

Ontario's new 'Health 65' cards will replace OHIP and seniors' privilege cards

Health Card Information kits, containing details about the new plastic card that will replace the OHIP card, have been mailed to every household in the province.

Each resident of Ontario, from children to the elderly, will receive an individual number and keep that number for life.

For seniors, the new Health 65 card will replace both the OHIP and the Ontario Senior Citizen Privilege cards.

Only one card will be necessary to obtain health benefits including approved, prescribed medication under the Ontario Drug Benefit program.

The new system replaces the present family-based system which has become too clumsy to maintain. It's estimated that, under the new system, \$150 million will be saved over the next 10 years.

From now on, every Ontarian will acquire an individual number at birth or upon becoming a resident of the province.

The individual numbers will mean a faster response to people's needs and will allow health officials to identify and react to health trends.

"This new card means that people's health needs will be better

Seniors' 65-cent days at museum June 11-15

For only 65 cents seniors 65 years and over will be treated to a relaxing day at the Ontario Agricultural Museum's "Seniors' Days 1990", running June 11-15.

In addition to all of the museum's regular scheduled events, Seniors' Days 1990 will include introductory tours of the 32-hectare site on tractor-drawn wagons, a display of

served," said Health Minister Elinor Caplan.

"A personal number is the key to reliable records."

The new system will also improve confidentiality. With the new Health card, the Ministry will be able to communicate directly with the individual without the risk of inadvertently revealing health information

Canadian Packers Quilt collection, dancing demonstrations, musical entertainment, refreshments and more.

A shuttle bus will take visitors to Springridge Farm for a country lunch, followed by a leisurely stroll through the gift shop, barn market and bakery.

The pick-your-own berry farm lo-

to other family members.

"The sooner we receive your completed form, the sooner you will receive your new Health card," says Dr. Robert MacMillan, executive director of the ministry's health insurance division.

He stressed that every person who is eligible for Ontario health benefits qualifies for a Health card.

located on Bell School Line also runs its own seniors' tour program throughout the season.

The Ontario Agricultural Museum, which is located five km west of Milton, depicts the story of the province's agricultural and rural history through costumed interpreters, farm animal displays and unique rural building.

Bank Beat



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Bank services subject to GST

The pending Goods and Services Tax slated for January 1991 will have a direct effect on some of your bank services.

Services subject to tax are safety deposit boxes, personalized cheques and safekeeping services. Other bank services subject to tax are mainly used by corporations and will not affect the individual customer.

Areas of service excluded from the GST are loans, mortgages, deposits, credit cards, travellers cheques, certified cheques and money orders.

As this is a tax on consumption and the bank itself is a consumer, we also will be facing increased costs. Some items we will pay taxes on are office equipment, stationery, all service contracts, also legal and accounting services.

People who will be eligible for rebates must have a taxable income of less than \$30,000. Your 1989 personal income tax package included the GST refund application. If you are in this income bracket, hang on to the application. The government will start paying rebates beginning December 1990 on a quarterly basis. There will be no tax on residential rents.

Enough about taxes, and on to some good news. Interest rates on investment dollars continue to be high. It would be an excellent time to check on the rates being paid on your deposit accounts. Also make sure you are receiving interest monthly, to take advantage of compounding interest.

The following is a good rule of thumb for savings accounts paying monthly interest on final balances:

\$5,000-\$25,000	10.65%
on total balances up to \$60,000	11.49%
on portion more than \$60,000-\$100,000	12.46%
on portion more than \$100,000	12.64%

Also, there are some excellent rates being paid on Guaranteed Investment Certificates. Rates on treasury bills and money market funds are high.

(Call me at 878-2321 if you have any questions about banking).



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How to do Business with the Ontario Government

A business opportunity for companies in southern Ontario

Last year the Ontario Government purchased over \$2 billion worth of goods and services. And you can gain access to that marketplace.

The Ministry of Government Services has designed a free one day seminar to give you some pointers on how to do business with the provincial government.

Purchasing representatives from several ministries will discuss the business opportunities available for both large and small companies.

These seminars will give you an understanding of the government's purchasing practices and information on specific local initiatives. It will also introduce you to some of the people who do the buying.

As well, you can arrange for individual interviews in the afternoon to discuss specific business opportunities with government buyers.

Selling to the Ontario Government - it makes good business sense.

To pre-register or to find out more, please contact one of the following Chambers of Commerce/Boards of Trade: Brantford, Hamilton, Burlington, Milton, Georgetown, Oakville, Brampton.

Business Opportunity Seminars

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Seminar Presentation
12:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Individual supplier/Buyer meetings

Business Opportunity Seminar Locations

Brantford	June 18, 1990 Best Western Brant Park Innt 19 Holiday Drive
Hamilton	June 19, 1990 Royal Connaught Hotel 112 King Street East
Burlington	June 20, 1990 Holiday Inn 3063 South Service Road
Brampton	June 21, 1990 Pegasus Banquet Hall 40B Hansen Road South

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CONSUMERS DISTRIBUTING

CORRECTION

We regret that due to limited supply, the following items may not be available at all store locations during the "Thanks Dad Sale" flyer.

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