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# Happy Canada Day! Closed Wed July 1st

## NOW OPEN Mon to Fri 8am-4pm

Leathertown Lumber would like to thank all of our customers for their patience during the first phase of the Covid-19 pandemic. An increase in demand and new hurdles in the processing of orders has resulted in increased lead times which we know have been frustrating. Thanks again for your patience.

At this point we are announcing the reopening of the store following the guidelines put forth by the government of Ontario. Strict physical distancing will be in effect, along with reduced store capacity. Please be patient and kind to our staff who have worked very hard to make the last three months work for you.

**WELCOME BACK!** 

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### WHAT'S ON

# FIVE PLACES TO PICK YOUR OWN BERRIES IN AND AROUND HALTON

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It's that time of year when those juicy, fresh strawberries and raspberries are almost ready to en-

Here are five places in and around Halton where you can pick your own berries, and details on each location's COVID-19 mea-

#### **ANDREWS FARM MARKET** & WINERY

9365 No. 10 Sideroad. Halton Hills: Strawberry picking resumes on June 19, with wagon rides to the field offered for those with mobility issues only, to ensure social distancing. Otherwise, the strawberry fields are a half-kilometre walk from the farm store. Other types of berries will be available for picking in the coming months. Check



Graham Paine/Torstar There are plenty of places to go berry picking in the region.

andrewsscenicacres.com for updates.

#### STONEHAVEN FARM MARKET

7388 Guelph Line, Milton: Pick-your-own strawberry season will kick off at the farm on June 22. To ensure social distancing, visitors must pre-book their timed entry for picking at stonehavenfarms.com.

#### **UNCLE SCOTT'S FARM**

6583 Walkers Line, **Burlington:** Strawberries will be ready a bit later this month for picking. The farm requires guests to wear a mask or face covering at all times and refrain from eating berries in the fields. Call 905-319-3298 or visit Uncle Scott's Farm Facebook page for picking updates.

#### **DOWNEY'S STRAWBERRY** AND APPLE FARM

13682 Heart Lake Road, Caledon: Strawberry picking will start around June 23, while raspberries will be ready to go around July 8. Masks are required, with a two-person limit per household, and no children under the age of 3. Further details can be found at downeysupickfarm.ca.

#### **HUTCHINSON FARM**

6202 Walkers Line. Burlington: While strawberries are picked by farm staff, pick-your-own raspberries are expected to be ready in early July. Picking will be by appointment onlv. with further details to be released soon. Visit hutchinsonfarm.ca for more.

## **BUILDERNEWS**

# WE HBA honoured as top provincial and national association

The West End Home Builders' Association (WE HBA) received the Home Builders' Association of the Year Award at the Canadian Home Builders' Association Leadership Awards, which took place virtually June 12. The national award came after earning provincial honours earlier

A press release stated, "WE HBA members, board of directors and staff are honoured to receive this significant industry recognition, which is an acknowledgement of all the hard work, ground-breaking changes and strategic initiatives put in place over the past year."

The award recognizes overall excellence by an HBA for 2019, in delivering a strong and positive voice for the home building industry, and in supporting the business successes of members and their ability to provide affordability, quality and choice in housing for consumers.

In 2019, the West End Home Builders' Association finalized and approved a

new strategic plan to guide the association from 2019 to 2022 and developed a new formal operational plan. The rapid growth of the association called for organizational changes with a spe-



WE HBA board members flank the association's new logo introduced in February. They are from left, Joseph Battaglia, Westpark Homes; Bianca Bruzzese, BDO; WE HBA president Robert Molinaro, Molinaro Group; Charles Wah, Gateway Group: Suzanne Mammel -WE HBA; John Anthony Losani, Losani Homes; Terri Johns, T. Johns Consulting Ltd.: Tina Molinaro, First Ontario Credit Union; Dani Gabriele, Marz Homes; Nick Carnicelli, Carriage Gate Homes Ltd.; Claudio Basso, Bell.

cial focus on the maintenance of high quality of services.

The development of membership strategies for 2019 and 2020 allowed the association to focus on bettering the mem-

bership experience and increasing value for its members. With more than 15 per cent membership growth, WE HBA continued and strengthened its long-standing role as an advocate for both industry professionals and existing and future homeowners, the press release goes on

"We are both very honoured and humbled to receive this prestigious recognition. I am so blessed to be the president of the West End Home Builders' Association that is currently the top local HBA in both Ontario and in Canada. We've got an all-star staff, group of members and board of directors," says Robert Molinaro, WE HBA president.

In 2019, the association embarked on a rebranding initiative and approved a new name and logo that better reflects the changing needs and growth of both the association and the home building industry. WE HBA is also the first local Home Builders' Association to establish a

"Women in Industry (WIN)" committee, to advance the level of support for women of all ages choosing to work in non-traditional roles.