



# NORTHSTAR NEWS

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# October Edition

**WE NEED YOU!!**

**Board Members & Nomination Committee Needed!**

See page 5 for more details!



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

### MOVING IN...MOVING UP

During the Community Meeting of April, 2006, the subject of larger quarters for the Community Centre was discussed. Members had been invited to an open house to view the Manor Club building. Andy Henry reported on the condition and financial aspects of this building. Although it was determined that this was not a viable option for us at this time, the prospect of moving into larger quarters in the Herb Gray Centre Of Excellence was presented.

Since that time, a lease agreement has been negotiated and approved by the Board of Directors. The new offices occupy 4300 square feet of space. There are three offices, a customized reception area, two washrooms, two maintenance/storage rooms, a kitchen and a banquet hall area.

Volunteers and staff pitched in (in the midst of preparing for the McDougall St. Reunion) and the new facilities were cleaned, painted and prepared for occupation. Donations such as chairs (Andersons Funeral Home) and tables were received and the move was on.

One area is reserved for The Andrea Moore Heritage room (see pg. 5), while another is designated as the Community/Special Projects room. The reception area and executive office were setup as well as a computer classroom area which contains computer workstations connected to the internet.

Since there is a significant increase in the operating costs, a set of rental rates, as noted in this newsletter (see pg. 6), was approved

and implemented by the Board of Directors.

There have also been several event and programme proposals presented and approved by the Board, some of which are noted further on, which are being implemented. As we endeavour, through these activities, to ensure our community's well being, we need YOU, the community members, to donate your time and efforts (*and any spare cash*) to the operation of the Centre as well as any community functions, events or programmes for us to continue to be successful.

Jim Allen,  
President



## MCDUGALL STREET REUNION 2006

The week kicked off with Uncle Al's Kids Party at Alton Parker Park. The coordinators for the day were Jim Davis and D'Andre Dailey. The basketball games were a big hit with both young and old.

Seniors day, with coordinators Christina Chase and Vina Allen Johnson was held at our new facility in Suite 105 at the Herb Gray Centre. The Seniors entertained us more than we did them.

Fight night at the Caboto was well organized by coordinators Rodney Davis and Mike Allen, and this year

featured one of Windsor's own, "Abdullah the Butcher" also known as Larry Shreve.

By Friday, volunteers were beginning to wear down, but soon perked up to the music of DJ - Kim Owens, at our first Hawaiian Luau Party. This was coordinated by Eleanor Green and Donna Ramsey Grayer.

The week finished off with family reunion day at Wigle Park. Old friends were getting reacquainted, people were meeting and greeting new friends and taking a walk down

Memory Lane.

On behalf of the organizers of this year's reunion, I would like to thank Jim and Nancy Allen for their priceless advise, all of the coordinators of the events, Shirley Davis for her help in putting together the Memory Book, Brian and Elizabeth Kersey for their display, all of our faithful volunteers, our vendors, and of course our community friends and sponsors.

Chairpersons: Annette Middleton & Lana Talbot.

# DRAMA CLUB

Dance



Drama

Voice & More

**Be a part of the Northstar Cultural Community Centre Drama Program.**

**You do not need to have a drama background to join.**

**However, you must be between the ages of 11-13.**

**\*\*\*We are accepting up to 30 students\*\*\***

**Cost: \$5.00 Registration Fee for 10-12 Weeks**

**When: Meetings are every Wednesday 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Starting Wednesday October 4, 2006**

## The African Canadian Heritage Project- 2006

**Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant has afforded us the opportunity to create and publish the following books:**

### **I. Neighbourhood Sketches: A View from McDougall Street**

- A 30 page colouring book of significant events, people and places featuring sketches designed by local artist Dennis Smith
- (available December 2006)

### **II. Our Neighbourhood Album**

- A 50 page booklet sectioned under the following 3 areas to include:
- **History**- An Historical statement about the development of the McDougall Street Neighbourhood which is geographically the area bounded by Riverside Drive, Ouellette Avenue, Ellis Street and Lillian Avenue.
- **Unity**- an alphabetical listing of all names of former and current residents as completed on Neighbourhood Registry Forms

***\*\*\* Have you completed a Registry form for yourself or a deceased family member yet?***

A special segment will list the names of residents who lived in the Village of Windsor when the 1866 Census was completed

- **Pride**- a snapshot section of photos exemplifying togetherness such as family reunions, having fun at parties, social events, church functions or just being yourself (candid shots)
- (Available December 2006)

**DEADLINE FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2006**

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRPERSON

**Function:** Increase public awareness about the North Star Community Centre's services, programs and events and assist the North Star Community Centre to expand its community "stakeholders".

**Qualifications:** Willing to gain an understanding of the North Star Community Centre's vision, services and programs.

**Responsibilities:**

Establish and maintain cooperative relationships with representatives of the community, consumer, employee, and public interest groups.

Develop a list of local media personnel with whom the North Star Community Centre should maintain contact.

Respond to requests for information from the media.

**Training Provided:** Orientation to the North Star Community Centre and regular meetings with the Board President or designate to plan activities, monitor progress and provide data, background information and problem-solving support.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately 3 to 4 hours per month.

## WEB MASTER

**Function:** Maintain web site design, structure and content ensuring the continual correctness, completeness, and timeliness of information on the site.

**Qualifications:** Knowledge of web site development and maintenance including hardware and web authoring software.

**Responsibilities:**

Create, gain approval for, and maintain the overall look and feel of the site.

Renew content of the web as needed, ensuring accuracy and timeliness of information presented

Create new pages as required to

promote the North Star Community Centre's events or community information.

Upload/publish completed web pages to the North Star Community Centre's web server.

**Time Commitment:** Approximately 8 hours per month.

## OFFICE CLERK

**Function:** Assist in the day-to-day administration of the North Star Community Centre's office operations.

**Qualifications:** Good people skills, pleasant telephone manner and a willingness to learn about the North Star Community Centre's services and programs.

**Responsibilities:**

Greet and assist visitors.  
Answer general questions and direct queries to the appropriate person.

Open and route incoming mail and prepare outgoing mail.

Answer telephone and convey messages.

Photocopying, faxing and filing of letters and documents.

**Training Provided:** Orientation to the North Star Community Centre's services, programs and office procedures.

**Time Commitment:** Each shift approximately 4 hours per week. Morning, afternoon or early evening shifts available.

## CALL FOR NEW BOARD MEMBERS & NOMINATION COMMITTEE

As discussed at our Community Meeting held on June 3, 2006, the Northstar Cultural Community Centre is looking for four more Board Members. Of these four new positions, two have been designated as Youth Directors – persons between the ages of 18 and 30.

To be eligible to run for a position on the Board of Directors you must be a member in good standing, over the age of 18 and have a demonstrated commitment to community service or volunteer experience. Previous non-profit experience is an asset but not required.

Applications for a Board member position are available at the office at 647 Ouellette Avenue Suite 105. Deadline for applications is Tuesday December 5, 2006.

We are also looking for three members in good standing who are willing to sit on a Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee will be responsible for reviewing the submitted board applications to make sure that the applicants meet the requirements for office. The Committee will also be responsible for organizing an election for these positions should an election be necessary. If an election is

required, it will be held during the Annual General Meeting on January 19, 2007.

Time commitment would be initially, approximately 2 hours one evening after December 5, 2006 to review the applications. Should an election be necessary additional time will be required to organize the election. Nomination Committee members would also attend the Annual General Meeting on January 19, 2007.

If you are interested in sitting on this Committee, please call the Centre at 519-252-7143.

## WESPY AWARDS

Windsor Family Credit Union and The Northstar Cultural Community Centre proudly present:

### The Windsor/Essex County Sports Persons of the Year Awards

The Windsor/Essex County Sports Foundation was created to recognize the achievements of local area sports teams, organizations and athletes. Every October the Foundation holds the Windsor/Essex County Sports Persons of the Year Awards

(WESPY Awards) to celebrate the top performances of our athletes and teams of each season.

At this year's WESPY Awards the keynote speaker will be Coach Herman Boone. Mr. Boone was the coach of the T.C Williams High School in Alexandria, Virginia's football team made famous in the movie Remember the Titans, starring Denzel Washington. His is an inspiring story of prevailing in the face of racial tension, prejudice and long-standing rivalry.



**Herman Boone**

The Northstar Cultural Community Centre is proud to be one of the sponsors of this event.

## E. ANDREA MOORE HERITAGE ROOM

The E. Andrea Moore Heritage Room was established by the Northstar Cultural Community Centre in July 2006 in order to collect, preserve and make available for research archival and support material relating to Windsor's Black history and culture.

The Heritage Room has primary interest in records and material relating to the residents, past and present,

from the "McDougall Street Corridor Neighbourhood" geographically bounded by Ouellette Avenue, Ellis Street East, Louis Avenue and the Detroit River. Material relating to Black history in other parts of Windsor will be collected as well.

The Heritage Room will provide educational and outreach programming whenever possible in order to in-

crease public awareness and appreciation of this culture and history.

Historical material of any medium will be accepted by the Heritage Room, including textual records, photographs and other visual records, maps and plans, architectural drawings, sound recordings and oral history tapes.

Should you wish to donate materials to the Heritage Room, please contact the Northstar Centre at

## PROGRAM PROPOSALS INVITED

Got an idea for a program you would like to run at the Community Centre? If so, we'd love to hear from you. We are inviting you to submit your program proposal to the Board of Directors. The Northstar Cultural Community Centre can offer a handicap able facility and basic administrative support from which to conduct programs to benefit our community.

Proposals must be submitted in writing and must address the following areas:

**General Goals** – What the program hopes to achieve

**Age of Participants** – The target age group of the program participants

**Project Details** – Duration of the program, names of those who will facilitate, format of the program (workshop, seminar etc.)

**Schedule** – Program days and times.

**Resources** – List or description of the necessary resources and how they will be provided.

**Evaluation** – Description of how the success of the program will be evaluated.

We are looking for someone to teach Step Dancing at the Centre.

For more information on submitting your proposal please contact the Centre.

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## FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL

The Northstar Cultural Community Centre's new location now allows us to make space available for rent to hold various functions and events! There are three areas of the centre which can be rented for the following rates:

Facilities	Public Rate	Member/non-profit rate
Kitchen (4-6 hours) flat rate	\$100.00	\$75.00
Banquet hall weekdays or evenings	\$50.00/hr	\$35.00/hr
Computers/Classroom (hourly)		
Per workstation	\$10.00/hr	\$5.00/hr
	\$50.00	\$35.00
Classroom (4 hrs)		

**NOTE:** Computer workstations are still available for use by the public, free of charge during regular operating hours. The rates quoted here for use of the computers is for those who wish to reserve a computer for a specific time or date. Please contact the Centre at 519-252-7143 to book facilities for your upcoming event.

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## OPEN HOUSE/RIBBON CUTTING

Saturday October 28, 2006  
1 to 4 p.m.

**Come on down and see it for yourself!!**

## ACTIVITIES AT THE CENTRE

### FAMILY FUN NIGHTS – OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> & NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

- ◆ Board games, euchre, kids fun games
- ◆ Hot chocolate and donuts
- ◆ Members free, non members \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family



### MEAL NIGHTS – OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

- ◆ Chicken Wings Deluxe or Fish Dinner
- ◆ Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$7.00
- ◆ Or Dinner 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. for \$10.00
- ◆ TAKE OUT AVAILABLE
- ◆ Delivery available to TLC Registry Members (Seniors)
- ◆ If not registered, call the Centre for details

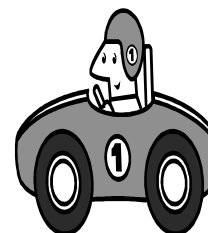


### NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>

- ◆ Oxtail Dinner
- ◆ Lunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$7.00
- ◆ Dinner 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. for \$10.00
- ◆ TAKE OUT AVAILABLE
- ◆ Free delivery for TLC Registry Members

### CAR WASH – OCTOBER 21<sup>st</sup>

- ◆ PLACE: Anderson's Funeral Home parking lot, Ouellette Avenue
- ◆ 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- ◆ Cost \$5.00 per vehicle
- ◆ Hot dogs, pop, water and chips will be available



### CUTTING EDGE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

- ◆ Coat and Blanket Drive
- ◆ Please donate new blankets and good used adult coats for the homeless and less fortunate
- ◆ Gloves, hats, scarves and backpacks also appreciated
- ◆ Drop off at the Center or call Pastor Jim Davis 519-971-9584



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**aComments or Suggestions?**

**(519) 252-7143**

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



### **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

Join us here at the Centre  
Friday December 1<sup>ST</sup> and  
Saturday December 2<sup>ND</sup>  
9 a.m. until 4 p.m. both days

Vendors are welcome and tables will be available for  
\$25.00 for both days or \$15.00 for 1 day  
Call the Centre to book your table 519-252-7143  
Lunch will be available for both days for \$5.00

A lot of items will be available – make this your one-stop Christmas Shop.  
We will even wrap your purchase for only a Loonie!!

**If anyone is interested in donating a new or hand made item for our  
Raffle Table, it would be greatly appreciated.**

**Just drop it off at the Centre or call us and we will pick it up.**

### **MOTOWN CHRISTMAS KARAOKE**

December 15th

9 p.m. until Midnight

Sing along or sing solo to the Oldies But Goodies

Mark the date on your calendar

**Tickets will be available at a later date**



### **DONATIONS**

As the holidays approach, please remember the gift of community and consider making a donation to the Northstar Cultural Community Centre. Your gift will be used to continue the work of the Centre in providing services and programs to your community.

**Donations of \$10 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt for income.**