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DECEMBER 2007

HAPPY HOLIDAY'S
DOWNTOWN ST. THOMAS

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DEVELOPMENT BOARD

DDB Meetings

Board Meetings

Board Meetings take place on the first Wednesday of the month at 8:00am in room 204, City Hall.

- December 5, 2007
- January 2, 2008
- February 6, 2008

DDB Office

Karen Gordon, Administrator

Open Monday to Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(Unless otherwise posted)

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We started off the Holiday season with our traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony. The evening began at 6pm with entertainment from Dave Hoy, hot chocolate and Timbits sponsored by Tim Horton's, prizes for the children donated by the Little Sweet Shoppe, Santa Claus arriving on a fire truck courtesy of the Firefighters Association and the official turning on the L.E.D. lights which were donated by the wonderful people at St. Thomas Energy. From the donations given at the Tree Lighting Ceremony we were able to give \$100.00 to the Teen Centre.

Saturday night was the annual St. Thomas Optimist Club Santa Claus Parade. We had

another wonderful evening even with the cold weather and snowfall. A huge Thank You to the volunteers from the Teen Centre for helping with handing the candy canes out to all the children who were bundled up to see Santa. We had a very successful parade this year.

If you haven't been out to Pinafore Park yet, this is definitely the time to see the Festival of Lights. This is the 15th annual event. The Downtown Development Board has a display in the park, please stop and take a look at our wonderful display.

Thanks so much to the hard work of the volunteers who made this Holiday Season be such a success.

Open Budget Meeting - January 16, 2008
8:00am, Room 204, City Hall, 545 Talbot St.

This meeting will allow DDB members to have a chance to see the 2008 draft budget before the Annual General Meeting, and offer any feedback. The Board of Directors will be present to answer any questions regarding the budget for 2008. The feedback will be reviewed by the board before the budget is approved at the February 6, 2008 board meeting. After it is approved by the board, it will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, and then forwarded to City Council for final approval in March. Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the draft budget for 2008.



NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

Ring out the old year and bring in the new year with the North America Hall of Fame, December 31, 2007 at the Canada Southern Railway Station. The Sahara Swing Band will provide the music for an evening of dancing and an evening of fun and games. There will be door prizes, lots of food, cash bar and a silent auction. The cost is \$60. Per person, which includes Dinner-Dance-Champagne-Party Favours. This will be a Semi Formal Attire event. For more information or to book a table please call 519-633-2535 or email cathyhayward@narhf.org There are a limited amount of tickets so don't wait call and book your tickets today!

PLEASE DO YOUR PART IN KEEPING DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFUL!!

Please keep your entranceways shovelled and free of ice. If you happen to see some garbage on the streets, please pick it up and dispose of it in one of the garbage cans that located throughout the downtown area. If we all pitch in, our downtown will stay fresh, and clean and most of all **beautiful!**

About the Downtown Development Board

The Downtown Development Board is directed by a volunteer board of management whose mandate is to promote and beautify Downtown St. Thomas.

DDB projects and initiatives include but certainly aren't limited to: murals, downtown parkettes, hanging baskets, planter boxes, seasonal banners, cross street banners, Banner Art Project, Tree Lighting Ceremony, Window Decorating Contest, Sidewalk Sales, Downtown Dollars, Clean Up Day, Directory in Community Centre, Downtown Brochure/Map, DDB website, Information Sessions, Revitalization of the Horton Farmers' Market and this monthly letter.

The DDB also partners with other organizations to bring events and programs to downtown, including Iron Horse Festival, the St. Thomas-Elgin Public Art Centre, The St. Thomas-Elgin Tourist Association

Radio Advertisement

Have you heard our radio advertisements on Q97.5?

If you are interested in participating in the advertisement please contact our office at 519-633-5248 or email at info@downtownstthomas.com or if you would like more information in regards to the commercials give us a call.

Welcome to New Businesses in Downtown St. Thomas

Foundation Urban Wear Ltd., 687 Talbot St.
Railway City Brewing Company, 168 Curtis St.
Van Rijn's Dutch Pastry Café, 295 Talbot St.
Mortgage Alliance, 2 new locations on Talbot St.

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED

We're here to communicate the news about our downtown, so we would love to hear what is new at your business: special events, a new staff person, a change in ownership, a new service...Give us a call at 519-633-5248 or email us at info@downtownstthomas.com so that we can share the news.



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