



## Community Facilities & Services

With Shear Park, Blair Park, Allandale Station Park and the Southshore Centre,



Wood Street Home naturalized spaces along the waterfront for more passive opportunities.

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Limited commercial services are available as many relocated or closed in recent years including the food store, bank and the Clifton Hotel, a community centre piece for many years that was torn down in the 1990s.

## Neighbourhood Heritage

Historically the economy of Allandale has been tied to the railway. The neighbourhood expanded rapidly to the west, physically beginning to join with Barrie at Tiffin Street, when the Grand Truck Railway expansion took place at the Allandale yard at the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Parts of the Master Mechanics building remain today, incorporated into the design and functionality of the Southshore Centre.



St. George's Anglican Church (c 1892)

and the Southshore Centre, Allandale has a variety of recreational spaces offering passive, active and naturalized areas for residents to enjoy. There are tennis courts, baseball diamonds, trails and school fields available for more active recreation and

passive opportunities. The original elementary school, built in 1906 and currently known as King Edward, closed in 2008 despite resident concerns. The site is now under new ownership, leaving this neighbourhood without a local school.



Railroad YMCA Building (c 1907)

While the rail yard was and remains a central part of the neighbourhood's identity, Allandale also retains many original homes and buildings including:

- Railroad YMCA (c 1907)  
268 Bradford Street
- St. George's Anglican Church (c 1892)
- 4 Essa Road (c 1896)
- 73 William Street (c 1908)
- 27 Gowan Street (c 1870s)
- 8 Cumberland Street (c 1879)
- 88 Cumberland Street (c 1887)
- King Edward School (c 1906) 19 Burton Avenue
- 67 & 68 Burton Avenue (c 1890s)
- 8 Essa Road (c 1893)
- 90 William Street (c 1890s)
- 56 Cumberland Street (c 1880)
- 129 Cumberland Street (c 1880s)
- 82 Cumberland Street (c 1870s)

The neighbourhood was immediately adjacent to the Barrie Agricultural Fairgrounds until the Barrie Agricultural Society sold the 38-acre site in 2007. The site, at the western edge of Allandale, remains vacant; however, there are plans for commercial development in the future.

## What residents said they like most about Allandale...

- Proximity to the downtown, the waterfront and Hwy 400
- Mature trees and heritage homes and buildings
- Neighbourhood residents and the sense of community
- Walkability of the neighbourhood

## What residents said they most want to change about Allandale...

- More enforcement of property standards
- Development decisions that recognize historic features
- A neighbourhood school and improved waterfront access
- Bring back local retailers to the neighbourhood
- Investment in infrastructure including neighbourhood roads
- No on-street overnight parking in the winter
- Discourage noisy venues from the area

*Two sources were invaluable in preparing these profiles — Heritage Barrie Walking Tours and Beautiful Barrie, The City and its People by Su Murdoch, et al (2005).*

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