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Leamington on the Grow

Municipality of Leamington

Mark Your Calendar!

Nov. 24/25 *Bounty of the County Trade Show. Kinsmen Recreation Complex*

Nov. 25 *Business, Government Services and You. Caboto Club. 4:00-6:30 pm.*

Nov. 28 *Leamington Community Christmas Parade. 6:00 pm.*

Jan. 6 & 7 *Southwest Agricultural Conference. Ridgetown College.*

April 13 & 14 *Beyond the City Lights Rural Tourism Conference. Chatham-Kent.*
Watch for Further Details!

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Two New Appointments Great Move for Region

Tourism Windsor-Essex Pelee Island has announced that Chris Ryan will head up the reorganized agency. Chris is a well-known local entrepreneur, spending 17 years in the restaurant and bar business winning him recognition and respect. Ryan's first task will be to finalize hiring of new staff for Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island and implementing an ambitious strategic plan that will position the region as a top-of-mind destination by 2014. Key to this says Ryan is capitalizing on the region's unique strengths like the growing wine industry, family-oriented attractions and our historical and cultural attributes.



Chris Ryan

The Windsor-Essex Development Commission, after a lengthy search, has selected Ron Gaudet to take the helm. Gaudet is currently vice-president for advancement at Crandall University in Moncton, NB and spent more than 10 years as the head of the city's economic development agency. During his tenure there the city stemmed the tide of mounting unemployment and business closures to become the fastest growing economy in Eastern Canada. Gaudet is excited about relocating his family to the region and working with a "committed board of directors who are dedicated to economic development and the success of the region."



Ron Gaudet

Ontario Business Program Guide Launched

Businesses in Ontario now have easier access to the programs and services they need to gain a competitive edge.

In October, the newly enhanced Ontario Business Program Guide was launched. The one-window-access online tool has been fully updated and made easier to navigate. The online guide lists and provides links to the 55 programs and services available to businesses in Ontario to help them leverage funds and expertise, and better manage their operation. Check out the guide at: <http://www.ontario.ca/businessprograms>



Family Health Team Opens its new Home

The Leamington Family Health Team was glad to vacate its former cramped quarters in Leamington District Memorial Hospital to move into its newly completed building across the street. The 12,000 sq. ft. facility will form part of the Leamington Medical Village. The team celebrated with a ribbon cutting on November 13.

Housing 12 exam rooms, doctors' offices and a community meeting room for health related educational programs, the facility is a welcome addition to health care in Leamington.

Program manager, Jim Samson says the move will give the Health Team its own identity. "Many people thought the health team was part of the hospital when in fact we're just partners with them, complementing the services they offer and making access to treatment more convenient for patients", says Samson. The facility is staffed with doctors, nurse practitioners, a nurse, three RPNs, and allied professionals including a dietician, pharmacist and social worker.

When completed the Leamington Medical Village will include an additional separate 25,000 sq. ft. building housing healthcare related businesses. For leasing information contact Amico Design Build at 519-737-6299 or Louis Saad at Realty House 519-322-2233.



Leamington Area Family Health Team building grand opening Nov. 13, 2009



Leamington District Memorial Hospital Gets New CEO

John Stenger has been named the new CEO of the hospital, replacing Warren Chant who is now CEO of Hotel-Dieu Hospital in Windsor.

Stenger has spent the past six years as CFO at St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake.

Accessibility For Businesses

All businesses must be accessible by Jan. 1, 2012. You can download a brochure with helpful hints by visiting our home page at www.leamington.ca

New Regional Development Agency for Southern Ontario

Prime Minister Stephen Harper recently launched the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario). This new agency is charged with delivering federal government economic development programs tailored to the specific priorities of workers, businesses and communities in Southern Ontario.

Minister of State Garry Goodyear will assume responsibility for the agency and Bruce Archibald will serve as the agency's president.

In its first year of operation, FedDev Ontario will focus on putting economic development programs into action by assessing immediate opportunities and needs, and then bridging into broader program initiative once fully operational. Funding in the first year will be approximately \$206 million, including operating costs, and will focus on three priority areas: economic development, diversification, and community development. A core pool of funding, totally over \$100 million will be used for economic stimulus programs over 2009-10. The first round of applications for this funding (the Southern Ontario Development Program) has closed but a second round is anticipated in the spring.

FedDev Ontario is designed to help Southern Ontario communities diversify their local economies into a wider range of value-added and technology driven products and services. It will provide the tools for its partners in the region to build on their strengths, positioning Southern Ontario to succeed in the knowledge-based economy.

Leamington is proud to be a "Celebration City" for the 2010 Olympic Torch Relay. The Municipality will host the relay on December 23rd, staging one of the nearly one hundred celebrations that will take place throughout the country in the coming year.

Windsor/Essex County Recognized as one of the Top 21 Most Intelligent Communities in the World

Recently Windsor and Essex County was recognized as one of the top 21 most intelligent communities in the world by the Intelligent Community Forum, a think tank based in New York that studies the economic and social development of the 21st century community. Each year, the Intelligent Community Forum presents an awards program for Intelligent Communities and the public sector and private sector partners who contribute to them. The awards program has two goals: to salute the accomplishments of communities in developing local prosperity and inclusion in the Broadband Economy, and to gather data for ICF's research programs.

The selection demonstrates that we are a community that is thinking forward, and capable of collaborating to advance the well being of residents, businesses and organizations. By being selected one of the awarded communities, Windsor-Essex has the potential to become part of the ICF's Immersion Lab, which would bring industry leaders from around the globe to our neighbourhood in an effort to promote economic diversification and development.

Windsor and Essex County now advances to the next round of the completion, which will narrow the global field to the Top 7. The region will be studied, and additional data provided to the ICF later this year. The Top 7 announcement will occur in January, 2010.

This activity builds upon the previous successes of Connecting Windsor-Essex Smart™ Community Initiative, which is making our community one of the world's most connected regions and uniting diverse organizations and individuals to champion the cause of connecting people "at the speed of life".

For more information on the ICF and the awards program, visit <http://www.intelligentcommunity.org>.



www.windsor-essex.info

Projects Around the Municipality



4 Seneca Drive, a former automotive parts plant has been transformed into the new home of South Essex Fabricating and Jevcor. Owned by Peter Quiring, the company fabricates greenhouse structures and boiler systems.



Phase One of Seaclyff Centre is well underway by the Piroli Group (519-967-8669). Confirmed tenants include an instant lube company and Shoeless Joes Restaurant.

Building Permit Summary—to October 2009 (\$Millions)

Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Institutional	Agricultural	Total
\$7.5	\$8.4	\$31.9	\$.9	\$8.7	\$57.6

Note: Total construction value in 2008 was \$44.2 million.



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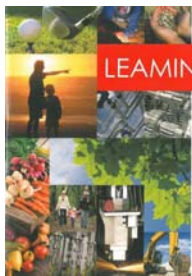
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- * *Business development information*
- * *Marketing and promotion*
- * *Network development*
- * *Project development and small business consulting*
- * *Relocation assistance for residential and business purposes*

Leamington Releases New CD



The Municipality has released its new promotional DVD. The 8 minute DVD along with its attractive cover is the work of Windsor's Suede Productions and was produced with direction from the Economic Development Office.

Suede Productions has won numerous awards for its work for Hiram Walker, Chrysler, Mercedes-Benz, Caesars Windsor and numerous other local and international clients.

The DVD is multi-functional, showcasing Leamington as a great place to live, work, raise a family or invest. It will be used for business attraction purposes as well as for physician recruitment and lifestyle opportunities. Contact the Economic Development Office for a copy amiskovsky@leamington.ca or watch the video by accessing the YouTube link on the home page of our web site.

Southwest Agricultural Conference

The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs takes pride in presenting Eastern Canada's premiere crops conference held each year at Ridgetown College, University of Guelph in Ridgetown. This conference, will be held January 6-7, and is the first opportunity in the year to take in the latest crop information.

The sessions are designed to provide practical "take home" information. A number of sessions will be presented in a workshop format giving participants an opportunity to get up close and in some cases hands-on with farm equipment, weed identification, soils, nutrient management and a variety of other topics. Here is a sample of the more than 40 sessions that will be offered concurrently during the conference:

- * Volatile Prices in Agricultural Markets *Market Outlook 2010
- * Building Healthier Soil *Fertilizer Basics *Corn Concepts
- * Pricing Production Inputs * BioFuel Opportunities
- * Funding Opportunities *Diagnostic Tools * Dollars from the Sun

Down load the registration form at www.southwestagconference.ca Register early for a chance to win an automotive GPS unit sponsored by SeCan.

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