

**Neighbourhoods are defined by
the people who, live, work and
play there. These are our stories.**

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Starting Up

Block 5

A digital media entrepreneur who believes Pier 8 is the perfect setting for her business to develop and grow

Location is everything. With Pier 8 I can commute to the beautiful waterfront using the rapid-transit and the Pier 8 Shuttle straight from the GO station and be in the heart of this vibrant community within minutes. It is the perfect setting for my brand to grow and develop. It feels like an important creative community to be a part of – like the Laurel Canyon neighbourhood in the 1960s. The architecture and the streetscape inspire everyone that visits. Pier 8 really captures the zeitgeist and buzz of the 2020s. Coffee shops are filled with creative freelancers, the streets throng with colourfully dressed, chatty people of all ages, and businesses all seem to be thriving with the constant foot traffic. It is amazing how quickly the buildings have come to life – animated by independent retail, lush green planting and abundant street architecture. It has become a tourist destination too – putting Hamilton on the map. My store, which also functions as the home of my place-making digital publishing brand, is located in Block 5. We host regular community pop-ups, workshops, exhibitions and panel discussions which all inform and inspire the creative team who work upstairs. We are so excited to celebrate the next generation of Hamilton makers: artists, chefs, designers, brewers, and musicians – and to provide a local news service for the digital age from this world-leading waterfront community. It has given me the opportunity to follow my dreams and provide valuable employment to the next generation of journalists and content creators.



Single Mom

Block 7

A busy mom who moved to Pier 8 affordable home from the suburbs and loves the friendly neighborhood atmosphere

I chose to live at Pier 8 because I was amazed that I could afford to live in such a beautiful waterfront property at my price point. I wanted to live in a safe, walkable neighbourhood where my children could experience nature but also have the benefits that come from living downtown. We moved from the suburbs where I was completely reliant on my car to do even the simplest of errands. My kids spent more time strapped into their car seats than they did running around some days. But now, at Pier 8, we have absolutely everything we need all within a few kilometers; green spaces, grocery stores, schools, gyms... I know too that as they grow, the community will continue to grow up around them. They have so many friends in the neighbourhood. Maybe they will choose to work here too? I see so many young people coming in and out of the office blocks and businesses around here every day. It's great to see so many opportunities to succeed in a city like Hamilton.



Artist

Block 5

An artist and creator who works out of a Cobalt Connects live/work unit. He loves the vivid streetscape at Pier 8

I moved to Hamilton in 2015 because of the buzz it holds in the music scene. I am an artist and play guitar in a rock band and living in Hamilton allowed me to live affordably and still have time and space to create. When I heard about Cobalt Connects Live/Work lofts I was immediately interested. In the past ten years I have seen Hamilton grow and I was keen to keep working in the City and creating art. I was impressed by Pier 8's plans to include artists in the mix and it has proved to be an inspiring and exciting place to live and work. I was excited to have the chance to paint a mural as part of the Winter Pier 8 Art Festival this year and I hope that these opportunities continue to be offered to local artists – it really helps with the village vibe down here.



Gardener

Greenways and Green Slips

One of the team members that helps to maintain the public green spaces and is excited that the community vegetable garden has been such a success.

I don't live at Pier 8 but I do work here. I'm one of the busy team dedicated to looking after the shared green spaces in the community. As a gardener and plant lover I am really impressed by how natural the public spaces feel. It is great that they chose to use so many native plant species and I love the water features. We even have an active bird and insect community now which is beautiful. It shows that they have really put a lot of thought into every detail. It has been really rewarding to watch the plants grow and mature and to watch the community interact with nature on their doorstep. The community vegetable roof garden has been a real success and I am excited to welcome three bee hives this Spring that will let the local kid's group learn how to make their own honey.



Growing up on the Pier

Promenade Park

A 7-year-old Pier 8 resident, who loves the green spaces she can play in after school

My favourite things about living at Pier 8 are:

- Playing in the Promenade park after school – they have cool fountains we can run and play in and a sand pit.
- Cookies from the cafe and bakery downstairs
- My Mom waving at me from her office when we're on break or on a waterfront adventure with the daycare.
- When my cousin comes to stay from Toronto and I can show him the lake in my backyard. He lives far from the waterfront and his family hardly ever heads down there.
- My baby tomato plants growing on my balcony. My Mom says when they're big enough we can eat them on a pizza and I can invite my block friends over for a party.
- Watching the boats from my bedroom window – when I'm grown a bit Mom says I can learn to sail too. Maybe I can sail to Toronto and visit my cousin. That would be cool.



McMaster Student

Barista at Relay Coffee Roasters

A student and environmental crusader, who works at Relay Coffee Roasters and loves seeing the community come together over green issues

I am a student at McMaster University studying Environmental and Earth Sciences and I am also a barista at Relay Coffee Rosters at Pier 8. I moved to Hamilton to study two years ago and instantly fell in love with the City – there is always so much to do, there's a real community atmosphere and I like how the City is known for its sustainability and green credentials. It's really cool to be studying something in class and then to see it in action in the green roofs and building systems at Pier 8. I also feel really lucky to work for a responsible local company like Relay- they have taught me not just how to appreciate good coffee, but also the value of treating every person in the business process fairly – from farmer to customers.



Business Traveller

ALT Hotel Guest

A business traveller who is excited to return to Pier 8 in the future to show her family the beautiful waterfront

I am visiting Hamilton from Chicago for work. I'm in the health science field and often visit Hamilton as a result. In the past my colleagues and I have stayed in Toronto but I was impressed by the waterfront location, the price and the history and culture of Hamilton City and the surrounding areas. I'm also a big wine buff so it's great being so close to the Niagara wine region. I love the design-centric, no-nonsense approach of ALT Hotels. I have met people here from all over the world. Hamilton has such a strong history as an industrial steel town and seeing industry at play from the hotel is fascinating. I would love to come back here with my family one day soon.



Chef

The Other Bird, Restaurant

A Hamilton chef who creates locally sourced dishes for The Other Bird Eatery using fresh produce from the weekly farmer's market

As a foodie I have always loved Hamilton's eclectic food scene. After my training I decided to return to my home city. I now work in the kitchen at The Other Bird's stand-alone eatery near the waterfront at Pier 8, creating exciting local dishes for guests every night. We are really busy, especially in the summer months when all the residents come down for drinks and sharing plates on the patio. The farmer's market brings everyone together every Sunday and I love wandering around the stalls and picking up fresh, local produce. I am proud to be a part of this new community and tell all my friends to come and visit.



Librarian

HPL branch at the Pier 8 Urban Commons

A librarian who appreciates how accessible and well designed the Pier 8 development is.

I work in the Hamilton Public Library at Pier 8 where I provide support to young readers and the wider community through programming and events. I am also a wheelchair user and so I really appreciate that my needs have been taken into account by the designers behind this development. Pier 8 is a very considerately created community and every facility is accessible to me. I can easily get from my home in block 8 to the library. Living at Pier 8 has given me friends, a career and a home where I can get around easily and without obstacle.



Retired couple

Momentum Fitness

Active retired charity campaigners who love training at Momentum Fitness and running along the waterfront trails at Pier 8

It's no secret that my wife and I take our health and fitness seriously. Since retiring three years ago we have both taken part in the Hamilton Marathon Road2Hope and the Around The Bay road race. I cycle everywhere and my wife loves to hike in the trails around the city. We owe a lot of this to the trainers and staff at Momentum Fitness in Pier 8 where we live. They have helped us to achieve our fitness goals since Day 1. I love their heart rate based training, the modern app based treadmills and the focus on healthy cardio workouts that have made training so rewarding and successful. Living at Pier 8 we have access to some of the most scenic running trails in the downtown too, which makes working out so much easier everyday.