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**Submission to the Dundas Star News of my 'Councillor's Column'
by Russ Powers for the July 26th, 2012 edition of the paper.**

The 37th version of the Dundas Cactus Festival and the 15th version of the Cactus Festival Parade are just around the corner with the parade commencing at 6:30 on the evening of Thursday, August 16th and the actual festival happening on the King St street mall from 6 PM on Friday, August 17th until 6 PM on Sunday, August 19th. Volunteers are always welcome so visit their respective WebPages and offer your assistance.

Our congratulations are extended to Mackenzie Hughes on his recent graduation from Kent State University in Ohio. As winner of last year's Canadian Men's Amateur Championship, Mackenzie has earned a berth in the RBC Canadian Open being planned at this moment at the Hamilton Golf and Country Club in Ancaster. Our local media will track his progress at this prestigious event.

This is a heads-up for those individuals who regularly use the Dundas Indoor Pool on Market St South. It will be closed from Monday, August 27th through Tuesday, Sept 4th inclusive for planned repairs and maintenance.

There are two 'Concerts in the Park' performances by Dundas Concert Band left in their summer program. Their remaining concerts will take place at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, July 31st and August 7th at the Bandshell in the Dundas Driving Park (be sure to bring a lawn chair!). In the event of severe weather (rain, lightning, extreme heat/humidity), the concert will be moved indoors to the Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre. The Dundas Concert Band will also perform, starting at 6:30 PM at Grafton Square, 2 King St West, in advance of the Cactus Fest Parade.

There are no Dundas Community Council meetings during the summer. They will resume on Wednesday, September 19th at 7 PM in the Council Chambers of the Dundas Municipal Service Centre, 60 Main St.