



Our House to Yours

A Note From Union Water

Union Water thanks residents and Agri-sector for chipping in. With some unprecedented demand for water already hitting our system, and as we deal with maintenance issues to bolster and improve your water supply; Union water wishes to thank those persons and businesses that are chipping in and doing their part to conserve this resource as we get through this period which we expect to

last for 4-6 weeks. In particular, we wish to acknowledge the Greenhouse Vegetable Growers for shifting their demand significantly. A number of OGVG members have agreed to draw their intake through the night. Other residents can further assist the cause by avoiding water consumption thru the daily peak periods of noon thru 6PM, and by avoiding overwatering of lawns and gardens.

We thank you again, and will announce when we are back to full capacity as soon as possible.



THE ADVENTURES OF
Lady Bug

Greenhouses use energy curtains to maintain the ideal climate for plants growing inside.

Curtains reduce heat loss during cold winter months and provide shade on the hottest summer days.

OGVG FARMER PROFILES DC Farms

DC Farms is a family-owned business, that has been operated by Ernie and Mary Del Ciancio since 1972. Originally founded as a 22 acre fruit and vegetable farm, DC Farms converted to greenhouse tomato production in 1995. In 2012, DC Farms introduced mini cucumbers in addition to the tomatoes they had grown for years. DC Farms operates under the principle of "True Family Farming". This means that today as the business strives towards future goals in an ever-changing landscape, the passion and values handed down by two previous hard-working generations is always front and center.



Mike DelCiancio grew up working on the farm, and after some time spent in the city, our community and his family's farm brought him back to Leamington.

We invite you to learn more about DC farms and the amazing work they do in our Farmer Profile series at <https://www.ogvgconnect.com/grower-profiles/dc-farms>



Ontario camps have been one of the few sectors that have been completely shut down for the entirety of the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the hidden gems of Essex County is the not-for-profit Gesstwood Camp. They have been delivering camp experiences for local children since 1960. After a year and a half without the ability to have guests, with new processes and policies in place, day camps will be returning this season!

Since 2019, Gesstwood Camp has also run outdoor educational experiences for school children year-round, they have beautiful venues for weddings and celebrations, a ropes program for team-building experiences, and are working on introducing programs for our communities' Seniors.

One of OGVG's members, SUNSET® produce, has been a generous partner to the camp over the last several years. They have renovated 7 of their cabins, provide fresh veggies for the kids at camp, built a brand new outdoor fire pit, and donated all new tables for their event venues. In addition, they have generously covered costs for over 40 children to "Camp-Ari" week at Gesstwood where they sponsored a week-long program for local children. The lucky campers were chosen from a few Windsor area school teachers & principals. They selected children that have not experienced camp before or families that

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needed the extra support to provide their children an experience.

Gesstwood camp is excited to continue to serve our community for another 60 years, but they need some support now. They have launched a gofundme campaign with a \$200K goal, which SUNSET® has again stepped up with a generous donation. Our Go Fund Me campaign is to help save the camp after a year without revenue, to make the necessary annual maintenance repairs, pay the monthly bills and a portion of each donation goes into our bursary fund to help send local children to camp. If you are interested in helping, find more information at: <https://www.gesstwoodcamp.ca/>

Like fresh food, children need fresh air and everyone can benefit from spending some more time outdoors playing. As we get 'back to normal let's include supporting our kids in getting back to basics, playing outside, and making friends and memories.



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Week 6
Numbers

G56 · O68 · G46 · I23
G52 · I28 · B5



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