

# Alton Village News

## Burlington Events

- **Festival of Lights** - Dec 4 to Jan 11, 2011 @ Spencer Smith Park  
[www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com/](http://www.burlingtonfestivaloflights.com/)
- **New Years Celebration Dec 31st 2011** @ Central Park 6-10pm  
Dr. Seuss "Seusville Theme", Free Skating, Crafts, Fireworks
- **Burlington Winter Carnival** - Jan 2 to Feb 5, 2012  
Call 905-335-7704 - Email [festivalsandevents@burlington.ca](mailto:festivalsandevents@burlington.ca)
- **Burlington KidFest** - Monday Feb 20, 2011 @ Corpus Christi Secondary School. 9am-5pm [www.burlingtonkidfest.com](http://www.burlingtonkidfest.com)
- **Taste of Burlington Winter** - Feb 20 to Mar 11, 2012  
@ Restaurants throughout Burlington [www.tasteofburlington.ca](http://www.tasteofburlington.ca)
- **Giggles & Grub - Comedy, Dinner & Dance** - Friday Mar 30, 2012  
@ Burlington Convention Centre [www.gigglesandgrub.ca](http://www.gigglesandgrub.ca)
- **The Burlington Performing Arts Centre - Events**  
[www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca) For Tickets Call 905-681-6000



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### FROM YOUR WARD 6 COUNCILLOR - BLAIR LANCASTER

A year has passed since I became your City and Regional Councillor. It has been a pleasure to represent you and I look forward to the rest of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the best for the upcoming holiday season and hope you are able to enjoy time together with family and friends.

My office is always open if you have any concerns, questions or want to share good news or an upcoming event. You can reach me by phone at **905 335-7600 ext. 7592** or e-mail at [lancasterb@burlington.ca](mailto:lancasterb@burlington.ca)

As well you can follow me on Facebook or sign up for the ward 6 webpage at [www.burlington.ca](http://www.burlington.ca) to receive updates about Alton developments.



## First Time Home Buyers Tax Credit

In Canada the various levels of government provide a number of benefits to individuals purchase their first home. One credit I want to highlight is a Federal tax credit called the "First-time home buyer's tax credit". If you purchase a house for the first time this is credit and is worth \$750. There are a few restrictions for example you will not qualify if you or your spouse owned a how within the last 5 years. In order to receive this credit you have to file a personal tax return. The other credit I want to highlight today is the Ontario Government's "Ontario Land Transfer Tax Refund" which is designed to compensate first-time home buyers for the Ontario Land Transfer Tax. To obtain this credit a special application needs to be filed with the province. Often this is done by your lawyer during the purchase process, but check to make sure your lawyer has applied for it on your behalf.



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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

The November residential real estate market in Burlington saw an increase of 13.8% in average sale price when compared to the same month last year, according to MLS stats released by the Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington.

For the residential market overall, number of listings were down slightly by 3.2% over last year, and the number of sales were virtually the same.

Residential homes increased by 1.9% in number of sales, and 15.4% in sale price over November of 2010. Condominiums saw a small 2.6% decrease in the number of units sold, but the price did increase by a substantial 5.9% from November of last year.

All Information and Stats provided by RAHB Dec 6, 2011

## ALTON VILLAGE HOME SALES STATS

### October 2011

29 New Listings  
20 Homes Sold  
\$435,929 Average YTD Sale Price  
31 Average Days on Market

### November 2011

14 New Listings  
25 Homes Sold  
\$439,744 Average YTD Sale Price  
36 Average Days on Market  
All Statistics from RAHB District 36 for Oct-Nov 2011



### TD Canada Trust Economic Quarterly Forecast

Canada may boast a number of comparative economic strengths, but its fortunes as a small economy will remain closely tied to developments abroad. In this vein, prospects for anemic growth in the United States, Europe's ongoing debt crisis and continued financial market jitters are likely to significantly constrain Canada's rate of expansion over the next several quarters.

In our revised timetable, the Bank of Canada's overnight rate it expected to hold at 1.00% until early 2012 – some 12 months later than projected in June. This continued low interest rate environment will continue to provide support to housing activity and purchases. In June, a central theme was a likely shift in the drivers of overall growth from fatigued households & governments to business investments & exports, especially as the U.S. economy recovered. However, business confidence has been weakened by the external risks & the strength of exports are now in question, implying that the transition in drivers of economic growth has been delayed.

By: TD Canada Trust, Tara Wilkins

## Burlington Transit Extends Service to Alton Village



Following the completion of construction between Appleby Line and Walkers Line, Burlington Transit has extended service to Alton Village across Thomas Alton Blvd.

Route 11-Appleby & Route 15-Walkers run along Thomas Alton Blvd Monday to Saturday, every 30 minutes during the day, and 60 minutes during the evening. Dial-a-Ride services operate Saturday nights from 8:30pm to 11pm & Sunday from 9:30am to 6:30pm. Info at [www.burlington.ca/transit](http://www.burlington.ca/transit)

"Transit is a key initiative in creating walkable, liveable neighbourhoods," said Mayor Rick Goldring. "We want to be responsive to the needs of the people of Burlington. Keeping transit flexible is one way the city can do that."

## Norton Park Construction Update

Norton Community Park is located at the north-east corner of Dundas St. and Tim Dobbie Dr. It's an active construction site with the skate park, artificial turf fields and 3 concrete seat walls all finished. The park Pavilion with washrooms and splash pad are approximately 50% complete. Most of the park will be completed by end of 2011. While some will be complete, it will not be ready until the entire park is officially opened. Park is scheduled to open in Spring 2012. (information provided from [www.burlington.ca](http://www.burlington.ca))



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## Food & Drink...3 Wines to take you through the Holiday Season!

- 1. Pinot Noir** - Pair with Brie or Swiss cheese and crackers, turkey and duck. Try the *Lindeman's Binn 99 Pinot Noir* \$11.95
  - 2. Syrah** - Pickup to go with a roast, ham, salmon or the grilled sausages. Try the *Errazuriz Syrah 2008* \$13.95
  - 3. Sauvignon Blanc** - Drink with turkey and stuffing, or garlic dishes, Try the *Cave Spring Sauvignon Blanc 2007* \$11.95
- \*Also have some champagne on hand for your new years celebration!

