



# CHAMBER UPDATE

December 2006

## Business Excellence 2007

Saturday March 24th, 2007  
Portuguese Club  
Tickets:\$80.00

Please remember to  
nominate your peers  
at this annual event!

Keep posted; more  
information to follow  
in January!



## Mark Your 2007 Calendars

- \* Mar. 24th-Business Excellence
- \* June 23-Taste of Leamington
- \* June 27-Golf Tournament
- \* Aug. 15-19-Tomato Festival
- \* October 25-Pasta Fundraising Dinner to help with Christmas Parade expenses
- \* Nov. 24-Christmas Parade
- \* **Stay tuned for more events in 2007!**



*Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!*  
**Your Chamber of Commerce Board**

<i>Justin Barker</i>	<i>Don Nicholson</i>	<i>Tim Hodgson</i>
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*General Manager: Christine Chopchik*  
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*Bookkeeper: Freda Brown*



### President Justin Barker

It is Christmas Time. The lights are up. Santa Clause has made his annual stop in the number one city to live and declared that Leamington is ready for the holiday season to begin. While here, Santa filled his sleigh with lots of toys for every good girl and boy, if he has missed any gifts on your wish list; our merchants will certainly have what the elves do not. The recent Santa Clause Parade was one of the best I have seen this year. We need to thank all those

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who were involved with this years festivities. Without the dedication and many hours of our volunteers, the parade would not be as spectacular as it was. Great work. With all the decorations around the town looks great, very welcoming and warm. It is wonderful to see that many have illuminated their homes and work with high efficiency LED lights. This is certainly taking care of the world. Leamington has so many merchants in such a close vicinity, lets show our appreciation for the local business community and shop locally. Is it really worth the drive to a large urban centre to fight with parking at the large Mall and then fight crowds

only to find that the item you were looking for is out of stock? With shopping locally, you avoid the drive, you avoid parking problems, and you have staff that can assist you in your purchases. And the money you save in gas can go towards a dinner out after your shopping. This holiday season, remember it is a time to give and receive. But this year make a commitment and give a part of yourself and volunteer your time to a worthy cause.





**2006  
Christmas Parade  
Thank you!**

The Leamington & District Chamber of Commerce and the Community Christmas Parade Committee would like to thank our major sponsors; Point Pelee National Park, the BIA, Public Safety Services-Mike Ciacelli, Essex Power, H.J. Heinz, CHYR and Leamington Post & Shopper. We would also like to thank our other sponsors for their generous donations to help run the 2006 annual Community Christmas Parade; Toys for Tots, Municipality of Leamington, Woodslee Credit Union,

**thank you parade sponsors, volunteers & participants**

Leamington Police, CF Greenhouse, Janzen Equipment, Economy Rental, Pelee Days Inn, Leamington Roma Club, CFTV, The Movie Gallery, Knights Septic Systems, Leamington Lions Club and Canada Post. We would also like to thank Heinz for allowing us to use the grading station to form up the parade and to the Agricultural Society for allowing us to use the fairgrounds to end the parade.

Thank you to our judges this evening...Kevin Black-CHYR, Bill Gay-CFTV and Linda Gage-Leamington Post & Shopper. Thank you Harmony, Keri & Cordele for another job well done in announcing the parade. Thank you to the BIA for joining with the Christmas Parade Committee for their annual tree lighting ceremony...it was a pleasure!  
Thank you so much to Ted

Wigfield, Steve Avelar and the Cardinal Carter Students for all their hard work on Santa's float. Once again, the crowds were in awe.

Thank you to ALL the volunteers, the police, the town employees and to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the 2006 a successful Community Christmas Parade. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Community Christmas Parade Committee would like to congratulate Leamington Roma Club for winning Best Commercial Float and the Best Non-Profit Entry went to South Point Community Church.

And finally than you to all the participants -all your hard work on the floats was spectacular! The thousands of spectators enjoyed all your lighting and enthusiasm.  
You are the parade!

**welcome Leamington's new council**



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