

SNOW & ICE REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to business owners to keep sidewalks clear and safe this winter and to remove any overhanging icicles from their buildings. Please ensure the sidewalks in front of your business are shoveled and that sand or salt is used to prevent them from becoming slippery. For vacant buildings, it is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure the safe passage for pedestrians.

Bylaw enforcement officers will be on the street enforcing these bylaws. Business owners who do not comply may face a fine of up to \$5,000. To report unsafe conditions, contact the city's bylaw enforcement office at 613-546-4291, ext. 3135.

Sand and salt products are a huge help in keeping the sidewalks safe and are relatively inexpensive - they can be purchased from a number of downtown businesses, including S&R, Dolan's, Vandervoort Hardware, FoodBasics, and A&P, among others. Kingston Farm and Garden Centre (Country Depot, 546-5561) can offer a once per week delivery service to DK! members. As well, Mat Turcotte at Turf King (544-8873) is one of a number of companies offering snow removal services and currently has a number of clients that he looks after downtown. Take a look in the Yellow Pages under Snow Removal for a complete listing of companies offering this type of service.

PROPOSED SIGN BYLAW

The City's Administrative Policies Committee is now seeking input on a draft bylaw that would control the type and placement of various signs and other advertising devices in the city. A copy of the bylaw can be found here: www.cityofkingston.ca/residents/development/zoning/property/signs.asp

There will be a public meeting with the Administrative Policies Committee about the draft Bylaw on Tuesday, March 10 at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall. DK! staff are in the process of reviewing the bylaw and will be submitting comments to the committee. We'd encourage you to have a look and submit comments as well. Feedback is specifically wanted on the new regulations governing roof-top signs and billboards. The draft bylaw states: "It is proposed that roof signs no longer be permitted in the downtown special regulation area along Ontario Street and the Business Improvement Area."

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HOLIDAY WRAP

There's nothing quite like the Holidays in Downtown Kingston! The 5th Annual Nighttime Santa Parade kicked off the season to the delight of thousands of spectators and was followed promptly by the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Springer Market Square.

The skating rink in the Square opened on schedule - much to the delight of thousands of skaters throughout the holidays.

Santa in the Square took to its new home in the courtyard, complete with a custom-built Santa bench. The space proved itself successful and plans are in the works to help create a Santa Village in the courtyard area over the next few years.

Judges at the Window Wonderland display competition were dazzled by many fantastically decorated windows throughout the downtown. Winners were:

Most Original: **Minotaur**
HM: **Wallack's Art Supply**

Best Holiday Theme: **Silverside**
HM: **Runner's Choice**

Best Merchandised: **Paradiso**
HM: **Olden Green**

Best Light Display: **The Card Merchant**
HM: **Visitor Information Centre**

Best Restaurant (NEW!): **King Street Sizzle**
HM: **Kingston Brewing Company**

Best Overall: **Send in the Clowns**

Santa Bucks returned for a very successful second year - saving thousands of downtown shoppers on their purchases and meals during the holiday season. Many thanks to all retailers and restaurants who participated!

CONTACT

**NEW CHAIR**

For those of you who were not able to attend the Annual General Meeting in November, Maria Cronk from Roundstone and Fancy That is your new Chair of the Board of Management for the BIA. Maria has been the Vice Chair for the past 2 years and is also the

Chair of the Member Services Committee. Maria is spearheading some exciting new initiatives that we'll be talking to you about soon, so stay tuned for details! Please visit our website for a full list of your Board members.

HERE COMES FEB FEST!

It's that time of year again - Feb Fest runs from February 3 to 8 and features a flurry of fantastic fun. Here's a snapshot of what's happening:

TUESDAY, FEB 3:

Opening Ceremonies 6:30 pm
Join Mayor Harvey Rosen and others to kick off the Feb Fest festivities at Springer Market Square

IMAGINATION ON ICE 7:00 PM

A fabulous figure skating show for the entire family to enjoy featuring one of Canada's greatest, Kurt Browning.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 4:

Skate with the Fronts 5:00pm
Join members of Kingston's OHL team as they take the ice at Springer Market Square.

THURSDAY, FEB 5:

24 hour Snow Sculpture Competition begins at noon.
Watch the sculptures evolve over 24 hours in Confederation Park.
Flying Canucks - The Flying Canucks are elite athletes in the Olympic

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sports of freestyle skiing, snowboard and trampoline. They offer unique, one-of-a-kind performances that leave audiences awestruck. through outstanding aerial acrobatic skiing, snowboarding and new-school freestyle 'Big Air' maneuvers. They jump, flip, somersault, twist and turn individually and simultaneously in synchronization, to the high energy beats of a dynamic soundtrack!

FRIDAY, FEB 6:

Outdoor Concert in Springer Market Square

SATURDAY, FEB 7:

Limestone Classic Tournament 8:30 - 5:30pm
Watch some on NHL's greatest take the ice along side local hockey players in this 4 on 4 shinny hockey tournament.

SUNDAY, FEB 8:

Historic Hockey Game 1:00pm
Watch RMC, Queens and Petawawa battle it out for bragging rights in an old school game of hockey.

Complete details can be found at www.febfestkingston.com



UPCOMING DATES

FREE ADVERTISING!

The Annual Kids for Kids Hockey Tournament will be taking place March 27 to 29. This is a fantastic tournament that brings 170 teams, thousands of people and an estimated \$1,000,000 into the community. Proceeds from the tournament go to the University Hospitals Foundation and the Boys and Girls Club of Kingston and Area.

Once again DK! has purchased a full page in the tournament program and we're offering up free business card ads to downtown businesses. If you want to participate, here's what you have to do:

- Provide a discounted offer to Kids for Kids players and their families (2 for 1, free appetizer, 20% off, etc.). NO COUPONS PLEASE.
- Email the details of your valuable offer along with your logo to Rob@downtownkingston.ca. Please arrange the details as you would like them to appear. Hurry - space is very limited - deadline is February 2!

FAMILY DAY

This year, Family Day is Monday February 16. This is the second year for the Ontario government's newest statutory holiday, and is one of nine days per year when most stores in Ontario must be closed under the Retail Business Holidays Act. This date falls outside the City of Kingston's exemption bylaw (which runs from May 1 to October 15), meaning most retail businesses in the city must close.

HERITAGE WEEK AWARDS

Heritage Week is February 16 to 22. Once again we're celebrating Kingston's rich heritage by partnering with the Frontenac Heritage Foundation in the 21st Annual Heritage Week Awards. We're looking for nominations of buildings that have recently been renovated or constructed that are in tune with Kingston's fine old architecture and unique streetscape. If you'd like to nominate a building that you think is deserving of an award, please email your nominations to Rob@downtownkingston.ca by February 6th. Last year's winners were Chameleon Nation, Coquette and Empire Life.

MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE

A quick reminder that as of March 31, 2009, the minimum wage in Ontario will be increasing from the current \$8.75 per hour to \$9.50. This will further increase to \$10.25 per hour on March 31, 2010. There will also be increases to the student minimum wage. Further details can be found on the Ministry of Labour's website at www.labour.gov.on.ca/info/minimumwage



WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES!

Recent additions to Downtown Kingston! include:

ACCENT THE DETAILS, Marsha Phelps, 62 Brock St., 507-4502. A boutique for your home, featuring luxurious bed, bath, table linens and accessories. Accent the Details also provides a selection of decorative and functional ceramics, glass, pewter and pottery pieces from Canadian artists, along with home wares from Australia's Fink & Co.

BARNONE, Craig and Matthew McEwen, 384 Princess St., 613-766-9013. Every city has their premiere live music destination, and for Kingston its BarNone. Open the first time for business in August of 2008, BarNone has already set the trend for live entertainment by placing sound quality and hospitality second to none. Welcoming a diversity of Live Band, R & B, Hip Hop and The Blues, no act is deemed too big for our stage. With daily drink specials, weekly open mic nights and countless live performances, BarNone provides the perfect atmosphere for any occasion, and truly is the best place in town.

BORDERLINE GLASS PICTURE FRAMING

Pieter Bechtold, 197 Wellington St., 650-5474. Borderline is a unique glass picture framing shop at 197 Wellington St. (by Starbucks). Everyone has cherished prints, artwork or posters rolled up somewhere. This affordable process allows you to feature them with glass on both sides and is humidity resistant. Postcard to poster size. A great gift idea. Visit in person or call 650-5474.



SHOP. DINE. ENJOY.

GEM HEALTH CARE SERVICES, Mary Myers, 303 Bagot St. Suite 300, 544-7600. GEM Health Care Services has opened an office in Kingston to provide 24hr day, 365 days a year, dedicated, compassionate, qualified services and caregivers with a variety of specialized skills and training to serve individual needs. Our services include home health, private, palliative, in-home hospice care and institution staff relief. Visit them online today at www.gemhealthcare.com.

THE KITSCHEN, Andy Sakell and Laura Charrette, 250 Ontario St., 766-0388. At the Kitschen we make great food for people who love to cook but don't have time, or love good food but don't like to cook. Our comfort food line of classic entrees include everything from mac & cheese to seafood pot pie. We make every thing in house, from scratch, and all our meals cook right from frozen in 45-55 minutes. Soups, pastas and lots of other good things also available...drop in and see what's cooking at The Kitschen!

LA MAISON D'ÉVA FINE LINGERIE, Eva and Leticia Siasat, 208 Princess St., 545-0777. Bra-fitting Experts, depth in sizes 28" - 48" (bandwidth), AA - K (cup sizes), multiple-award winning boutique with 2 locations to serve you in Kingston and Belleville. Some of our brands include Fantasie, Freya, Chantelle, Anita, Princess

Tam-Tam, Piege, Simone Perele, Wacoal, Hanro and more! Visit them online today at www.lamaisondeva.ca.

LAUNDRY KINGSTON, Katherine Hordeychuk, 293 Princess St., 767-1312. Carrying brands such as Left on Houston, AG Jeans, Pink Martini, and Kenneth Cole New York, Laundry is Kingston's premier women's boutique. Whether it's school, the office, a hot date, or girl's night out, we have got what you need to go from work to play! Visit them online today at www.laundrykingston.com

MASALA FOODS AND TAKEOUT, Harris Qureshr, 320 Princess St., 766-2338. Masala Foods and Takeout is open to delight you with Fresh Halal Meat, Desi Grocery, Phone Cards, Take out food, catering and much much more! Please visit us today!

SILVERSIDE, Dana Smith, 219 Princess St., 344-0959. Silverside is a fun, fashion forward jewellery and fashion accessories boutique offering a wide selection of hot trends and fabulous finds primarily in sterling silver. Browse through the latest Canadian jewellery designs including Elle, Tashi, Foxy, Pyrrha and Braden Hammond just to name a few. With price points ranging from \$10-\$300, there's sure to be something for everyone's taste and budget. Visit them online today at www.silverside.org.



URBAN OUTFITTERS, Ben Forte, 207 Princess St., 549-7621. Urban Outfitters offers a unique and eclectic mix of fashion merchandise in a lifestyle sensitive store environment. Products range from women's & men's apparel, accessories and footwear to items for the apartment, as well as gifts and novelties. We partner with several independent designers to create an ongoing series of limited-edition collections exclusively at our store locations and online. Visit them online today at www.urbanoutfitters.com.

THESE BUSINESSES HAVE MOVED:

CHUMLEIGHS BUY & SELL, to 103 Princess St.
DELVALLE'S ART CORNER, to 77 Princess St. (inside Vandervoort's)

If you have opened a new business in the area or have recently changed locations please call 613-542-8677 or email Arden at arden@downtownkingston.ca to be included in our next newsletter.

