

“The Key to Kerr is Community!”

The Kerr Village community gathered by the hundreds in Heritage Square to take part in the 12th Annual Tree Lighting celebration, which took place on Friday, November 17, 2006.

Volunteers from the Kerr Community Consultation Committee (KCCC) and the Kerr Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) worked with the Town of Oakville, to decorate the square and set up the stage for the evening’s entertainment.

The holiday festivities were hosted by two talented Oakville school teachers, Tim Miller and Scott Dempster. The angelic voices of the St. James Catholic School and Oakwood Public School warmed the hearts of more than 700 onlookers. “Redman Live” made an appearance, as did Santa Claus—who handed out an advent calendar to each child. The calendars were donated by the KCCC.

The restaurants along Kerr Street provided mouth-watering samples of pizza, sushi, burritos, soup, and other delicacies. Warm apple cider and hot chocolate was also served

The highlight was the lighting of a magnificent pine tree, planted in Heritage Square in 1994. The Official Tree Lighter for this year was Community Constable Ellie Van Vliet. Sadly, Officer Ellie is retiring in 2007. She was presented with a “Key To Kerr” in honour of her years of service to Kerr Village.

The BIA also announced the establishment of the Ellie Van Vliet Scholarship Fund, which will award \$1,000 annually (\$500 each) to the girl and boy who demonstrates outstanding community spirit.