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**Clr. Russ Powers column
for Nov 23⁰⁷ edition.**

The Festive Season in Dundas will soon be upon us and with it comes numerous events and activities throughout the community. Our seasonal kickoff is the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. It's hosted by the Downtown Dundas BIA and the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and will take place next Friday, Nov 30th at 7pm in Memorial Square. On the very next day (Dec 1st), St James Anglican Church will hold their annual Holiday House Tour from 12noon until 5pm...call 905.627.1424 for tickets. On Dec 8th at 8pm in the auditorium of the Dundas Town Hall, the Dundas Museum & Archives will host John D. Huston in his portrayal of Charles Dickens in his recreation of "A Christmas Carol"...call 905.627.7412 for tickets. Every December weekend until Christmas from 11am – 3pm, the BIA will provide free horse-drawn trolley rides, strolling musicians and visits with Father Christmas. Check out the BIA's webpage at www.downtowndundas.ca for additional events and when and where you can have Breakfast with Santa.

From today until December 23rd, there is free parking at all times in all of Dundas' Municipal Off-Street Parking Lots. Support our merchants and services and "Shop Dundas".

A tip of the hat and our thanks to Dundas Branch 36 of the Royal Canadian Legion for once again organizing our annual Remembrance Day service at the Dundas Cenotaph. The weather was perfect and the crowds continue to grow. It was my pleasure to work with Murray Floyd to have Cootes Drive recognized as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

Recently, I took a pictorial tour of the Dundas Valley through Eleanore and Richard Kosydar's newest book "The Dundas Valley – Visions of Beauty". It's available at a number of locations in Dundas.

Congratulations are extended to the Dundas Animal Hospital, Adventure Attic and The Keeping Room for winning first, second and third place awards respectively in Dundas Scarecrow Saturday Competition. Congratulations are also extended to Curry, Elkin & Kelly Insurance Brokers Inc., 66 King St West on winning the City of Hamilton's 2007 Excellence in Property Award for Dundas.

It may be slow in coming but it comes to those who wait. At the behest of a number of Dundas families, I have been able to arrange for a Parent and Tot Skate (only for tykes who require skating aids) on each Saturday from 1 – 2pm at Dundas' Westoby Ice Surface (Olympic Arena).