

**Clr. Russ Powers column for the Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009  
edition of the Dundas Star News.**

Thank you to the over 200 volunteers, who assisted with the recent Dundas Food-Drive which was organized through the efforts of Dundas Community Services, the Association of Dundas Churches and Salvation Army. More than 37 metric tonnes (41 tons)) and over \$3000 was collected to assist the Dundas Salvation Army Food-Bank. A special thank you is extended to Rev. Dr. Don Donaghey and Robert Turner for heading up this community effort.

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The annual “Hamilton Bloom Celebration Event” will take place on the evening of Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Gage Park Tropical House commencing at 5:30 pm with a Preview of the 2009 Hamilton Fall Garden & Chrysanthemums Show followed at 6:30 pm by presentation of the Trillium Awards and Keep Hamilton Blooming Recognition. “White Trillium awards” will be presented to a number of Dundas households followed by the “Pink Trillium award” for best in Dundas then presentation of the “Red Trillium award” for “Best in the City”. I’ll have a detailed listing in my November column.

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If you’ve been by Memorial Square in downtown Dundas recently, you’ll notice that the reconstruction of the Dundas Fire/EMS Station 23 is virtually complete. The Official Re-Opening is planned for the evening of Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> with the official ceremony at 7 pm. The station will be hosting an open house on that same evening from 6 – 8 pm so join us to tour the “new” facility.

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I know that I might be a little early for the Christmas season but the annual Dundas Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dundas BIA will take place on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Memorial Square parkette. Join your neighbours and friends for Christmas carols, hot cider and who knows; maybe even Santa will drop by.

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The next Dundas Community Council meeting will be on the evening of Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Services Centre (Old Town Hall).