

**Clr. Russ Powers' column for the Jan 22nd, 2010
edition of the Dundas Star News.**

The Community of Dundas is still in a state of shock following the January 3rd downtown fire that severely impacted a number of the ground-floor businesses and the upper-level apartments. There were no personal injuries and everyone is housed, albeit temporarily. A number of fundraisers are in the works with a concert planned for the evening of Saturday, Jan 23rd at Knox Presbyterian Church and an all-day event planned for Saturday, February 13th at the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre. Check the 'CitySidelines' section of the Dundas Star News for details.

Please join me and the Dundas Sunrise Rotary Club at the Rotary Skating Rink in the Dundas Driving Park on Saturday, February 6th from 1 – 4 pm for 'An Afternoon for Linda' - a community event in support of the visitor and client services at the Juravinski Cancer Clinic. This winter carnival will have continuous entertainment, complimentary bbq and on-ice demonstrations. Donations will be accepted on-site and winter wear will be available for purchase. Please join us!

In December, I reminded you of your responsibility to clear your sidewalks of snow and ice within 24 hours of the cessation of a snowfall. I would also request that you please include the removal of ice from your eaves troughs, the shoveling out around fire hydrants and the clearing of nearby catch basins in your winter routine...your neighbours and the City's Emergency Services would be grateful.

Although it's in late May (28th-30th to be precise), Parkside High School's 50th Birthday is just around the corner and a weekend of events is planned for Parkside alumnae and current students. The contact info is: chair@parkside50.ca or 905.628.6339, Extension 500. Their website is www.parkside50.ca .

Just a reminder that the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Dundas Star News are seeking nominees for the 'Royal Bank Citizen of the Year' award, the 'Dundas Valley Collision Centre Youth Volunteer of the Year' award and the 'Business of the Year' award. The deadline for submissions is next Friday, January 29th. For further information, visit www.hamiltonchamber.on.ca .

The next Dundas Community Council meeting is Wednesday, February 17th at 7 pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre (old Town Hall), 60 Main St.