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## **NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2008 ISSUE**

As you know we are fast approaching the Christmas Season. Mark these days on your calendar..

### **UP COMING EVENTS**

#### **November 21— Tree Lighting Ceremony**

The event starts at 6pm on Friday November 21st. We will have music, prizes, hay rides, free hot chocolate and treats. We will even have Santa arrive by a Fire truck for a visit for kids of all ages.

#### **November 22— Santa Claus Parade**

The Optimist Club of St. Thomas will once again organize the annual Santa Claus parade. The date is Saturday November 22nd beginning at 6pm, with this years' theme of "A Cartoon Christmas". There will be a total of 5 bands in this years parade which will be the most that St. Thomas parade has ever had.

#### **November 21, 22, 23—Artist Guild**

The Artist Guild will be holding the "T'Was The Art Before Christmas" this is the second annual event on November 21, 22, 23 at the CASO Station. This is a must see for everyone.

#### **November 28 to December 31—Fantasy of Lights**

The holiday Fantasy of Lights will celebrate its 16th anniversary this Christmas season! The park opens nightly from 5pm to 10 pm from Friday November 28th until Wednesday December 31st.

### **DOWNTOWN WINDOW DISPLAY CHALLENGE**

Participate in this year's Downtown Window Display Challenge. The Optimist Santa Claus Parade on November 22 will kick off a week of judging by both a panel of judges and public support, utilizing the DDB website [www.downtownstthomas.com](http://www.downtownstthomas.com)

If you are interested in participating in decorating your storefront or business, please call our office at 519.633.5248 or email us at [info@downtownstthomas.com](mailto:info@downtownstthomas.com) to register.

We have attached a flyer for more information. More people to participate the more we can light up downtown St. Thomas and have fun doing it. Did I mention that there are prizes to be won!

### **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](mailto:info@downtownstthomas.com) so that we can share the news.

# St. Thomas downtown

DEVELOPMENT BOARD

#### **DDB MEETINGS**

##### **Board Meetings**

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

- November 5, 2008
- December 3, 2008
- January 7, 2009
- February , 2009

#### **DDB OFFICE**

Karen Gordon Administrator  
Open Monday to Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

(Unless otherwise posted)

City Hall, Main Level

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## **Energy Efficient Upgrades Available for your Business**

Up to \$1000 of free\* energy efficient upgrades available for your business.

If you are interested in saving money and helping the environment **AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU OR YOUR BUSINESS**, then you may want to learn more about the Power Savings Blitz, which St. Thomas Energy Inc. is now offering in your area in cooperation with the Ontario Power Authority. As a St. Thomas Energy Inc. Customer, you're eligible to receive a free\* electricity usage assessment and the free installation of up to \$1000.\*\* in energy efficiency products for your business\*\*\*. This is available from October 1, 2008 thru to March 31, 2009.

### **4 Steps to Savings:**

1. Schedule an appointment. Call them at **1-877-679-5297** to book an appointment for energy assessment. You could also email them at [psb@greenenergydynamics.com](mailto:psb@greenenergydynamics.com)
2. Assess your business. They'll evaluate your lighting and other electricity-saving opportunities.
3. Review your options. They'll take you through the full list of recommendations.
4. Install and upgrade. Their licensed contractors will install the equipment with your approval and at your convenience.

\*Subject to terms and conditions of the program. For complete details please visit <http://www.sttenergy.com/index.php/PowerConservation/PSB>

\*\*Maximum allowable amount per business is \$1000. Which includes both products and service/installation.

\*\*\*Must have an account with STEI with a demand of less than 50 kW, and the business is categorized as non-food service, retail or office. Businesses such as grocery stores and restaurants are not eligible at this time.

## **Update on the Sutherland Building**

Letter received from the City it states that:

- The City's Solicitor is making application to the courts to have this matter in front of the courts again, to lift the stay of the demolition permit for 606 Talbot so that the demolition work can progress.
- There is now general agreement among the consulting structural engineers regarding the general condition of 606 Talbot.
- The City continues to work towards a conclusion to this situation as expeditiously as possible.

## **Welcome to the New Businesses**

Located in the Talbot Centre area we have two new businesses that just opened up.

### **Oracles Book Shop**

556 Talbot St.,  
ph#519-631-2088  
[info@oraclesbookshop.com](mailto:info@oraclesbookshop.com)  
[www.oraclesbookshop.com](http://www.oraclesbookshop.com)  
Proprietor - Maggie Richardson

### **Kidz Feet**

571 Talbot St.,  
Ph#519-631-0402  
Owners - Maria & Fernando Hernandez

## **Your Board of Directors**

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