



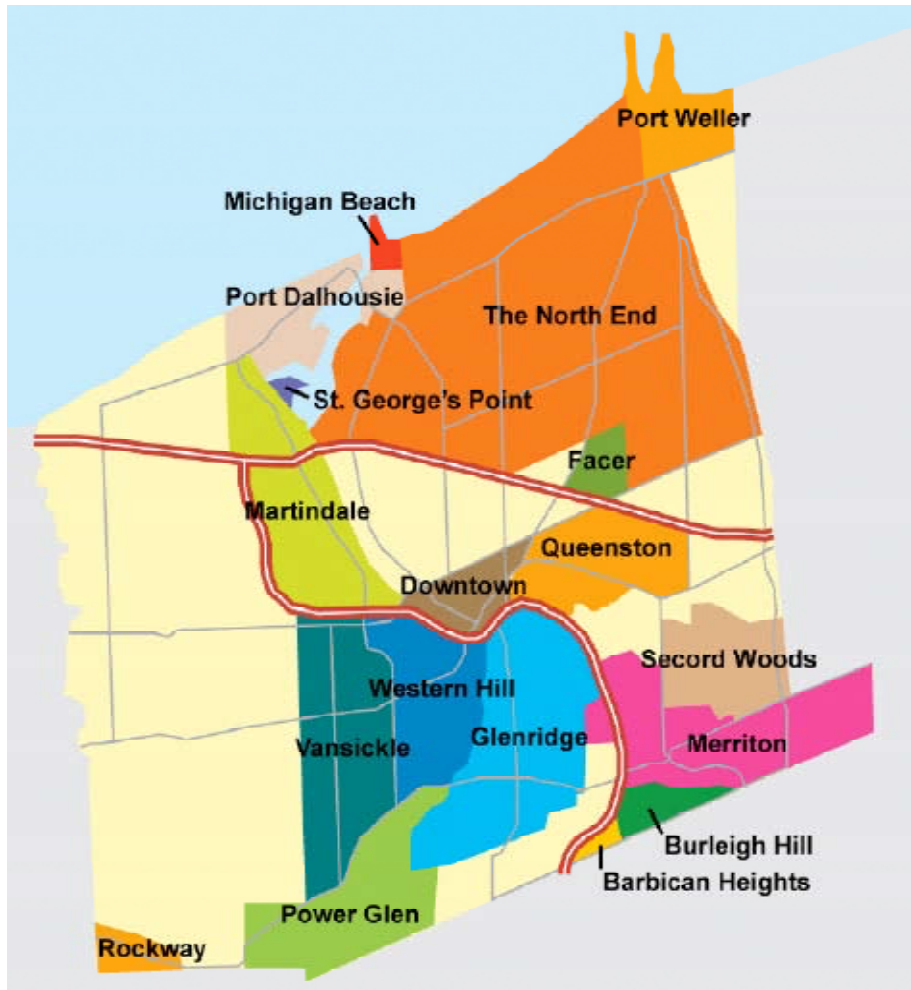
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THE PORT REPORTER

Disillusionment is becoming the predominant "D" word in municipal politics!



Deep-seated problems are very evident in St. Catharines municipal governance. The symptoms include declining enthusiasm for representative government, widespread public cynicism tinged with fear, growing public protest, anxiety about rising tides of anti-democratic Council behaviour, and a general confusion about what democracy is and what can be done to preserve what has been achieved, and how these problems can be corrected.

The most obvious problem is the inner decay of representative government. Serious concerns about our current form of municipal representative democracy are growing. Large numbers of people are turning their backs on the electoral process; they feel they have lost the means of engagement. There is a creeping sense that not everyone's vote matters. Why? Without faith that government serves all, rather than just a select few, democracy cannot succeed. Trouble arises from deep within the representative system itself. Important factors include the excessive growth of executive power and reliance on experts/paid staff over the wishes of a broad spectrum of the community.

Representative Government


The political idea of **representation** is based on the idea that some person or institution acts on behalf of the people, by **re-presenting** their beliefs, attitudes and perspectives. However, there is the problem of whether elected representatives should act merely as a relay mechanism for the views of their constituents, or whether they should act more independently, utilizing their knowledge and skills to **lead** their constituents to a more informed decision that is better for the greater good of the community. It is not an either-or issue in St. Catharines. Councillors need to be able to make decisions for the greater good of the community but such decisions need to be based on a good understanding of the majority community viewpoint. The concept of leading requires that the community be involved in a dialogue with those in power in order that their concerns are not just listened to but heard. Unfortunately there has not been such a dialogue. It could be argued that the Mayor and Deputy-Mayor have carefully selected the voices to which they are prepared to listen. Simply voting on an issue under the guise of "representative government" is not leading nor is it educating. Consultation skills need to be a prominent attribute of the upcoming crop of Council hopefuls and voters need to be on the lookout for candidates who place high priority on consultation and education.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/St._Catharines,_Ontario
Not all land within the city is considered part of a community – areas of Grantham Township annexed prior to and immediately following World War 2 simply became the central core of St. Catharines, while undeveloped Louth Township lands are simply referred to as the western portion of the city

Our municipal government must become more participatory in nature. The current mayor tends to limit citizen participation to voting, leaving the main work of governance to a professional political elite and power brokers in the community. St. Catharines has become a city run to an increasingly large extent, "in camera." The obvious danger of this approach is the possibility of decisions being made that may not be in the best interest of or responsive to the broader constituency. Decision-makers have to be able to stand the scrutiny of the electorate's right to question, "Whose interests are being served?" One critique of representative democracy is that it centralizes power in the hands of those who already have access to power. This serves to further distance the majority of people from a process that ought to be effectively serving them.

The chorus we heard repeated in the last days of the council meetings at the end of June that the Port tower proposal must be approved in order to send the message that St. Catharines is "open for business" is a simplistic analysis comparable to "all business is good business." Business ventures that are dependent on the ability of a city to meet only their interests without regard for the citizens of the community should be encouraged to set up shop elsewhere.

Balance in all things leads to good governance. A balance of community and business interests must be sought and we, the electors, must work hard to elect those who will correct the current imbalance and strive to bring harmony in our fair city. We must look beyond rhetoric this election and elect leaders who are capable of and willing to work on correcting the current imbalance.



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CITY COUNCIL IGNORES CONCERNS REGARDING PORT BY-LAW

Aug. 1, 2006

Last night, City Council passed a By-Law to support their decision on the Port tower. When this item came up, the Mayor was ready to proceed and only Councillor Williamson asked questions. He questioned City Solicitor Annette Poulin on two critical points raised in a letter to Council from our lawyer Jane Pepino.

Ms. Pepino's letter pointed out serious concerns about the process followed thus far and that not all the information required by the Planning Act had been made available prior to last month's Public Meeting. She also stated that she (like the rest of the public) had been unable to obtain a copy of the wording of the proposed by-law in advance of last night's meeting in order to make detailed comments. She concluded Council should not proceed with their By-Law now nor consider the proposal further prior to the public meetings the Region will be holding this Fall.

The City Solicitor chose to ignore these concerns and Council voted exactly as before, with Councillors Dorsey, Donevan, Secord, Erskine, Morra and Gervais voting once again to ignore their own regulations and the wishes of the community. The final vote was again 7 to 5 with Mayor Rigby voting after Councillor Dorsey requested a recorded vote.

This was to be expected and we stand ready to appeal Council's decision with regard to the Zoning By-law and Port Dalhousie Secondary Plan to the OMB. In addition, we will proceed to Regional Council, as they will have to deal with the portion of the by-law involving the Official Plan Amendment. If the Region approves the Official Plan Amendment, we will appeal their decision to the OMB as well and the two appeals will be combined. We encourage everyone to talk to Regional Councillors and make it clear it is up to them to protect the community and enforce existing regulations. We continue to be VERY CONFIDENT our case for appropriate development at the OMB is extremely strong even if Regional Council were to approve it. However, we must make every effort to ensure the Region does not approve.

Together we will Save Our Seaport.

Please remember to keep telling everyone about the August 20th Henley Island Pignic (see poster page 7), and keep those donations coming to the ACO's Port Dalhousie Heritage Fund (visit www.saveport.ca for more information).

David Bergen and Carlos Garcia
PROUD Port Dalhousie

For the record:

Those who voted against the tower development and are deserving of our support in this November's election:

Carol Disher	Joe Kushner
Jennifer Stevens	Greg Washuta
Bruce Williamson	

Those who voted for the tower and for secrecy in the process and should be voted out of office this November:

Tim Rigby	Cam Donevan	
Brian Dorsey	Sue Erskine	
Charles Gervais	Sheila Morra	Peter Secord

Again, we thank all of you so much for your input into the Council hearings, your constant encouragement, and your support.

Yours in keeping Port and its character intact,

The PROUD Executive

MUSIC: Auditions for Chorus Niagara

Chorus Niagara, under the direction of Robert Cooper, is holding auditions for the coming season.

Please phone Pam at 905-357-1616 for an appointment.

For more information about Chorus Niagara: <http://chorusniagara.ca/>

THE VIDEOTAPE CONTROVERSY?

The Clerk's office has stated, and Cogeco has confirmed in a letter to the City, that they had other commitments for some of the evenings in question. What is extraordinary to us is that no arrangements were made either by the City to have these proceedings videotaped using either Cogeco (on a paid basis) or an alternate recording company to ensure that the public have an opportunity to watch the proceedings of the single most important event that has occurred in this city. We believe that the public would have been greatly aroused by the passionate, intelligent, well-reasoned presentations provided by the community and PROUD's lawyer and planner in their opposition to the tower proposal. For the five days of meetings not to be available for public consumption shows great disrespect and a lack of regard for the ability of the viewing public to draw their own conclusions.

When we found out Cogeco would not be there, we asked in advance and were told we were not allowed to video a Council meeting ourselves. However, a local production company named Omni Media was there recording every meeting. When we asked to buy a copy of their tapes, Omni first agreed but we still do not have the tapes. It now turns out, Omni were not there at the request of the City as we had assumed. They were allowed because they were "media" which we believe applies only to their name.

The City has now told us they will be obtaining a copy of the Omni tapes and will make copies available to anyone in the community. We have requested a copy from the City and are waiting to receive it. We have also communicated to the City, verbally and in writing, our grave concern about the fact our community organization was told we were not allowed to video these meetings yet Omni Media was and, they were not there at the City's request. We do not accept that Omni qualifies as "media" just because that is part of their name. The term typically refers to: "A means of mass communication, such as newspapers, magazines, radio, or television" and Omni does not qualify. According to their website, they specialize in: "marketing, training and sales video programs."

David Bergen and Carlos Garcia
PROUD Port Dalhousie
A PROUD Seven-Year History as a Volunteer Community Organization

Outstanding questions -

Did any one hire Omni to videotape the meetings if it was not the City?

Since they are not really media representatives, why were they allowed to video the meetings?

Since 'members of the Public are not allowed to video any meetings of City Council', did Council break its own rules and favour one group at the expense of others?

THE HALF-WIT

A man owned a small ranch. The Department of Labour claimed he was not paying his help proper wages. The DOL sent an agent out to interview him.

"I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them," demanded the DOL agent.

"Well," replied the rancher, "There's my ranch hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him \$600 a week, plus free room and board. The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$500 per week, plus free room and board..."

"Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes \$10 per week, and I buy him a bottle of bourbon every Saturday night."

"That's the guy I want to talk to -- the half-wit," says the agent.

"That would be me," replied the rancher.

PORT DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY POLICING FUNDRAISER BARBEQUE

Saturday September 9th 10:30 to 4:00

Held at MARK'S NO FRILLS (corner of Lake and Lakeshore)

Fingerprint the kids or have their photos taken in a genuine Model T Ford complete with rumble seat. Enjoy a burger, or hot dog as we raise funds for our upcoming children's bike rodeo. Hope to see you there!

Kristine Broughton, Chair PDCP

WHAT'S UP?

Folks- If you visit any of the following events, it would be helpful if you identify yourselves and get the message across that we need to support one another across the Region .

ST. CATHARINES

August 8th - 13th

Royal Canadian Henley Regatta

Henley Island, Port Dalhousie
905 937 - 1117 / 905 935-2260

Museum Exhibit - Hands on Nature Saturday, July 01, 2006 through Sunday, September 03, 2006

Come explore this travelling exhibit from the Royal Ontario Museum. Hands on Nature explores different aspects and levels of biodiversity from the broad perspective of habitats to the relationships between species within food webs, to the gene pools of particular species. Contact the St. Catharines Museum at 1-800-305-5134 or 905-984-8880 for more information.

Concerts in Montebello Park

**Sunday, July 02, 2006 through
Sunday, August 27, 2006**

Enjoy the sounds of local jazz, classical, brass, Dixieland and ethnic bands throughout the summer months in outdoor venues. Performances in Montebello Park are Sunday and Tuesdays from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Presented by City of St. Catharines Recreation and Community Services 905-688-5601 x1927

Contact: Diane Garrington, Communications Coordinator, Phone: 905-688-5601 ext. 1503, Fax: 905-682-3631, Cell 905-932-0639, Email: dgarrington@stcatharines.ca

Downtown Out To Lunch Concert Series

Tuesday, July 4th - Thursday, August 31st

Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Market Square in Downtown St. Catharines from 12 noon to 1pm. Luncheon at the Market Square each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in July and August while enjoying the light sounds of local musicians. Musically inclined, or know of someone who is?

Make Tuesday and Thursday afternoons your time to be Out to Lunch!

Call 905-685-8424

Visit www.stcathdowntown.com

PORT COLBORNE

Annual "444" Fishing Derby

Date(s): August 11, 12, 13 2006

Brought to you by the Port Colborne District Conservation Club.

Port Colborne Marine Rescue Auxiliary Annual Appreciation Barbeque

Date(s): August 12, 2006

Brought to you by the Port Colborne Marine Rescue Auxiliary

Pancake Breakfast under the pavillion. Everybody welcome

Date(s): August 20, 2006

Pancake breakfast under the pavillion.

Heaven's Little Honky Tonk by Chris McHarge and Colin Stewart

Date(s): August 16 - September 02, 2006

PORT COLBORNE (continued)

Showboat Festival Theatre at Roselawn Centre, 296 Fielden Avenue
Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada
Adults Only

Event Description:

Imagine a place called Heaven's Little Honky Tonk where every night is a Saturday night and you get the chance to experience the original greats of country music as if they were still with us today. The greatest country singers of years gone by ... legends like Johnny Cash, Hank Williams, Hank Snow, Patsy Cline, Roy Acuff, Bill Monroe, Minnie Pearl. Imagine them appearing together on the same night, singing the songs that made them famous.

Call Roselawn Centre for curtain times.
905-834-0833

Ties that Bind

September 01 - October 31, 2006

Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum
280 King Street

Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada

Ties That Bind. This exhibit will consider the significance of our railroad history locally, as well as nationally.

905-834-7604

Shake the Night Away - Year End Season Finale

September 02, 2006

Sugarloaf Harbour Marina, 3 Marina Road
Port Colborne, Ontario, Canada

Adults Only

Shake the Night Away - Year End Season Finale - music and dancing under the pavillion.

WAINFLEET

Step back in time at the MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL September 2, 3, 4 2006

Sat. 9:30 am-5:30pm

Sun. 11am-5:30pm

Mon. 9:30am-5pm

The Marshville Heritage Festival _____ is held on Labour Day weekend each year.

Come and experience:

.early life ongoing demonstrations

.over 125 juried artisans & crafters

• Canoe Building

.hands on events

.horse & wagon rides

.entertainment for all ages

.free concert in the park on Sunday evening

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butter & many other delicious foods

Cost: \$6.00 includes parking & people mover ride to site

: children under 10 are free

: Seniors \$5.00 on Sat. only

2006 ENTERTAINMENT

For the KIDS

Comic Juggler Craig Douglas all weekend

Smudge Fundaes all week

For the Young at Heart

Sat: The Torchmen** Niagara Box Band

Sun: The Torchmen ** Bay Boys

Mon: The Bay Boys**No Strings Attached **

The Fellowship Four**

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OLD TIME THRESHER'S SUPPER

Saturday, September 2, 2006
6:30p.m. in Christ Anglican Church
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TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN
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\$16.00

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Dunnville Lions Park

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PORT PROFILE: N. Jane Pepino C.M., Q.C., LL.D., LL.M.

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We are very pleased to have Jane as our lead solicitor in our efforts to achieve appropriate development in the commercial core of Port Dalhousie. The following information is provided for those who are unaware of her outstanding career.

Practice

Jane's practice includes providing advice on all aspects of the statutory scheme for planning, zoning and land development throughout Ontario as well as on a broad range of municipal and provincial licensing and other regulatory matters. She regularly appears before various decision-making bodies controlling land development, including local planning committees and councils, conservation authorities, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) and the courts. Jane's practice also includes providing strategic advice for government, landowners and lenders on maximizing the value and utility of land in light of rapidly changing economic and political agendas. Her clients include provincial, regional and local governments or agencies, large development corporations, small landowners and citizen and special interest groups.

- Ontario Human Rights Commission, Past Member (1980-1982)
- Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (1982-86)
- Metropolitan Toronto Police Commission, Past Member (1982-89) and Vice Chair (1987-89)
- Mayor's Committee on Employment Equity (1985-1991)
- Metro Action Committee on Public Violence Against Women and Children, Past President (1985-1995)
- Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women (1984-1990)
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- The Bishop Strachan School, Director and Chair (Finance Committee) (1995-2003)



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Member, Order of Canada, 2000.
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Named one of the Top 25 Women Lawyers in Canada by Lexpert Magazine.
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Sixth annual ranking of the region's most prolific performers
The review comprises planning and development legal activities in the GTA from August 2003 to July 2004, as reported by Novae Res Urbis—GTA Edition. Most were board decisions with some court appeals rounding out the analysis.

1. Aird & Berlis
[RANK LAST YEAR: 1]
Reasons for Ranking: Aird & Berlis kept its firm grip on first place, for the fifth of six years. An impressive volume and variety of cases were factors, as was the firm's good success rate.

OMB Court Matters or Hearings:
• representing the City of Vaughan regarding appeals for minor variance and consent to convey land to create four residential lots in Vaughan (Zakem);
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PROUD PORT DALHOUSIE PAGE

The Port Dalhousie Family PigNc, Sunday August 20th

IT IS NOW CONFIRMED: The Port Dalhousie Family PigNc, Sunday August 20th on Henley Island, 3pm to ???

Yes, our volunteer fundraisers have finalized the details for a FUN day you can't miss. There will be a Pig Roast, games, music, a silent auction and more. Now we need EVERYONE to get involved. Here is how you can help.

1. Tell The World

We need to get people from throughout the City and Region involved. The vast majority want to help Save Port. Attending this event will help raise funds and get more people from outside Port involved. The tickets are on sale now (see poster page 7) and are priced reasonably so anyone and their family can attend. Start telling all your friends to book that date. We also have a poster you can put up. In addition, we need to get the information out on church bulletins, newsletters and other community information vehicles.

2. Silent Auction Donations

We need good, valuable donations to make this is a success. Please contact Kristine Leivonen ASAP with your donations at handson2@cogeco.ca or 905-934-6803.



"A Challenge for Everyone in St. Catharines and Niagara"

I have lived in north St. Catharines my whole life, and now a fairly new resident of Port Dalhousie. Exploring the picturesque trails and parks in my own unique neighborhood, I also enjoy going down to our village of Port almost every day. It has a special atmosphere like no other place I've ever been to, and has something to offer every one of us.

For instance: all ages- come down to Port for lunch. Dine in, or at an outdoor patio; with the beach, water, and sailboats as your backdrop. Stroll along the shoreline, from one end to the other. You will hear children's laughter, see teenagers playing energetic beach volleyball, and people like me, walking their dog.

For young families- build sand castles, play catch in the park, have a picnic, BBQ, go for a long walk, and yes, eat an ice cream cone. And don't forget to ride on the historic carousel- it's fun!

For couples or friends, young and old- evenings; dine at a restaurant, as elegant or as casual as you choose. My friends and I most enjoy appetizers and a glass of wine at one of the outdoor patios. Walk around, visit shops, look at monuments, historic buildings, interesting statues, and the gorgeous lighthouse; take lots of pictures. Most breathtaking- a walk long the pier at sunset, or view from one of the many benches. You will be amazed at all the colors you will see disappearing slowly over the water!

As you can tell, I am passionate about Port. I would like to challenge everyone- from Glenridge, to Merriton, to West/4th Ave., to East, to North, and Central St. Kitts, and Downtown folks, and to ALL of Niagara-visit Port Dalhousie NOW, especially during this summer season. See if you agree that this is a rare gem to be preserved, just the way it is. Come on down here, St. Catharines! You will want to come back again and again, and fall in love with this place. And while you are here, try to imagine what an ugly blight on the landscape a huge tower would be. (Remember- it would be higher than Niagara Falls or the Brock Tower)

Please help the community's campaign to take this tower proposal to the OMB- our heritage, and village, as we know it, are at stake. We need EVERYONE in my city to get involved- PLEASE HELP US! Go to www.saveport.ca, and see how you can help. Let's keep the ambiance alive in this magical place! I hope you enjoy your visit- come back again soon.

Sincerely,
M. Zito. Graham Ave.

The Breakfast Corner

Located on Main Street, only a short walk from Dalhousie's main core, exists arguably just about the best jewel in the Port Dalhousie Community. Opened just this spring by Lorna and Dave Layzell, both upstanding Port residents, this eclectic 'breakfast joint' is a reflection of the past breakfast diners of long forgotten, yet much cherished, "Cleverish Fifties".

Trendy ceramic floor tiles envelop a most interesting interior. Almost all of the items showcased on the walls have been donated by regular patrons. These artifacts and artwork reflect Port Dalhousie's historical heritage.

The food is simply outstanding. The freshest products available are home-cooked by the obsessive, quality control overseer, "Chef Dave". From the traditional bacon and eggs to the more nouveau cuisine items like the apple omelet, all ingredients are fused into a palate-pleasing medley of complementary tastes.

The large and loyal clientele of local patrons find this location to be a convenient walk from home. Lively discussions concerning Port issues often take place over lingering coffees.

The occasional out-of - towner soon returns, often accompanied by a new face, to share in this new found treasure.

Service is snappy, and always with a smile. The food is pleasing to the palate and the prices are pleasing to the wallet. Patrons are pleased to report the Breakfast Corner has already established itself as a high value tradition in good old Port Dalhousie.

Watering New Trees & Shrubs

Once planting has been completed, proper watering becomes the most important part of plant survival and appearance. Transplanting causes a certain amount of shock to a plant, due to the loss of roots, transportation and handling, and a change in growing conditions.

In order to help plants through their critical first year, it is important to understand a little

about the soil in your area. For example, clay soil tends to drain very slowly, sandy soil less so. When you consider the combination of clay soil and the ample amount of rainfall we have been getting, it seems as though watering shouldn't be necessary. While this is usually true of well established plants, transplants are very dependent on regular watering. Plants grown in plastic containers have a fast-draining soil mix, and are put under additional stress when circling roots are sliced at planting time. Also, balled and burlapped trees lose a large portion of their roots when they are dug at the nursery.

What is the best rule of thumb for watering new plants? Water plants thoroughly when natural rainfall is less than one inch per week. To check the weekly amount of rainfall, you can buy a rain gauge or use something as basic as a coffee can. When watering becomes necessary, plants should be thoroughly soaked once a week. Apply water slowly and repeatedly to allow time for it (continued on page 8)

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Council votes against the staff recommendation for a leash-free dog park – more volunteer work unappreciated!

For Port Reporter
Suzanne Mason

Aug. 1/06

There are over 65 successful leash-free dog parks in municipalities around Ontario, but St. Catharines is not one of them.

St. Catharines City Council has voted against a staff recommendation that an off-leash park be established in a remote section of Burgoyne Woods. However, due to a technicality in the wording of the motion, the issue will be back before Council Aug. 21.

PALZ (People Advocating Leash-free Zones) is continuing to fight for the right of dog owners in the city to have a place to legally let their dogs off their leashes for exercise and socialization. The group has spent the past eight months doing research and fundraising for the proposed park that would include a separate enclosure for small dogs.

Chairman of PALZ, Heather Fyfe, says **"We urge all dog lovers to join PALZ in trying to convince City Hall about the benefits to both people and their dogs of a leash-free park. Please contact the mayor and council before August 21 and let them know how you feel about this issue. And, of course, this is an election year."**

Councillor Cam Donevan strongly opposed the dog park and the involvement of a user group (PALZ) in monitoring it. He said "One only has to look at statistics to see that volunteerism is on the decline."

PALZ plans to appear before Council August 21 to set the record straight regarding omissions and errors in the staff report about their fundraising commitment and operating costs of the park. Councillor Carol Disher has been working on getting a leash-free dog park for several years and was extremely disappointed with the 6-5 vote against it on July 31.

Councillors who voted with Disher in favour of the dog park were Peter Secord, Charles Gervais, Bruce Williamson and Sue Erskine. Those who voted with Donevan against the dog park were Brian Dorsey, Jenny Stevens, Joe Kushner, Sheila Morra and Greg Washuta.

GREEN COMMITTEE REPORT

Vandals damaged two of the PROUD donated trees on Main Street, Unfortunately, the Niagara Region arborist who inspected the damaged trees, said one was dead and the second tree wouldn't survive. Also the red oak planted by 12 Main Street isn't in good condition. We are currently working with the nursery who supplied the trees and Niagara Region to see if the trees can be replaced.

This damage was reported to the police and hopefully there will be more police presence in the residential neighbourhood. If you have any property damage, be sure to call the police complaints dispatcher and file an official report. Property owners need to make such calls to enable police to establish vandalism in a specific neighbourhood and the approximate times of the vandalism acts. Police will try to move resources to address the problem.

Lorraine Cordner, Chair
Green Committee

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM THE ST. CATHARINES BRANCH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVANCY OF ONTARIO (ACO)

The St. Catharines Branch of ACO will hold its quarterly meeting in September. The ACO is a well-established Province-wide charitable organization and we benefit from the advice and support of the experienced staff at their head office. The overall aim of the Conservancy, which was incorporated in 1933 (<http://www.hips.com/ACO/>), may be stated briefly as helping the preservation of Ontario's architecturally significant landscapes and structures. I had long been aware of the ACO's fine work, but it was only recently that I realized that the great majority of its members were not architects.

Our Branch's initial mandate is to support preservation efforts in the City of St. Catharines. One of our first projects was the establishment of the ACO's Port Dalhousie Heritage Fund which supports local efforts insuring the proper application of established heritage regulations and guidelines. Our fund is modeled on a similar fund developed by another ACO branch. Efforts to date have included the launch of a very successful appeal for donations which is currently ongoing. In addition, the fund will receive the net proceeds from the August 20th Port Family PigNic and from the planned raffle of a Spa with tickets to be sold throughout the Region. These kinds of events raise community awareness as well as essential funds, and social events like the Family Pignic get people together to have fun.

I am happy to endorse these community efforts, and ask for your continued support and donations. The branch is also seeking additional members from throughout the City. See me at the PigNic, or phone me at 905 935 9407

Ken MacKenzie
President ACO St. Catharines Branch



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Angela Saleta



A Toronto Blue Jays Quiz

(answers on page 10)

Question 1: Who played third base when they won the World Series in 1992?

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| Kelly Gruber | Ed Sprague |
| Pat Borders | Jeff Frye |

Question 2: Who was the second Blue Jay to hit for the cycle, which he did it in 2000?

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| Kelly Gruber | Ed Sprague |
| Jeff Frye | John Olrud |

Question 3: Before becoming a Blue Jay, one of these fellows incurred the wrath of Toronto fans by killing a seagull with a thrown baseball. All of them wore 32 on their jerseys when they played for Toronto, but which one had to apologise for killing that bird?

Question 4: Who was the MVP of the 1993 World Series?

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| Paul Molitor | Joe Carter |
| Ed Sprague | Rickey Henderson |

Question 5: I was drafted by the Blue Jays on June 5, 1978. I pitched a no-hitter on September 2, 1990. Who am I?

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| Roy Halladay | Roger Clemens |
| David Wells | Dave Stieb |

Question 6: Who won the 1993 and 1995 AL Gold Glove award for the Toronto Blue Jays?

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| Dave Winfield | Joe Carter |
| Devon White | Paul Molitor |

Question 7: Some of my career bests were at times when I was a Toronto Blue Jay. In 1997 I set a career-high with 292 strikeouts. I also tied a career-high with 264 innings-pitched that year. My lowest single-season ERA is 2.05, which was accomplished in 1997 also as a member of the Toronto Blue Jays. Who am I?

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| Roger Clemens | David Wells |
| Pat Hengten | Dave Stieb |

Question 8: I have connected for 200 hits in a season for the Blue Jays before I retired in 2001. My name is Ed Sprague.

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| True | False |
|------|-------|

Question 9: What Jay's players finished 1-2-3 in the American League batting race in 1993.

- John Olerud, Paul Molitor, Roberto Alomar
Roberto Alomar, Pat Borders, Devon White
John Olerud, Joe Carter, Dave Winfield
Joe Carter, Rickey Henderson, Roberto Alomar

Question 10: When Buck Martinez came in as manager in 2001, the team made a "terrible" trade of David Wells to the Chicago White Sox for whom?

Answer: (Two words, or just surname)

Watering New Trees & Shrubs (cont'd)

to soak into the ground. (If the weather has been dry, and you are watering once a week, it is difficult to give plants too much water). The Region's Forestry unit recommends that regardless of the one inch guide, balled trees like the four PROUD bought for Main Street, should be trickle watered 3x a week, soaking the ground surrounding the tree trunk.

Marinades, Sauces And Dressings: Balsamic Vinegar Complements More Than You May Realize

A balsamic vinaigrette dressing can turn a nominal green salad into a refreshing mixed fresh Spring salad with a zest of Italian flair. Using aged balsamic adds a bit of gourmet into anyone's kitchen. Send a bottle to a friend for a gift and you may turn their culinary world upside down.

by James Zeller

Balsamic Vinegar has an almost other worldly flavor that enhances nearly any food it touches. You can see a visible change on the face of someone who is trying Italian balsamico for the first time. Their face is transformed by awe and delight.

Cost and Quality

The cost of balsamic vinegar is tempered by the fact that a little bit goes a long way. Typical recipes use little more than 1/4 cup of balsamic vinegar, so the cost of the bottle is generally offset by the long-term usefulness and good taste of the product.

Cooking Tips

You may be interested in knowing that balsamic vinegar is used for much more than an ingredient in salad dressings. For instance, many will no longer eat fresh strawberries if they can't apply a bit of aged balsamic vinegar.

If you are a fan of fresh vegetables you should know that balsamic vinegar can make a perfect marinade for grilled veggies such as bell peppers and eggplant. That same marinade can be used when grilling fish and chicken. Red meats can also gain a complementary taste using an Italian balsamic like Villa Bellentani.

When cooking with balsamic vinegar it is important to note that it may be best to apply the vinegar after the dish is fully cooked. Adding balsamic vinegar to your favorite dishes will, in fact, enhance the flavor, but heat mellows the taste and may be best applied after the cooking is finished.

When used in a balsamic vinaigrette, the blending of this famed Italian vinegar and extra virgin olive oil results in an incredible accent to fresh seafood as well as asparagus and artichokes.

There are even exclusive ice creams that use balsamic vinegar to create a one of kind desert. Drizzling a small amount of thick balsamic vinegar over vanilla ice cream is a popular dessert in Europe.

Supply is Shorter than Demand

It may surprise you to know that only 3,000 gallons of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale balsamic vinegar is released to the public each year. This has brought about a new group of modestly priced balsamic vinegar that varies widely in price. The reduction in price may generally be attributed to limited aging. It is this type of balsamic vinegar that may be best suited to marinades, sauces and dressings.

Beware of the very inexpensive varieties due to the fact that they are often developed using caramelized brown sugar (to add color and sweetness) and common vinegar. They may also include preservatives that many are allergic to.

Balsamic Vinaigrette Made Easy

Should you desire a homemade bottle of balsamic vinaigrette the instructions are as follows:

- One part balsamic vinegar
- Four to five parts olive oil
- Season and pepper to taste
- A teaspoon of mustard (Dijon is often preferred) per half cup of dressing

Additional Ingredients

The following should be used only when desired.

- Chives and sage – or other favorite complimentary herbs
- Finely chopped shallot of ginger root

(Please note that many find garlic to be incompatible with balsamic vinegar.)

About The Author:

James Zeller writes for culinary and gourmet gift related websites such as <http://www.cruets.com> <http://www.hotlib.com/articles>

ST. CATHARINES AND AREA ARTS COUNCIL ANNOUCEMENT

"FINDING OUR VOICES, HEALING OUR WOUNDS" exhibition runs till September 15

YWCA Niagara Region and the St. Catharines and Area Arts Council invite you to the exhibition Finding Our Voices, Healing Our Wounds City Hall, 2nd Floor 50 Church, St. St. Catharines Until September 15, 2006 Mon. to Fri. 8:30 am-4:30 pm. This community art project brought together five visual artists with twelve women emerging from crisis around issues of violence and abuse. We gratefully acknowledge support from the United Way Innovation Fund and Ontario Arts Council and appreciate the support of City of St. Catharines Recreations and Community Services Department.

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WHAT'S UP (continued from page 3)**HALDIMAND** (continued from p.3)**August 14 to August 18****Kid's Summer Camp #4 - A Walk Down Memory Lane**

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There are lots of life insurance products, but there are actually just two types of life insurance: term and permanent.

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Insure for the times of your life.

Your short- and long-term insurance needs and amounts of coverage will change over time, especially during each of life's three main stages:

Under 40 – your insurance should be simple, providing a source of cash that can pay the mortgage or other debts and replace a portion of your income should you become unable to do so. Term life insurance can be an economical option at this stage, leaving premium dollars available to help purchase adequate disability insurance.

40 to 60 – as you mature and your life becomes more complex you may consider converting some term insurance to permanent life insurance, perhaps with increasing protection for both you and your spouse. You should also ensure your disability protection is keeping pace with any wage increases you've received. Critical illness insurance becomes an important consideration at this stage, too.

Over 60 – you may want life insurance to pay estate liabilities like taxes on registered savings plans, or as a source of non-registered retirement savings. In this case, permanent insurance should be your best choice. Consider long-term care insurance to protect yourself and your loved ones from the financial burden of a lengthy illness.

A professional financial advisor can tailor an insurance program to provide economical coverage during every stage of your life.



Anne Braithwaite, BBA

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Answers: A Toronto Blue Jays Quiz (from page 8)

1. Kelly Gruber
2. Jeff Frye
3. Dave Winfield
4. Paul Molitor
5. Dave Steib
6. Devon White
7. Roger Clemens

8. **False** Tony Fernandez is the correct answer. Tony had an illustrious 17 year career. He played for the San Diego Padres, New York Mets, Cleveland Indians, New York Yankees, Milwaukee Brewers, and Toronto Blue Jays. Tony was a member of the Blue Jays, 12 out of his 17 years in baseball.

9. John Olerud, Paul Molitor, Roberto Alomar Olerud led the AL with a .363 average, Molitor was second with a .332 average and Alomar was third with a .326 average. Tony Fernandez batted .306 in 94 games for the Jays after a trade with the Mets.

10. Mike Sirotko

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- representing the Township of King regarding an appeal to rezone and sever a Schomberg lot (Matera);
- representing the Town of East Gwillimbury regarding an appeal by Fetlar Holdings for OPA and rezoning to permit a commercial development (Matera);
- representing Steven Nikolaou regarding Nikolaou's appeal for a variance to permit a residential addition in Richmond Hill (Williams)

Teacher Tips for Parents

by Mrs. O

Subject- Printing Your Child's Name -age 3-5

A child's interest in the alphabet starts at an early age, often beginning with their name. When teaching your child how to print their name use the terms "capital" and "lower case" explaining that everyone's name begins with a capital letter and the rest are lower case letters.

Refrain from saying "big" and "small" letters as this can be confusing for young children just recognizing the letters. To them an "h" is bigger than an "e".

Their teacher will thank you for avoiding the all capital letter name.

Subject- Story Telling -age 4-8

Most parents are not aware that the ability to retell a story in detail is linked to a child's success in reading and writing.

Retelling a story in sequence with detail is an integral part of reading and writing. Most parents read stories to their child and miss a great opportunity to practice the skill of retelling.

Memory, organization of thoughts, recalling events in sequence, remembering details, expressing yourself and vocabulary are all a part of retelling.

To practice this, ask your child to "tell" the story back to you. If needed, prompt by asking "What happened after the —" Try it using the pictures in the story at first then gradually ask your child to see if he can tell you without looking.

Your child will benefit from this simple addition to your bedtime story routine.

NEXT MONTH'S TIPS:

Distinguishing Letters- age 4-6

Beginning Addition-age 6-8 [Warehousing and](#)

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Queenston Concert Series

Queenston Heights Park

Start Date: 2006-08-27 End Date: 2006-08-27

Niagara Falls Concert Band 2-4 pm

Location: Queenston Heights Band Shell

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RCMP Officer Meet and Greet

Friday, Saturday & Sunday June - August 2006

Event Details: During the summer you'll find a real Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer at Table Rock Point near the Canadian Horseshoe Falls every Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The RCMP officer will be available for photos.

Location: Table Rock Point (near the Canadian Horseshoe Falls)

City: Niagara Falls 1 877 NIA-PARK (642-7275) or 905 371-0254

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Email: nfhorticulturalsociety@becon.org

Phone: 905-357-3325

Tea & Literature at McFarland House

McFarland Park

Start Date: 2006-08-14 End Date: 2006-08-14 2:30 pm

Location: McFarland House, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

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August 13, 2006

The Siege of Fort Erie

Start Date: 2006-08-12 End Date: 2006-08-13

Location: Old Fort Erie

Price: Regular Admission in Fort, grounds are free

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Courtyard Concerts at the Forts

Aug 12, 2006; 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

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Website: www.niagarasympphony.org

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Friday, August 11 at 2pm

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Queenston Heights Park, Queenston (905) 354-9342

August 20th (rain or shine)

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905 643 2084 / 1 866 907 3224

www.winonapeach.com

September 8th - 9th

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Niagara Falls

905 357-3632

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