

Mar 23/07 Dundas Star News Councillor's Column by Russ Powers

Congratulations to Jane Hill who recently received first place NICHE Awards in the Judaica and Hand-built categories of their 2007 awards competition "celebrating excellence and innovation in American and Canadian craft" in Philadelphia.

Circle your calendars and plan to attend The Dundas Citizen of the Year & Youth Volunteer of the Year Awards Dinner on Friday, April 27th at 5:30pm at the Dundas Valley Golf & Curling Club hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce.

Hopefully we're almost at the end of the winter season but assistance is available for eligible seniors and persons with physical disabilities to clear their snow. For further information, contact the Hamilton Snow Angels Program by calling 905.523.1910 or by email at snowangels@volunteerhamilton.on.ca

City staff and outside consultants are conducting a traffic flow and pedestrian/vehicular safety study for an area bounded by King St E and W, York Rd, Alma and Sydenham Sts which includes the Cross-Melville District. Please make your comments known by dropping into an Open House on Monday, April 2nd from 6-8pm in the auditorium of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre.

The Cascades Neighbourhood will be holding an Introduction to Neighbourhood Watch session with A/Sgt Dave Dunbar and Hamilton Police on the evening of Friday, April 27th at 7pm in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre.

The Thorpe Street and Main Street (120m south of Governor's Rd) bridges within Dundas have been identified for rehabilitation. The Class EA process not only requires but encourages stakeholder consultation before work is contemplated. If you are interested, please share your thoughts with city staff on Tuesday, April 3rd from 6-8pm.

A new city-wide Sign Bylaw replacing the varied legislation of the previous municipalities was adopted in 2006 and took effect on February 1st, 2007. It updated standards for signs, is easy to use, understand and enforce and reflects the diverse character within the city. For further information, go to www.myhamilton.ca and type in "sign bylaw" in the Search section at the top of the homepage.

The next Dundas Community Council meeting will be Wednesday, April 18th at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers in the Dundas Municipal Service Centre. The agenda and the report of previous meetings are available at www.russpowers.com. Observers are welcome at all meetings.

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