



# Our House to Yours

Sunday, September 12th, The Migrant Worker Community Program with the help of community sponsors, held the Festival of Guest Nations at Seaciff Park. The festival is a community-wide event that shows appreciation for the many International Guest Workers who work alongside local farmers to provide Canadians with fresh nutritious food.

The event brings people together to celebrate the cultures of International Guest Workers who come to our community from the Caribbean, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, the Philippines, and more. The family-friendly event had music, giveaways, clowns and balloon animals for the kids, as well as pinatas and raffles for all those in attendance. With COVID-19 protocols in place, it was one of the first times since the pandemic began that we could bring the community and International Workers together for an evening of entertainment and fun.

One of the highlights of the evening was hearing

The Latin Power Band. This group of musicians came together to use their love of music as a means of coping with being alone and away from their loved ones. Now they are an exceptional 13 piece musical ensemble, and they were a wonderful piece to an outstanding evening. The Festival of Guest Nations was one of the first times they were able to play for an audience. International Guest Workers are vital to the Canadian Agriculture sector and events such as these help to welcome them in the the community, as well as provide a taste of home to help with the home-sick feelings of being away.

Missing this year was the inclusion of the local restaurants and food trucks that specialize in cuisine from all around the world! Our community is fortunate to have so many rich and diverse cultures and celebrating guest workers is another way that we can celebrate what makes Leamington and the surrounding areas such a wonderful place to work and live. As we continue to work towards putting the pandemic behind us, we

will look forward to more events to show appreciation for these wonderful workers.



**WATER**  
Hydration, vitamin K, B1, B5, B7, C, potassium, beta-carotene  
"CUCUMBERS"

**VITAMIN A**  
Vitamin A, C, beta-carotene, vitamin E, vitamin B6, lutein  
"BELL PEPPERS"

**FIBER**  
Lycopene, vitamin C, folate (B9), potassium, carbohydrates  
"TOMATOES"

Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers work to ensure fresh, tasty, and nutritious veggies are available to your family year-round. And they are full of more than just great flavour.

## OGVG FARMER PROFILES Beverly Greenhouse

While our communities are known as making up the Greenhouse Capital of North America, Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers represent over 220 Greenhouse Growers all across Ontario. Ontario Greenhouse tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers grow underglass in communities like Sarnia, Niagara, and as far North as Ottawa.

Beverly Greenhouses is a family run business that's been in operation for over 60 years, in Waterdown Ontario. Jan & Dale's grandfather started the farm in the late 50s, with the farm being taken over by their father and eventually passed down to Jan and Dale VanderHout. Originally, the main commodity grown at Beverly Greenhouses was tomatoes. They grew tomatoes and cucumber as well for a short time until in 1978 when their focus shifted entirely to cucumber production. Beverly greenhouses have been prudently expanding since the early 90's and today grow cucumbers under just about 30 acres of housing (including their propagation house where the plants are started from seed).

Visit OGVG Connect, to learn more about the wonderful farming being done by Beverly

Greenhouses at: <https://www.ogvgconnect.com/grower-profiles/beverly-greenhouses>



### HUB Connect Spotlight

The Ontario Greenhouse Vegetable Growers is committed to providing International Guest Workers tools and resources to ensure that the time they spend in our communities are safe and welcoming. One initiative that we have developed over the last several years is the HUB connect app. The app provides community information, training material, news and entertainment options in one convenient place.

#### FEATURES OF THE APP:



- News**  
News feeds from both local and international stations.
- Community Events**  
An online calendar, updated with events in the community!
- Locations & Contacts**  
Local businesses are listed with contact info, and categorized by the type of service offered.
- Health & Safety**  
Resources that help international workers stay safe, like cycling guides & fire prevention tips.
- Pesticide Training**  
Information directly from the Ontario Pesticide Education Program, to help ensure safe handling of these chemicals!
- & Much More!**  
There's so much more in the Hub Connect App! Download it today and see all it has to offer!

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