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The Burlington Historical Society
GAZETTE

WE'RE 125 !

What an exciting time to be part of The Burlington Historical Society!

The society was originally founded on 28th June, 1899 and this year, 28th June 2024 is our 125th anniversary. Pictured are Mayor Marrianne Meed Ward & councillors presenting our President Don Thorpe with the proclamation in honour of this event.



Then, that same week The Burlington Historical Society was again in the council chambers. This time we were honoured to receive the Civic Recognition award –

'Thank you for your contributions to make Burlington better'.



l-r: Don Thorpe, President; Nicola Thomson, Vice-President; Jennifer Kemp, Social Media & Publicity Convenor; Joan Downey, Treasurer & Archivist; Alan Harrington, Program Director & Pat Taylor, Secretary & Event Planner

But, not everything gets reported online with great photos. On another front, Nicola went to Hearthstone by the Lake recently where she entertained a group of residents with a talk about the Estaminet restaurant (aka Emma's Back Porch). Back in the day there was a parrot who was a fixture in the restaurant. He was called Paul! Every night he would say "All out gentlemen. This establishment is now closing."



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BHS Participation in Heritage Week 2024

Saturday August 3rd to Saturday August 10th, 2024 has been declared Heritage Week in Burlington. The Burlington Historical Society has a number of events planned. See the listing on Burlington.ca for details of all programs.

Aug. 3, Sat — 10 am - Opening Ceremony at Joseph Brant Museum, followed by:
11 am - A guided walk – along the Beach Strip to the Lighthouse. Register at **hb@burlington.ca**.
Your guide - Alan Harrington. Wear your walking shoes!

Aug 5, Mon — 11 am - Another guided walk with Alan – this one at LaSalle Park. Meet at the Pavilion. Register at **hb@burlington.ca**.

Here is your guide, Alan "out and about" in the community earlier in the summer. Anything for a laugh, eh Alan?



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Aug 8, Thurs — 7 pm - So You Think You Know Burlington? Trivia Night at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre with BHS's Dynamic Duo.
Register at **hb@burlington.ca** This is a very popular event.
Be sure to get there early!

Aug 9, Fri — Noon – 4 pm Heritage Fair at Central Library, Centennial Room. There will be a number of participants and presentations.

Aug 10, Sat — 9:30 am – A Guided Tour of Cedar Springs Country Club in North Burlington presented by Cedar Springs Country Club and the Kilbride History Group. Please go to **kilbridehistory.com** and click on Events for more details and to pre-register. (I know this is not BHS but Cedar Springs is part of Burlington and the Kilbride History Group is closely related).

Go to the City website to get full details of these events and the many others throughout the City during Heritage Week 2024. https://www.burlington.ca/en/news/festivals-and-events/heritage-week.aspx

In addition to the events, we have a couple of displays worth checking out. There is a display in the glass case in front of City Hall from now until mid-August. Stop by and see it. Also, our collection of large posters is on display on Lakeshore Road, attached to the Spencer Smith Park fence until after Heritage Week. There are two new ones this year! There couldn't be a better place for our display. This is a very popular destination in our City for residents and tourists alike.

For next year we need to develop a new way to get our name out in public view. Any ideas? Please give it some thought and send your suggestions to info@burlington.ca. But, it's going to be hard to top the popularity of those posters!



The Union Burying Ground
(aka The Brick Cemetery, Job's Lane Cemetery, UEL Cemetery)



This cemetery was established in 1848 by United Empire Loyalists on land purchased from William Davis and was divided into 10 lots. The purchase price of the lots was 2 pounds each, payable to the Davis Family. There was a separate levy for the building of the wall, payable to Jabez Bent, contractor, to cover the cost of the enclosing brick wall – total cost 96 pounds, 16 shillings. It's pretty safe to say the City will pay much more when they arrange to make repairs in the near future.

Sadly, over the years many of the stones have suffered damage from the weather and others are very dirty and covered in lichen and have become unreadable.

The BHS initiated a program to clean the stones and make some necessary repairs. We contracted a City recommended local cemetery restoration expert to assess the situation and with his help developed a program of cleaning and restoration.

Photo – Alan Harrington

On June 22, 2024, we met in the cemetery and started the cleaning process. It is truly amazing what water, a soft brush and a bit of elbow grease can accomplish! We did get rained out but the progress was evident.

The cemetery expert and his team continue to complete the work we have contracted for and expect to be finished in late August. We will keep you posted on the progress.

The help of the City's Neighbourhood Community Matching Fund and the very generous donation from the estate of Bryce Lee permitted this program and we are presently looking into a way to honour former member Bryce.



Photo – Pat Taylor

Join us on 9th September 2024 at 7 pm in the Centennial Room at Burlington Public Library on New Street to hear an exciting guest speaker, Ted Barris. You don't want to miss this one. Ted is always entertaining. Bring a friend. Everyone is welcome.

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From the Archives *Joan Downey*

These days we are all concerned about the rising cost of feeding our families. But, that is not a new concern. Shoppers have always been on the lookout for a bargain. In the early 1900s, Port Nelson was home to the George Brown family. They ran the Port Nelson Post Office and General Store. In 1914 their advertisements were a feature in the Burlington Gazette

WE KEEP CUSTOMERS BY KEEPING THE BEST GOODS

25c Days at the New Store, Pine Cove

GOOD POINTS IN THESE GOODS ARE ABUNDANT

FOR ONE WEEK

Commencing Monday, April 6th, moving into our new store, we will give for cash the following:—

3 lbs Best Raisins 25c	2 Tins Cambell's Soup 25c
3 Cans Corn 25c	5 lb. Pail Syrup 25c
3 Cans Peas 25c	6 Bars Soap 25c
3 Cans Tomatoes 25c	1 lb. Black or Mixed Tea 25c
3 Bottles Pickels 25c	1 Tin Maple Syrup 25c
3 Bottles of Flavoring 25c	5½ lbs. Brown Sugar 25c
6 Tins Pork and Beans 25c	5 Granulated Sugar 25c
7 lb Fresh Rolled Oats 25c	3 lbs. Currants 25c
3 Tins Beets 25c	Corn Meal 6 lbs. 25c
3 Tins Baking Powder 25c	6 Boxes Matches 25c
Brooms, regular 30c, for 25c	Good Side Bacon 1 lb. for 25c
Pearline, 6 for 25c	1 tin Aylmer Tomatoes and ¼ lb. Massala Tea 25c
2 Packages Raisins 25c	6 Packets Blue 25c
3 Packages Cornstarch 25c	
3 Jelly Powder 25c	

GEO. E. BROWN

The New Store - Pine Cove



'Delivery of groceries was an important feature of the day. George Brown's delivery was by horse & wagon.



Groceries

We carry a full stock of the best quality in this line. All orders delivered.

Special attention given to small orders as well as large. Give us your next order and be convinced that we sell the best.

All Your Wants Supplied in This Line

Raisins, Currants, and Peels, Oranges and Lemons.

Prices Right

Geo. E. Brown
The New Store
Pine Cove

By 1952, Gibson's market at Guelph Line and New Street had added a Drive-In feature to their services.

In the 21st century, grocery delivery was a long forgotten service. Until COVID 19 hit! Now, most of the large supermarkets offer delivery or at least pick up service.

'What goes around, comes around.'

GIBSON'S Drive-In Market

Park and Shop. Drive right to the front door. Open Friday Night For Your Convenience

Good Cooks Switch to Swiftning 33¢

VINEGAR SPICES AND PICKLING SALT

KRAFT SLICED CHEESE 35c

GIBSON'S MILD CHEESE ..... 45c. lb.

FACE-ELLE TISSUE ..... 2 for 43c

PALMOLIVE SOAP Reg. Size 4 for 29c

VEL Large size ..... 2 for 69c

RED BRAND BEEF "Canada's Pride"

Select Honey Cured SLICED BACON
RIND ON ..... 37c. lb.
RINDLESS ..... 43c. lb.

LEAN TASTY ROLLED BRISKET 55c lb.

EITHER END PORK LOIN ROAST 55c lb.

Garden Fresh Iced Vegetables

NOW IS THE TIME FOR CANNING PEACHES

Golden Jubilee Are at Their Best

CELERY HEARTS

ICEBERG LETTUCE

BUNCHED CARROTS

BUNCHED BEETS

Just Phone Your Order and use our free delivery. Corner Guelph Line and New Streets.

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