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**Clr Russ Powers' column for the Nov 27th
edition of the Dundas Star News.**

Tonight (Nov 27th), be part of a Dundas tradition by joining me at the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in Memorial Square in Downtown Dundas. The event is jointly hosted by the Dundas Division of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Dundas BIA. The Dundas Concert Band will kick off the evening at 7 pm followed by caroling with the actual tree lighting at 7:30 pm with the arrival of Santa. This event is the start of a 'Dickens of a Christmas' in downtown Dundas...visit the BIA website at www.downtowndundas.ca for a detailed schedule. Also visit University Plaza for their planned activities.

From now through Dec 24th inclusive, parking is free ONLY in the off-street municipal parking lots. This provides you adequate time to complete your seasonal shopping at our shops.

Leslie Watson and Barry Forth have nominated Dundas and the J.L. Grightmire Memorial Arena for this year's 'Kraft Hockeyville' competition on CBC's Hockey Night in Canada. Progressive activities are planned to promote Dundas as the 'best hockey community in Canada'. The first major event is scheduled for Sat, Dec 12th from 11 am – 3:30 pm so regularly visit the website at www.dundashockeyville.ca or watch the Dundas Star News for updates.

Recently, Hamilton's Urban Design and Architecture Awards were presented and the rejuvenation of the Dundas Driving Park was recognized with an 'Award of Excellence for Healthy Communities'. Through the efforts of the City of Hamilton and the Dundas Valley Sunrise Rotary Club, the inclusion of a wading pool, splash pad, bandshell, picnic pavilion, artificial skating rink,

baseball diamonds and passive space reflects the characteristics of true quality of life.

...and speaking of the Dundas Driving Park, (weather permitting), the winter equipment will be turned on at the end of November with (hopefully) skating to start around Dec 5th.

The Downtown Dundas Transportation Master Plan and Governor's Road Intersection Study is complete and is now available for public comment. Visit www.hamilton.ca/DowntownDundasTMP to review the studies and respond, if necessary. Also, an Open House will be held in the Dundas Town Hall in the near future.

If your Green Bin is damaged, it can be replaced by exchanging it at the Community Recycling Centre on Olympic Dr every Tuesday until Dec 15th from 10 am-3 pm or on Sat, Dec 5th from 9 am – 3 pm. Blue Bins can be replaced daily from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm at the Dundas Municipal Service Centre.