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BRADFORD MAYOR'S ANNUAL BUSINESS BREAKFAST

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's Office of Economic Development is pleased, once again, to invite you to attend the Mayor's Annual Business Breakfast.

When: Thursday, November 16th - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.)

Where: [The Club at Bond Head 4805 Line 7, Bond Head](#)

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 905-775-5366 ext. 1302 or ecdev@townofbwg.com
For more information, please visit www.gotobwg.ca and click on the Business Forum image on the homepage.

MOE

Please be aware that ministry of environment is conducting spot checks of random farms. If you require any help please contact this office.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

The Ministry of Labour has been in the area conducting spot check of the past three weeks. It is our understanding that they are continuing to do these for the next several weeks.

OPMA GROWER RETAIL PROGRAM

Please see the below note from OPMA

Dear Onion and Carrot Growers/Packers/Shippers,

If you are currently receiving PO's from the following retailers: Loblaw Co. Metro, Sobeys, Walmart for shipments to their distribution centers, you are part of a promote local campaign run by the Ontario Produce Marketing Association which is supported by the major retailers. You may have noticed that an extra 6 cents per case has been added to your PO's. The extra moneys have been added to support the OPMA with their marketing efforts to promote local carrots and onions during October and November. Please refer to the Produce Made Simple website to view the promotion. This extra money is meant to be collected by the shippers and remitted to the OPMA following the collection period which is October and November.

There is also an additional fee [2 cents per case] that is meant to be remitted by the grower/shipper to the OPMA.

However, this amount is voluntary and not enforced.

Please know that all other local commodities like apples, Greenhouse Veg, Tender Fruit, Potatoes and Mushrooms have been providing these promotion funds to the OPMA for more that 25 years. Last year Onions and Carrots were added to the program.

This funding is necessary to maintain the marketing thrust for local products at retail.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Royal Fair - November 3-12, 2017

OPMA Gala - November 17, 2017

OFVGA - February 20, 2018

OFVC - February 21-22, 2018

FRIENDS TO THE GREENBELT

We would like to advise everyone that Burkhard Mausberg will be retiring for the foundation. Edward McDonnell will be replacing him. We wish Burkhard a great retirement.



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