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The 34th annual Dundas Cactus Festival and its Parade is history and by all accounts, it was another resounding success. Congratulations and thanks are extended to Festival Chair, Steve Deighton and Parade Chair, Donna Graham and all of their numerous volunteers for another extraordinary effort. Plans are already being developed for next year's 35th Anniversary of this award winning community event.

The mix of rainy and sunny periods over this summer has triggered an unordinary growth of foliage. In many instances, trees and shrubs are intruding onto the sidewalks and in some cases, forcing walkers out to the roadway. This is particularly troubling for our visually challenged pedestrians. Please help out by trimming back your greenery.

The Dundas Valley Tree Keepers are on the hunt for those Dundas' heritage trees that "you treasure for its beauty, form, colour, place in history, flower, fruit, ecological importance, association with special memories or because it provides a special spot to relax or play". Nomination forms are available at the Carnegie Gallery, Dundas Museum or online at www.dundastrees.ca . The deadline for submissions is Monday, Sept 15th.

If your green cart is broken and require a replacement, you will be able to do so by visiting the Dundas Community Recycling Centre on Olympic Dr on Tuesdays (11 am – 5 pm) and Saturdays (9 am – 3 pm) from Sept 1st through Dec 15th inclusive. There is no cost if the damaged cart is returned at the time of the exchange or the cost is \$25 if the damaged cart is not returned. Note: You can only put out one green cart per household.

The start of the new school year will soon be upon us and with it, the excitement of returning students. Drivers are encouraged to pay extra attention, particularly during the first week, to travel patterns of our young people as you may need to react quickly.

Please circle the evening of Saturday, Dec 19th, 2009 on your calendars and plan to join other residents of Hamilton at Dundurn Castle as we welcome the Olympic Torch on its journey across Canada to the Opening Ceremonies on the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. The evening event will showcase local talent and demonstrate to the rest of the Canada that we “do it right”.

The Dundas Community Council resumes in September with its next meeting on Tuesday, Sept 15th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Town Hall.