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What's New?

Park Cookin' with Canada's Largest Ribfest - Canada's Largest Ribfest is back for its 14th year! Is your family looking for something fun and exciting to do this Labour Day Weekend? The Rotary Club of Burlington Lakeshore invites you to come out 11am to 11pm on Friday August 29th and from 11am to 11pm on Saturday August 30th, NOON to 11pm on Sunday August 31st and 11am to 8pm on the last day Monday, September 1st. Enjoy Ribfest at Spencer Smith Park where there is lots of food, sun, kid's fun, giveaways, music, crafts-by-the-Lake and most importantly - TASTE SOME OF THE BEST BBQ RIBS IN THE WORLD! Go the website for a listing of live entertainment, parking and shuttle information and discount coupons.

Take "Time Out" Sport Enthusiasts! - Join us for a free breakfast and an opportunity to network with individuals, businesses and organizations committed to sport development in our community. Travelodge Burlington QEW will host the next session on **Tuesday September 9, 2008** from 7:30 - 9:00 am at Jake's Boathouse, 950 Walkers Line Burlington. Topics include: working with our local media (panelists include: Burlington Post, SNAP, Cogeco, Hamilton Spectator), event funding program, City Parks & Recreation update, and event highlights. Please, take some "Time Out" and join us for these networking breakfasts dedicated to sport and its many community partners. Chance to WIN a \$500.00 Gift Certificate! [RSVP](#) by Sept. 5th. Supported by [Tourism Burlington](#) and the Burlington Hotel Association in partnership with the [City of Burlington](#) and the [Burlington Sport Alliance](#).

Tour De Greenbelt - On Saturday September 27 you can participate in the Burlington to St. Catharines Sea to Sky cycle ride a 65km point-to-point with shuttle return. Beginning at the site of the brand new Mountain Equipment Co-op store (Brant and Plains Rd), Mayor Cam Jackson will kick things off and send us on our way. Dropping down to the Waterfront Trail, we will discover some of Lake Ontario's many waterfront parks, historic estates, sandy beaches and superb views. Points of interest include the Burlington Art Centre, Joseph Brant Museum, Canadian Centre for Inland Waters, Confederation Park and Wild Waterworks, as well as marinas, orchards, farms and vineyards. Register for this tour or one of the other three dates and routes visit their [website](#).

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A Taste of Burlington a Success - Organizers are currently evaluating the success of this first time event to determine if it is going to be offered in 2009. Most restaurants were quite pleased with the response and timing of this event and are considering participating in the future. If you have suggestions about the event please [contact us](#). Congratulations to local residents David Stansbury and Linda Howard who each won a Taste of Burlington gift basket worth over \$300. Stay tuned to the [website](#) for updates.

Burlington Hotel Deals- The REST is EASY- Having a stay-cation this summer? Invite your family and friends to visit Burlington. With great hotel deals being offered at local Burlington Hotel Association properties the timing is perfect. Packages are available until-November 30, 2008 (some exclusions may apply). Buy One Night stay at a participating hotel and get the 2nd night at ½ price. Starting at: **\$89.00** plus applicable taxes and fees. **ADDED BONUS** - Package includes your choice of one **\$20 Gift Card** from IKEA, OR Burlington Taxi OR Art Etc. Shop at Burlington Art Centre. Invite your friends and family to your new guest suite...in a Burlington hotel. Visit the [website](#) for details. Thanks to Burlington Taxi for helping us promote these great deals by placing the Hotel Deals logos on their vehicles. If you can help us promote this program by putting floor decals in your facility, please contact [us](#).

Tourism a Wealth of Resources- Over the summer months our travel counsellors have not only been busy greeting and referring visitors, they also have helped with a number of research projects. Projects have included updating of numerous manuals and resource books such as a Restaurant Manual (menus, type of food, entertainment), Golf Course Listing, Spa Directory, Events listing, Famous Burlingtonians research, Ontario Winery Binder, Wedding Facility Listing, etc. [Contact us](#) if you require information about any of these services.

New Partners - 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](#).

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ENews for August 30th - September 12th

- Sat, Aug. 30 - Sun, Aug. 31: Picnics in Paradise, [Royal Botanical Gardens](#), 10am-5pm
- Sat, Aug. 30 - Mon, Sept. 1: Canada's Largest Ribfest, [Spencer Smith Park](#), Sat: 11am-11pm, Sun: 12-11pm, Mon: 11am-8pm
- Sat, Aug. 30 - Fri, Sept. 12: Earth Art Exhibit, [Royal Botanical Gardens](#), 10am-5pm
- Sat, Aug. 30 - Fri, Sept. 12: Fireworks 2005 Exhibit, [Burlington Art Centre](#), 12-5pm
- Sat, Aug. 30 - Fri, Sept. 12: Sculpt Art, [Royal Botanical Gardens - Hendrie Park Gardens](#), 10am-5pm
- Sun, Aug. 31: An Evening with the Bats, [Mountsberg Conservation Area](#), 7-9pm
- Weds, Sept. 3: Red Hot Jazz & Cool Blues, [RBG - Hendrie Park Gardens](#), 6-8:30pm
- Weds, Sept. 3 & Weds, Sept. 10, Burlington Lions Cruise Night, [Mapleview Mall - South Lot](#), 5-9pm
- Fri, Sept. 5: Seniors' Brown Bag Picnic, [LaSalle Park](#), 12-2pm
- Sat, Sept. 6: Port Nelson United Church Garden Tour, [Port Nelson United Church](#), 1-5pm
- Sat, Sept. 6: Community Fun Fair, [North Burlington Baptist Church](#), 11am-3pm
- Sat, Sept. 6 - Fri, Sept. 12: Meet the Bison, [Mountsberg Conservation Area](#), 9am-5pm
- Thurs, Sept. 11: Burlington Hooking Craft Guild Open House, [Burlington Art Centre](#), 1-3:30pm

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

- Fri, Oct. 11 - Mon Oct. 13: 17th Annual Ron Wilkins Memorial Thanksgiving Classic, [Burlington Eagles](#)
- Sat, Oct.25 - Sun, Oct. 26: Ontario Seniors Tenpin Bowling Championships, [Burlington Bowl](#)

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 - The Visitor Centre hours will be changing as of August 30th open daily from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. until mid-June. We also have travel counselors greeting visitors at the following festivals: Canada's Largest Ribfest August 29 - Sept 1st and Waterfront Art Market Sept 13-14th.

Give 'Em a Pickle -[Send us](#) your pickle stories (when you or your fellow staff have given extraordinary customer service) and you could be a winner and be featured in an upcoming ENews. **We welcome any donations of prizes** to be used for this program. [Contact us](#).

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