

Around and About and Above and Beyond

James Street South's District Gets a New Look

New Chair of James Street South's District Welcomed on Monday April 27, 2009

James Street South's District has taken on a whole new look, with a new Chair, Chris Farias of kitestring creative. Chris Farias, partner and creative director of kitestring, hopes to accomplish a lot in this new position starting with the newly designed District website, which was launched at the event, and was created by Farias himself. Farias hopes to highlight to the rest of the City what James Street South has to offer by bringing the community together through such initiatives as a local food drive.



Outgoing Chair Sue Stewart-Greene, Janice Brown and Sarah Matthews, and new James Street South District Chair Chris Farias.

"I have lived in various cities in South Western Ontario and Hamilton is by far the best place to live, work and grow a business," says Farias. "It's a big city with a small town feel. James Street South District is a rare gem and I am so proud to be part of its community and am thrilled to be the new chair."

The Spring Social was the first of these initiatives that the District Committee brought to the James Street South area. Donated food, beverages, venue, music and much more led the night to be a huge success. "The event was all about community and bringing together our friends, both business and personal. At one point, the laughter and music were so loud that I knew this would not be the last event we throw. Look for more James South Socials in the future," says Farias.

A special thanks for everyone who came out and supported Sue Stewart-Green, the outgoing Chair, Chris Farias and the rest of the District Committee. Thanks to Bob Bratina for coming and speaking to the importance of community, Scarlett from the Chateau Royale who performed amazing music, and thanks to everyone who attended. The night was magical.

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Thoughts from a New Durander

How fortunate am I? Having left Hamilton almost 30 years ago in search of fame and fortune, years of living in Toronto and travelling the globe, I return to Hamilton. I find a thriving and striving community of hard-working and fully living people. I have always dreamed of living, working and playing all within range of a walk or a bike ride. Finally, I have found a great possibility right here in the city of my birth and in the Durand community!

No matter the weather, people are out walking through or around the Durand community. They are walking their dogs, stretching their legs, going shopping, heading downtown or to a doctor's appointment or work, to the park or to a friend's house. They walk alone, on two legs, on wheels, with walkers or canes and they walk with friends or family, their pets or other peoples' pets. They talk to themselves, sing to themselves or others, with or without personal music devices in their ears, they chat on cellphones, they call out to neighbours, they yell at motorists and swear at one-way streets. Or folks just saunter along minding their own business, admiring gardens and architecture, tripping into or over potholes, kicking aside garbage, petting other's pets. . . oh but it's a lively 'hood!

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