

**Clr. Russ Powers column for the Apr 24<sup>th</sup>  
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Tonight, we recognize the contributions to the community of Tracy Beck, Tom Bontje and Marion Farnan as the three nominees for the 2008 Royal Bank Citizen of the Year Award and Beth Austerberry, Kelsi Cole, Joanna Harkness and Victoria Patterson as the four nominees for the 2008 Dundas alley Collision Centre Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. The Community of Dundas is better off because of your commitment, dedication and involvement.

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Tomorrow is the annual Cootes /Spencer Creek Cleanup from 10 am – 1 pm at five locations in the lower watershed. Just show up at any of the three Dundas stations which are located at the rear of the J.L. Grightmire (Dundas) Arena on Market St S, the bus storage area to the east of the Canadian Tire store on Cootes Dr and at the Spencer Creek bridge over Cootes Dr (near McMaster U). Work gloves and garbage bags are provided and a BBQ follows the cleanup.

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Effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, a Golden Age Bus Pass entitles eligible seniors who are eighty (80) years and age and older to ride the HSR for free. Passes must be acquired in person at the Go Transit station on Hunter St in Hamilton. Detailed information is available by contacting the HSR at 905.546.2489 or visit the city's website at [www.hamilton.ca](http://www.hamilton.ca) and search the Transit section.

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The annual Compost Giveaway will soon be upon us at six locations throughout the city with Dundas scheduled for Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Dundas Public Works yard, 147 King St East. The gates open at 8 am and you are allowed five (5) pails/buckets for only \$5...the City brings the compost and you bring a shovel and the pails/buckets.

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It's been my pleasure to be a small part of a group of dedicated individuals from the Downtown Dundas BIA and Vendors Group, who have combined efforts to bring a return of the Dundas Farmer's Market to Memorial Square area in downtown Dundas. It's anticipated that the market will commence operations in mid-June for a 4 – 5 month season. Stay tuned as details are rolled out.

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The next Dundas Community Council meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (old town hall), 60 Main St, Dundas.