hoult) grows up in Swaziland among military men with an appetite for gin and adultery. Stars Gabriel Byrne, Miranda Richardson, Emily Watson, Julie Walters, Zachary Fox. Written by Richard E. Grant.

Saturday, September 30th 2006 marks the **6th Annual Harbour Estates Winery Great Grape Stomp**. The event is being held from 12:00 noon until 4:00pm at Harbour Estates Winery, 4362 Jordan Road, Jordan Station. All funds raised will be donated to Hospice Niagara. Registration - \$15 per team, and can be completed by calling 1-877-HEW-WINE or visiting www.harbourestateswinery.com.

Historically Related Events and Workshops

EDITOR'S NOTE: This section needs a better heading. Come on history buffs- Send suggestions to dalhousiecity@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 10 till October 31st. - 2:00 p.m. - a Museum program at the St. Catharines Museum - "HERE LIE WITHIN THE SILENT GRAVES: An Historical Overview of Victoria Lawn Cemetery" - an illustrated lecture by Brian Narhi. This lecture is in conjunction with the opening of the exhibit "RIP: Death and Dying in the Garden City".

Thur., Sep. 28—7:30 p.m.
Historical Society meeting; at the St. Catharines Museum - a short Society meeting followed by a program featuring "Treasures from the Vaults of the St. Catharines Museum" - David Sloan (Chair) and Arden Phair (Curator of Collections) will present various "treasures" from the vaults of the Museum.

Friday, October 13 - 1:30 p.m. - **Ceremony at the base of Brock's Monument, Queenston Heights Park**, to formally add the name GENERAL BROCK PARKWAY to the designation of Highway 405. This date coincides with the 194th Anniversary of the Battle of Queenston Heights and the death in action of Major-General Sir Isaac Brock, KB.

Sat. and Sun., Oct 14 & 15
Doors Open Niagara: over 100 heritage buildings on both sides of the border open for tour, free of charge.

Willowbank Heritage Estate

The School of Restoration Arts
Continuing Education Program is now open for registration!! The First Master Class Program Begins
The Program includes Lectures, Field Trips and Workshops in the following areas:
Heritage, Architecture, Carpentry, Plaster & Lath and Masonry.
Please see the School portion of our website for details. <http://www.willowbank.ca/>

The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir

at St. Marks Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
Saturday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m.
Back by popular demand. All proceeds to benefit Willowbank Heritage Estate in Queenston.
Tickets available at Willowbank: 905.262.1239 or at the door.
See www.willowbank.ca (under events) for the complete Musical Program

Heritage Welland (LACAC) would like to invite everyone to attend the **heritage designation celebration and plaquing** of the Carnegie Building, (former Welland Public Library), 140 King Street, Welland, Ontario on **Saturday, October 14th at 2 p.m.** Refreshments to follow. The Carnegie Building is now the new home of the Welland Historical Museum. This ceremony is being held in conjunction with the Doors Open Niagara event, for which the Carnegie Building is one of the venues in Welland. Come join us for the designation ceremony and see the many artifacts on display in the new museum which have been not been seen for decades due to space limitations at the old museum, and don't forget to visit the other Doors Open sites in Welland.

The Storm Window Workshop:

Learn To Restore And Build
Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, 2006

The restoration of historic sash windows are only half the job when you are looking for superior performance over thermal replacement windows! Adding a well-fitting wooden storm window will make your historic window system much more energy efficient. In this valuable workshop the attendees will learn to repair existing storm windows and build new wood storm windows. Basic joinery, wood selection, glass installation and assembly will be explored. How to hang the finished product and the best way to open and screen the storm window will also be examined.

Special Requirements Of Attendee: You must supply CSA rated safety glasses.

Duration: 3 days (5 hours each day),
Fee: \$300.00
Call To Reserve Your Space 519-752-9801

Ornamental Plaster Studio Workshop

October 14 & 15, 2006
Through demonstration and hands-on experience, the attendee will be introduced to the historic aspects of ornamental plaster work, including cornices, medallions and moulded embellishments. The attendees will also learn techniques to produce appropriate knives and moulds using both historic and modern methods. Casting and repair procedures will also be taught, as well as how to repair damaged ornamental works in-situ at Blenheim Farms House.

Special Requirements Of Attendee: You must supply CSA rated safety glasses.

Duration: 2 days (5 hours each day),
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REMINDER-SCHOOL BUS LAWS

Just a reminder of the new laws that were passed last year.

Whether on a city street, highway or county road, and regardless of the speed limit and the number of lanes, motorists travelling in both directions must stop (and I think they said it's 20 feet) when approaching a stopped school bus with its upper red lights flashing. A flashing stop arm will swing out while passengers are boarding or leaving the bus. (The only exception: on highways separated by a median, traffic coming from the opposite direction is not required to stop). Once all passengers have boarded, the STOP arm will fold away. Do not start moving until the red lights have stopped flashing and the bus begins to move.

PENALTIES FOR NOT STOPPING

First offence: \$400 to \$2,000 and six demerit points
Each subsequent offence: \$1,000 to \$4,000, six demerit points and possible jail time up to six months

But note: It's not just YOU that can get charged or get demerit points... it's the registered owner of the vehicle ie: if you loan your car or if your kids are driving it - YOU will get the fine and the points. They are also encouraging other drivers to report vehicles and if they do, YOU will get fined - even if you aren't stopped at the time. Make sure your kids know these rules so YOU don't get charged.

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What We Can Do

To offset the loss of milkweeds and nectar sources due to development, use of herbicides, and roadside management practices, we need to create, conserve, and protect milkweed/monarch habitats. Monarchs need resource patches - lots of them - and our goal over the next three years is the creation of at least 10,000 of these patches, which we are calling "Monarch Waystations". We need you to help us and help monarchs by creating Monarch Waystations in home gardens, schools, parks, zoos, nature centers, field margins, along roadsides, and on other unused plots of land. This effort won't replace the amount of milkweed that has been lost or even keep pace with the habitat losses each year; however, without a major effort to restore milkweeds to as many locations as possible, the monarch population is certain to decline to extremely low levels.

In addition to creating monarch habitats in those areas each of us controls, we need to lobby on behalf of monarchs - to persuade our schools, nature centers, municipalities, and departments of transportation (DOTs) in each state to also create these habitats. Creation of restored habitats that support monarchs and other wildlife will save money at all levels of government charged with maintaining roadsides and public lands. The increasing cost of energy is putting a strain on all budgets. We need to encourage our officials to create habitats and save money by eliminating unnecessary mowing and use of herbicides.

The Value of Monarch Waystations

By creating and maintaining a Monarch Waystation you are contributing to monarch conservation and are helping to assure the continuation of the monarch migration in North America. Your efforts will also provide habitats for other species, including many pollinators - a rapidly declining and underappreciated, yet important, group of species. By educating others about monarchs and the need to provide habitats for wildlife you will help raise the public's awareness of important conservation issues.

Size. There is no upper limit for the size of a Monarch Waystation, but approximately 15 squareyards (135 sq feet) should be considered the minimum area required for an effective MonarchWaystation. A suitable monarch habitat can be easily integrated with an existing garden.

Exposure. Butterflies and butterfly plants need lots of sun; therefore, monarch habitats need to be located in an area that receives at least six hours of sun a day.

Drainage and Soil Type. Milkweeds and nectar plants will do best in relatively light (low-clay)soils. Good drainage is needed to avoid root rot and provide good aeration of the roots.

Shelter and Density of Planting. To assure that the maximum number of monarchs survive inyour habitat, the plants should be relatively close together. However, they should not be crowded- be sure to follow the planting guides specific to each plant. Monarch eggs, larvae, pupae, and even adults, can become food for many other species; planting milkweeds and nectar plants close to each other provides more shelter for all life stages.

Milkweed Plants. To maximize the utilization of your habitat by monarchs, it is desirable to cultivate a number of milkweed species. It is useful to have at least 10 plants of two or more species. However, if you have a large number of plants (10 or more) of one species, you will have created a monarch habitat. Milkweeds of different species mature and flower at differenttimes during the season. By increasing the number of milkweed species in your habitat you will increase the possibilities that monarchs will utilize your property for a longer period during thebreeding season.

Nectar Plants. Monarchs, other butterflies, and numerous pollinators need nectar. By providing nectar sources that bloom sequentially during the season (or continuously) as many butterfly plants do, your Monarch Waystation can provide resources for monarchs throughout the breeding season and the migration in the fall. A Monarch Waystation should contain at least 4 plants (annual or perennial) that provide nectar for butterflies.

CREATING A MONARCH WAYSTATION

INTRODUCTION

Selecting Your Monarch Waystation Site

If you are establishing a new garden, two things to consider are sunlight and drainage. Butterflies and butterfly plants need full sunlight for at least 6 hours per day; therefore, you should choose a sunny, wind-sheltered area for your garden. Most of the plants we've selected for our Monarch Waystation Seed Kit grow best in well-drained soils - for example, areas with a slight slope or even raised beds. The exception is swamp milkweed, which tolerates saturated soils and can be planted in areas with poor drainage.

Organizing Your Monarch Waystation

Once you have chosen a site, measure its dimensions and make a plan of the layout of the garden. When deciding where to place each type of plant, consider whether it is an annual or perennial, its height, and blooming time. Tall plants should be placed in the back, followed by medium height plants and then shorter plants in the front. This will create a stepped effect to ensure all plants are visible from the primary viewing area. If you create a garden that allows viewing from all sides, i.e., a rounded bed, place the tallest plants in the center, with decreasing heights toward the edges. It is usually easier to manage a garden in which the perennials are toward the back, or center, with the annuals closer to the edge. Most of the annuals used in butterfly gardens bloom throughout the growing season while some of the perennials have shorter blooming periods. By careful placement of the continuously blooming annuals and perennials, the garden can have the appearance of always being in bloom.

Additional information about the Monarch Waystation program, including certification, Monarch Waystation Seed Kits, brochures, and other support materials, is available on our website at:

www.MonarchWatch.org/ws

or by writing to us at: Monarch Watch, University of Kansas, 1200 Sunnyside Avenue, Lawrence, KS 66045
Good Luck with your Monarch Waystation!

Next month- shrubs and plants for your waystation

Teacher Tips for Parents

by Mrs. O

Subject-Distinguishing Letters- age 4-6

One way of distinguishing letters is by their place in print- on the line, above and below the line. Once your child starts to learn the alphabet, **sky**, **grass** and **dirt** are fun words you can use to help your child understand the placement of letters on a line in relation to one another. **Sky** letters reach tall into the sky, **grass** letters sit on the line in the grass, and **dirt** letters have tails that go down below the grass into the dirt.

For example the name "Cathy" has three **sky** or tall letters- **Cth**, one **grass** letter-**a** and one **dirt** letter-**y**. Soon you will hear your child say "Look that word has 2 sky letters and 1 grass letter."

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- Add to compost piles to increase nitrogen balance.
- Dilute the grounds with water for a gentle, fast-acting liquid fertilizer. Use about .250 kg can of wet grounds per about 18 l. of water.
- Mix grounds into soil around houseplants or new vegetable beds.
- Mix grounds with eggshells and circle around the base of a plant to repel pests.

The proper amount of coffee grounds to use depends on your soil condition and what is being grown in your garden. For advice, talk to your local gardening expert.

DID YOU KNOW?

- You can pick up complimentary coffee grounds at a Starbucks location near you!
- Coffee grounds can be used on blueberries, camellias, rhododendron and gardenia.
- Coffee grounds have the same carbon: nitrogen ratio as grass clippings.
- Composting can reduce the amount of household garbage by one third?

ENJOY YOUR COFFEE (AGAIN)

One of readers sent in this quote.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
- Margaret Mead

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Sunday September 17 - Mission Sunday
Sunday September 24 - Stewardship and Finance Sunday
Sunday October 1 - World Wide Communion
Sunday October 8 - Thanksgiving/ Communion



LAUGHTER FOR WHAT AILS YOU

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RIDDLES

Why did the toilet paper roll down the hill?
To get to the bottom! (Sabrina, 10)

What did the traffic light say to the car?
"Don't look, I'm changing!" (Lauren, 12)

What did Obi-Wan say to Luke at dinner time?
"May the forks be with you." (Morgan, 8)

A man gave one son 10 cents and another son was given 15 cents. What time is it?
A quarter to two (Sandy Sibert)

What do you get when you cross a canary with a mole?
A miner bird.

What did the leopard say when it swallowed its prey?
"That hit the spot." (Betty Debnam)

Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?
Use a pencil 'till I get there.

Where is the English Channel?
I don't know, my TV doesn't pick it up.

GROANER
I have this friend who always seemed to lean slightly to the left all the time. It used to bother me, so I suggested he see a doctor, and have his legs checked out. For years, he refused, told me I was crazy. But last week, he finally went, and sure enough, the doctor discovered his left leg was 1/4" shorter than his right. A quick bit of orthopedic surgery later, he was cured, and both legs are exactly the same length now, and he no longer leans. "So," I said, "You didn't believe me when I told you a doctor could fix your leg." He just looked at me and said, "I stand corrected."

FOR SALE OLD FORD TRACTOR Missing Steering Wheel. Perfect for someone who doesn't know which way to turn

What do you get when you cross a canary and a lawn mower?
Shredded tweet.

JESTS 4 WANNA B KIDS

Some "Senior" personal ads seen in Florida newspapers:

FOXY LADY:
Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4" (used to be 5'6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

LONG-TERM COMMITMENT:
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SERENITY NOW:
I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation.
If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

WINNING SMILE:
Active grandmother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.

BEATLES OR STONES?
I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.

MEMORIES:
I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.

MINT CONDITION:
Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well

GROANERS
A trainee for the New York Police Department, was asked the following hypothetical question: "If your beat was a lonely path in Central Park, and a beautiful young girl rushed up to you and declared that a strange man had suddenly grabbed her, and hugged and kissed her, what would you do?" The police-officer-in-training replied without hesitation, "I would endeavor to reconstruct the crime."

MY KIND OF SENIOR
A 98 year old woman wrote this to her bank. The bank manager thought it amusing enough to have it published in the New York Times.

Dear Sir:
I am writing to thank you for bouncing my check with which I endeavored to pay my plumber last month.

By my calculations, three 'nanoseconds' must have elapsed between his presenting the check and the arrival in my account of the funds needed to honor it. I refer, of course, to the automatic monthly deposit of my Social Security check, an arrangement which, I admit, has been in place for only eight years.

You are to be commended for seizing that brief window of opportunity, and also for debiting my account \$30 by way of penalty for the inconvenience caused to your bank.

My thankfulness springs from the manner in which this incident has caused me to rethink my errant financial ways.

I noticed that whereas I personally attend to your telephone calls and letters, when I try to contact you, I am confronted by the impersonal, overcharging, pre-recorded, faceless entity which your bank has become.

From now on, I, like you, choose only to deal with a flesh-and-blood person. My mortgage and loan payments will therefore and hereafter no longer be automatic, but will arrive at your bank by check, addressed personally and confidentially to an employee at your bank whom you must nominate.

Be aware that it is an offense under the Postal Act for any other person to open such an envelope. Please find attached an Application Contact Status which I require your chosen employee to complete.

I am sorry it runs to eight pages, but in order that I know as much about him or her as your bank knows about me, there is no alternative.

Please note that all copies of his or her medical history must be countersigned by a Notary Public, and the mandatory details of his/her financial situation (income, debts, assets and liabilities) must be accompanied by documented proof.

In due course, I will issue your employee with a PIN number which he/she must quote in dealings with me.

I regret that it cannot be shorter than 28 digits but, again, I have modeled it on the number of button presses required. of me to access my account balance on your phone bank service. As they say, imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.

Let me level the playing field even further. When you call

me, press buttons as follows:

- 1-- To make an appointment to see me.
- 2-- To query a missing payment.
- 3-- To transfer the call to my living room in case I am there.
- 4-- To transfer the call to my bedroom in case I am sleeping.
- 5-- To transfer the call to my toilet in case I am attending to nature.
- 6-- To transfer the call to my mobile phone if I am not at home.
- 7-- To leave a message on my computer (a password to access my computer is required. A password will be communicated to you at a later date to the Authorized Contact.)
- 8-- To return to the main menu and to listen to options 1 through 7.
- 9-- To make a general complaint or inquiry, the contact will then be put on hold, pending the attention of my automated answering service.

While this may, on occasion, involve a lengthy wait, uplifting music will play for the duration of the call.

Regrettably, but again following your example, I must also levy an establishment fee to cover the setting up of this new arrangement.

May I wish you a happy, if ever so slightly less prosperous, New Year.

Your Humble Client
(Remember: This was written by a 98 year old woman)

HOW TOUGH ARE THE CANUCKS & THE SCOTS?

- +40 degrees F. - Californians shiver uncontrollably. People in Canada & Scotland sunbathe.
- +35 degrees F. - Italian cars won't start. People in Canada & Scotland drive with the windows down.
- +20 degrees F. - Floridians wear coats, gloves, and wool hats. People in Canada & Scotland throw on a T-shirt.
- +15 degrees F. - Californians begin to evacuate the state. People in Canada & Scotland go swimming in the sea.
- 0 degrees - New York landlords turn the heat on. People in Canada & Scotland have a last barbecue before it gets cold.
- 10 degrees - People in Miami are extinct. People in Canada & Scotland lick flagpoles instead of ice lollipops.
- 20 degrees - Californians all now live in Mexico. People in Canada & Scotland throw on a light jacket.
- 80 degrees - Polar bears begin to evacuate the Arctic. Scottish and Canadian Boy Scouts postpone winter survival exercise until it gets cold enough.
- 100 degrees - Santa Claus abandons the North Pole. People in Canada wear a vest and Scots put something on under their kilts.
- 173 degrees - Ethyl alcohol freezes. People in Canada & Scotland get angry 'cos they can't thaw their whisky bottles and beer.
- 297 degrees - Microbial life starts to grind to a halt. Canadian & Scottish cows complain of farmers with cold hands.
- 460 degrees - ALL atomic motion stops. People in Canada & Scotland start saying "Aye it's a bit cooler today... eh?"
- 500 degrees - Hell freezes over. Scottish people support England in the World Cup! Toronto wins the Stanley Cup.

HOW SMART IS YOUR RIGHT FOOT?

This is so funny that it will boggle your mind. And you will keep trying it at least 50 more times to see if you can out-smart your foot. But you can't!!

- 1. While sitting at your desk, lift your right foot off the floor And make clockwise circles with it.
- 2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction!!!

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13 September 2006

Messrs. David Bergen and Carlos Garcia
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Dear Sirs:

I have followed with great interest the controversy regarding the proposal of the PDVC, and deplore its endorsement by the City of St. Catharines. As an historian who has devoted the past quarter of a century and more to the history of the Welland Canal, as the co-author of four published books concerned with that history, and as Chair of the recent World Canals Conference held in St. Catharines in June 2004, I feel that my opinion may be of some value.

My interest in the Welland has led me far afield: I've travelled widely in Great Britain (and to a lesser extent in the United States), visiting a great number of canal sites. The restoration and preservation of abandoned canal-side property and buildings has accelerated markedly in recent years, especially in Britain. Attention has been paid not merely to the physical properties, but also to the general ambience of such sites, ensuring that new construction shall be in keeping with its surroundings, in both scale and appearance. The annual World Canals Conferences, held alternately in Europe and North America, focus on maintaining and conserving the waterways heritage for the enjoyment of future generations.

Those of us who value the Welland Canal and its heritage have good reason to be upset at the prospect of a large glass tower stuck in the middle of one of the few canalscapes remaining. Port Dalhousie has a unique heritage: it is the only site that I know of that can boast the first lock of three canals. True, the lock of the First Canal (along with the piers reaching out into Lake Ontario) is buried, and the City has expressed a willingness to undertake an archaeological investigation. But I fear that the chaos surrounding construction of the PDVC project would jeopardize any such undertaking - indeed, possibly the very survival of the site. The first locks of the First, Second and Third Canals, should be regarded as a unique national treasure.

Much has been made by some proponents of the PDVC scheme that the buildings of Port Dalhousie are no longer Victorian, hence have no historic or heritage value. THIS IS A TOTAL IRRELEVANCY, since Port was the northern terminus of the Welland until late November 1930, when the first ships were able to transit the completed Fourth Canal. Therefore the mix of architectural styles is a natural result of the evolution of the Port. The proposals of the PDVC would not only destroy much of Port's heritage (whether Victorian or 20th century), but also impose a structure which is totally alien - in scale, material and general ambience. True, the revised proposal goes some way to meet the criticisms of the original plan, as is clear from the Peer Review done by E.R.A. Architects Inc. this past April. In my view, as in that of many of my friends and colleagues around the world, it is the tower that is the sticking point. Even at the decreased height of the second proposal, it would be totally out of scale, standing up like a sore thumb, totally dwarfing the surroundings.

A recent letter to the Editor of *The Standard* pointed out that the lengthy period of construction would create disruption for the community for a considerable period. Constant coming and going of construction vehicles would create chaos for residents, businessmen and their patrons alike, given the limited access to the site. The economic consequences should not be ignored.

I totally agree with the opposition to this desecration of what is a pleasant enough townscape. The real problems, which PDVC have not yet fully addressed, are lack of access and parking, especially regarding the theatre. Apropos of which, given the problems other theatres are currently having in filling existing seats, just how many bodies can be expected to suddenly appear to fill all of them as well as the new seats? Another problem is control of some perceived rowdiness, especially on summer week-ends. These problems could, I am sure, be solved in more rational ways than sticking a great blob of glass in the heart of a charming landscape.

Yours sincerely,

Roberta M. Styran, Ph.D. Past President, Canadian Canal Society Director, American Canal Society Member of Council, Inland Waterways International Member of the World Canals Conference Steering Committee

The financial column will return in the next edition.

One day, there was a blind man sitting on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet and a sign that read: "I am blind, please help."

A man was walking by and stopped to observe. He saw that the blind man had only a few coins in his hat. He dropped in some money and, without asking for permission, took the sign and rewrote it.

He returned the sign to the blind man and left. That afternoon the man returned to the blind man and noticed that his hat was full of bills and coins.

The blind man recognized his footsteps and asked if it was he who had rewritten his sign and wanted to know what he had written on it.

The man responded: "Nothing that was not true. I just wrote the message a little differently."

He smiled and went on his way. The new sign read: "Today is Spring and I cannot see it."

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QUOTES

"In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."

Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

TURN UP THE VOLUME NIAGARA" - Sunflower Cards Release Event

Benefit for Ovarian Cancer to support NOCA, the National Ovarian Cancer Association

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Deadline for posting of community events and advertising for the next issue is SEPT. 22. Call Ian (931-7739).

To submit requests for advertising rates-please call Bruce (646-1264, /Ian (931-7739)

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NEW ORLEANS RECIPES

Fried Green Tomatoes

Uglesich's Restaurant

- 1 cup canola oil
- 1 cup egg substitute (recommended: Egg Beaters)
- 1 cup fine plain bread crumbs
- 1 green tomato, sliced 1/4-inch thick
- Remoulade sauce, accompaniment, optional
- Shrimp, accompaniment, optional

Pour the oil into a large heavy pan suitable for deep-frying and heat oil to 350 degrees F. Pour the egg substitute into a shallow bowl and place the bread crumbs into another shallow bowl. Dip the sliced green tomatoes into the egg substitute and then into the bread crumbs to lightly coat. To test if the oil is hot enough, add a pinch of the bread crumbs to the oil; if it bubbles to the top, then you are ready to fry. Carefully add tomatoes to the hot oil and cook on 1 side for 1 minute. Flip the tomatoes to cook on the reverse side for 1 minute. Remove tomatoes from the oil and drain on paper towels. Top with a remoulade sauce and serve with shrimp, if desired.

This recipe by Gail Uglesich, Uglesich's Restaurant, New Orleans, LA

Bananas Foster

- Ingredients: - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
 - 1 cup brown sugar
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/4 cup banana liqueur
 - 4 bananas, cut in half lengthwise, then halved
 - 1/4 cup dark rum
 - 4 scoops vanilla ice cream

Directions:

Combine the butter, sugar, and cinnamon in a flambé pan or skillet.

Place the pan over low heat either on an alcohol burner or on top of the stove, and cook, stirring, until the sugar dissolves.

Stir in the banana liqueur, then place the bananas in the pan.

When the banana sections soften and begin to brown, carefully add the rum.

Continue to cook the sauce until the rum is hot, then tip the pan slightly to ignite the rum.

When the flames subside, lift the bananas out of the pan and place four pieces over each portion of ice cream.

Generously spoon warm sauce over the top of the ice cream and serve immediately.

Serves Four

Recipe By Brennan's Restaurant In New Orleans



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I have long thought - **YES, WE CAN** build a bright future for our community.

Yes, we can have fair property taxes and preserve city services.

Yes, we can clean up our streets and put an end to graffiti.

Yes, we can have new development in St. Catharines *and* preserve our history and our heritage.

Yes, we can make St. Catharines green again.

And - **yes, we can** work together to make these things happen.

Do you have questions for Brian?
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Would you like a lawn sign?

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PIONEER CEMETERIES

Scattered across the City of St. Catharines, there are approximately a dozen pioneer cemeteries—burial grounds established by families that founded our community. The St. Catharines Heritage Committee has embarked on a program to acknowledge these cemeteries with appropriate signage that helps to tell the story of our early settlers. The two cemeteries chosen this year—the Haynes Cemetery ca. 1788 and the Smith Family Cemetery ca. 1794—share a common heritage, both started by families who received land grants as a reward for their contribution and service to the Loyalist cause during the American Revolution.

1 p.m., Sunday, October 1st.—Haynes Cemetery [near Seymour-Hannah sportsplex, 240 St. Paul St. West]

2 p.m., same day,
Smith Family Cemetery—
Henry of Pelham Winery [Fifth Street and Pelham Rd.]
Reception to follow



Write to your regional councillors

Let them know how you will vote!