



Community Connection

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Community Connection Ticker

Hi my name is . . .

Laura Stevens and I'm the new director of SCSN. I'm a second year student studying Linguistic Cognitive Science and French. My favourite colour is orange and when I grow up I want to be a speech pathologist.

Now that you know a little bit about me, I want you to get to know SCSN as well. The main purpose of SCSN is to promote the formation of positive relationships between students living in the McMaster area and permanent residents.

We do this through a number of ways, such as providing volunteer opportunities for students within the community. Our resident buddy program (with VON Hamilton) matches up students with a senior in the community for at home visiting, telephone reassurance and assisting with a fitness program.

SCSN represents the interests of both McMaster off-campus students to various organizations such as the AWWCA, the City of Hamilton and elected officials.

Also, we take a proactive role to decrease conflicts between neighbours. Our peer to peer program investigates complaints and educates the students so that they are fully aware of the by-laws for their community.

And lastly, we are here to show the community how amazing McMaster students really are!

NOW HIRING FOR SEPTEMBER!!

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Looking for a job on campus? We're hiring!

Community resource assistants (6)

Did you miss the cut off to be a CA? Is volunteering in the community important to you? CRAs act as off-campus CAs and are each assigned to a different neighbourhood in the surrounding area. You are responsible for promoting volunteer opportunities in the community and visiting houses in order to educate students and deal with any complaints.

Community Standards assistants (3)

Do you have an interest in law? Enjoy walking, biking and being outdoors? The position of CSA involves patrolling neighbourhoods in the surrounding McMaster area and monitoring property standards. Work closely with the City of Hamilton! Strong organizational skills and sense of direction required.

Community assistant coordinator

Do you like to be in charge? We are looking for someone to train and manage our CRAs! This position also involves the planning and running of community events. Also liaising with other on-campus organizations and promotion.

Newsletter and promotions coordinator

Do you have an artistic flair or a passion for journalism? Then SCSN needs you for designing posters and putting together this very newsletter! This job involves researching and writing articles as well as formatting the newsletter.

Go to msumcmaster.ca/jobs to find out more, and apply!

Look forward to these fun events in the fall:

Bylaw 101

Living away from home for the first time, in a new city? Not sure exactly when to put your garbage out, or what you need to do to avoid a visit from By-Law officers? As well, you will get a chance to meet the Community Resource Assistant for your area!

Meet Your Neighbour Contest

Stay tuned for this fun and exciting contest which involves creating a piece of media with a permanent resident. Last year's prize was an ipod – this year's could be even better! And don't you want to start off on a good foot with your neighbours?

Pumpkin hike

Dress up in your Halloween costume and have fun with kids and community members in Westdale. Help kids carve pumpkins during the day, and come back at night to see the kids in costume and hand out goodie bags!

1 + 1 = Waste Reduction?

This year the city of Hamilton has introduced new garbage regulations. This means that you are allowed to put out **1 container + 1 clear bag** of garbage every week. This means that you really need to step up with your green and recycling bins. If there is too much recycling/organics in the clear plastic bag, it won't be picked up!

Volunteer Opportunities

Resident Buddy Program

SCSN has partnered with the Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) Hamilton, a non-profit healthcare organization based in Hamilton, which focuses on rectifying the health needs of the community. If you would like to make a difference in the life of a senior based in your community this program is for you. Get credit for applicable courses!!

For more info, email scsn@msu.mcmaster.ca

Alzheimer Society of Hamilton

The Alzheimer Society of Hamilton and Halton need friendly volunteers to visit weekly in the home of a caregiver and a client with dementia. Flexible working times, close to your home, and dementia training provided. If you can spare 1 to 2 hours a week, call 905-529-7030.

Adopt-A-Box Program

Adopt a box this year! Be in charge of removing any graffiti that appears on a community structure, like a mailbox. It's an easy way to get involved and help the aesthetic quality of our community!

For more info, email cra@msu.mcmaster.ca

Ainslie Wood North Project

Do you live in the Ainslie Wood North region? Want to do something to help improve the relationships between students and residents? Interested in working with the Town of Hamilton, the MSU and other community stakeholders?

For more info, email scsn@msu.mcmaster.ca

Upcoming Events

Westdale Farmer's Market Every Saturday, 8AM-1PM

Get ready for a great time at the fun and exciting annual SOULfood Fair! Workshops, demonstrations, music, dance and more! Free hot chocolate, prizes, and giveaways!

Festival of Friends August 7-9th, Gage Park

With artists as diverse as Finger 11, The Wilkinsons, Leon Redbone and Kim Mitchell this year's Festival will present a series of headliners for all tastes and generations. The Festival is trying to do what Toronto could not; beat Germany's record of 1802 people playing "Smoke on the Water" simultaneously.

For more info, visit <http://www.creativearts.on.ca/>

Dundas Cactus Festival August 14-17th, Downtown Dundas

Kicking off with a parade on August 13th, this newly designated "Top 100 Festival" should be a blast this year. Check out live musicians, buskers, arts & crafts, charity gambling and, of course some cactus vendors!

For more info, visit www.dundascactusfest.ca

The Maker's Market

August 22nd, St. Paul's Anglican Church

From 10 am to 3pm visit the Maker's Market for farm-fresh foods, local art, handmade goods and vintage items. Support our local farmer's and craftsmen!

To learn more, email themarkersmarket@gmail.com

**For more information on volunteering opportunities or events,
visit our website at:**

<http://www.msumcmaster.ca/servicesandbusiness/scsn/>

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