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***Best Wishes for a happy holiday season to our tourism partners
from the board, staff and volunteers at Tourism Burlington.***

What's New?

Holiday Activities for Young and Old

- Free Skating - Rotary Centennial Pond @ The Waterfront Call 905-634-7263 for the latest rink conditions
- Various Family Activities 9:00am - 4:00pm [Bronte Creek Provincial](#) Park Children's Farm and Playbarn and Outdoor Skating Rink are open daily throughout the winter! For more information on ice conditions call 905-827-6911.
- Season of First Frost To December 31st, 2008 (weekends & holidays) 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM [Crawford Lake Conservation Area](#). Visit the silent waters of Crawford Lake and enjoy the series of fascinating interpretive signs along the boardwalk. They offer cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals, tours of the fascinating Iroquoian village and furnished Turtle clan longhouse. 905-854-0234

Burlington Lakeside Festival of Lights -Sunday December 7, 2008 -Thursday January 8, 2009. Enjoy a wonderful display of holiday lights while walking along the lakeside promenade at Spencer Smith Park. This is Burlington's unofficial "welcome to winter" event! [Burlington Lakeside Festival of Lights](#)

Ring in the New Year in 1950s style at Central Park - The annual New Year's Eve Celebration returns to Burlington's Central Park with a 1950s themed line up of fun and entertainment for everyone to enjoy. The event runs from 7 to 10 p.m. and will feature an outdoor movie screening of the popular animated film Hairspray beginning at 7:30 p.m. The celebrations will end with an early countdown to the New Year at 10 p.m.

Partner News

Visitor Guide 2009-10 -With 75,000 copies going to hundreds of local and provincial locations you won't want to miss out having your business included.

Guide Listings -A "special" package rate of **\$199** includes both the 40 word visitor guide listing and the 40 word website listing. (non-profit \$179 and out-of-town partners \$209) **No Rate increase for 4 years!** Last year's participants will receive your listing via the mail to revise the week of December 8th. Deadline for returning your revised listing is **January 19, 2009**.

Guide Advertising- Deadline for booking ads is **January 19, 2009**. Ad packages will be sent out to past advertisers via email the week of December 11, 2008. If you did not participate in the guide last year and would like information please [contact us](#).

Nominations Being Accepted for Tourism Awards - The Tourism Awards honour outstanding achievement and contribution to the Tourism industry in Burlington. Nominations are being accepted until February 6, 2009 and the awards will be presented on May 7, 2009 at the Chamber of Commerce Gala. To submit a nomination, complete the form and forward to Tourism Burlington. See [details](#).

Welcome New Partners

Cora's Breakfast & Lunch	905-335-8300	Frescos & Company	905-319-6203
Landcruise Canada Ltd	416-803-4678	Sunrise Gallery	905-549-5888
Tim Hortons - all Burlington Locations			

Become a partner with Tourism Burlington by completing and faxing a partner profile. It is free to any tourism business in Burlington. Call 905 634-5594 or visit our [website](#).

Industry News

O TEC offering Food Safety Training - The NFSTP (National Food Safety Training Program) was developed by the Canadian Restaurant & Foodservices Association (CRFA) in response to a growing demand for food safety training that meets the needs of foodservice operators from coast-to-coast. Beginning in January 2009, [O TEC](#) will begin offering NFSTP training to the public at its Toronto Training Centre.

Tourism Labour Market Survey - Are you finding it difficult to recruit enough workers? Many tourism business are having a difficult time filling jobs, and this issue will only intensify over the coming years. To help address this challenge, you are invited to participate in the Tourism Labour Market Survey. Your feedback will help identify potential solutions and it will only take 5 minutes. All participants will receive a summary of the survey results in January, allowing you to see where your business stands compared with other similar businesses across Canada. The survey is available at the following [web site](#).

What's Happening?

- Sat, Dec. 20 - Fri, Jan. 2: Winter Earth Art Exhibit, [Royal Botanical Gardens](#), 10am - 5pm
- Sat, Dec. 20 - Fri, Jan. 2: Lakeside Festival of Lights, [Burlington Downtown](#), Nightly
- Weds, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Hoopla, [Mountsberg Conservation Area](#), 7pm - 10pm
- Weds, Dec. 31: New Year's Eve Celebration, [Central Park](#), 7pm - 10pm
- Weds, Dec. 31: Howl'n Hikes Ring in the New Year, [Bronte Creek Provincial Park](#), 6pm - 12:30am
- Weds, Dec. 31: Countdown in Paradise, [Royal Botanical Gardens](#), 6:30pm - 1am

Sport Events - Put out the welcome mat for athletes & families participating in these upcoming events:

- Sat, Dec 27-Tues, Dec 30: 41st Annual Burlington [Golden Horseshoe AAA Hockey Tournament](#)
- Fri, Jan 16-Sun, Jan 18: 15th Annual Bur Bear [Ringette](#) Tournament and 7th Annual Bunnyfest,
- Sat, Jan 25: Robbie burns 8km Road Race (250th Birthday Celebrations), [Burlington Runners Club](#),

Visit the [Burlington Events Calendar](#) for event information for visitors and residents at www.burlington.ca. Free online listing for community events... **ADD YOUR EVENT NOW!**

Visitor Services

Holiday Hours- The Visitor Information Centre will be closed **December 24, 25, 26, and January 1st**. We will be greeting visitors daily from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on December 27, 28, 29, 30 & Jan 2,3 & 4. Our administrative offices will be closed starting December 24th and reopen on January 5th. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

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