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# ABOUT THE AWWCA

The AWWCA is the largest dues-paying neighbourhood association in Hamilton, with about 600 members. We are a volunteer, nonprofit association with the mission of preserving, protecting, and enhancing the Ainslie Wood/Westdale community and the quality of life for all residents, and of organizing, communicating, lobbying, and pursuing the needs of the members of the association.

Each September our annual general meeting hosts a speaker or panel on current community issues, and we work with the McMaster Students Union to organize the annual pajama parade for first-year students. In the spring, around Earth Day, we co-ordinate a community cleanup. Our board of directors meets monthly with our ward councillor, a representative of our local police unit, and other guests. The AWWCA,



through individual members and committees, works on many projects, some short term, many ongoing: lobbying for maintaining and upgrading neighbourhood schools and community facilities; making our area inviting to pedestrians; fostering good town and gown relations; publicizing and participating in local events; providing input on master plans for transportation, parks, and land use in our area; promoting our area to families to maintain a balance between long-term residents and students; working with the city, police, and fire department on property standards, quality-of-life issues, and safety standards; promoting best practices through research and membership in provincial organizations with similar goals. We maintain a website and communicate frequently with members by e-mail.

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