

Bradford West Gwillimbury hosts one of Ontario's top street festivals

Bradford West Gwillimbury, ON (July 17, 2018) – Carrot Fest returns this summer to the streets of downtown Bradford and the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre. Following last year's tremendous success, the festival will once again take place over two days: Friday, August 17 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight and Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, with two events also taking place on Sunday, August 19.

Carrot Fest is a celebration of Bradford West Gwillimbury's agricultural heritage as well as a showcase for local businesses and organizations. BWG is home to the Holland Marsh, which boasts some of the best black organic soil in the world and is one of Canada's biggest carrot-producing regions. What started as a small market-style event has grown into a two-day street festival that closes down Bradford's main street and draws visitors from far beyond BWG's borders.

"Each year, the festival gets bigger and better with more vendors, events, entertainers and attendees," says Terry Foran, Director of Community Services. "We plan all year round to ensure BWG's biggest event has something for everyone."

Carrot Fest has been recognized as a "Top 100 Festival" by Festivals & Events Ontario for the past eight consecutive years. Attendees of Carrot Fest will find hundreds of vendors, food trucks, restaurants and a beer garden. All of the main stage entertainment, street buskers, performances, kid's zone, crafts and activities are free for attendees.

Some new additions to the festival this year include freestyle soccer entertainers and an aerial lumberjack show that can be seen at various times on Saturday, a huge Carrot Fest photo backdrop (great for social media pictures), a massive chalkboard and an interactive Lego castle. Returning favourites are the BMX Stunt Show, Aqua Dogs Competition, Pro Wrestling and a poker tournament.

Carrot Fest is easily accessed with a free shuttle running all day Saturday between the festival area and the east-end GO Station and west-end Leisure Centre.

Come out and enjoy all the free events and entertainment! For a full schedule and detailed descriptions of events, entertainers, food and activities please visit www.carrotfest.ca, and check out on the website's new "Inside Scoop" blog.

This event is made possible with the generous support of businesses including Vaughan Chrysler, Verve Senior Living, Alectra, Tim Hortons, Trisan Construction, Vin Bon, Enbridge, DG Group and many more.

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EVENTS:

Friday August 17

- Main Stage and Opening Ceremonies
- Beer Garden
- Kids Zone
- Local Vendor Market
- Legends Musical Performers and Classic Car Show
- Annual Summer Games (at the BWG Leisure Centre)

Saturday August 18

- Pancake Breakfast and BBQ Lunch Fundraiser
- Main Stage
- Kids Zone
- Jagger Sports BMX Stunt Show
- Freestyle Soccer
- Aqua Dogs
- Pro Wrestling
- Beer Garden
- Texas Hold'em Poker Tourney
- Busker Pitches
- Ice Cream Eating Contest
- Pony Rides
- Vendor Market
- Free Carrots
- Flaming Carrot Show

Sunday August 19

- Aqua Dogs
 - Family Fun Fest – Lions Park
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ENTERTAINERS:

- Luisa and the Planets
- Joy Brigade
- Neema Children's Choir
- Lucas Wilson – Illusionist
- Elite Dance Corps
- Bon Jovi Forever
- The Cara Lea Band
- Who Made Who (ACDC Cover)
- Skip Tracer
- The Twisted Ones: balloon shows & balloon twisting
- Scarlett Black: Butterfly Circus Show & Hula Hoop Workshop
- Jagger Sports BMX Stunt Show
- Freestyle Soccer
- Hip Hop Violinist
- Ostrich Rider
- Ito Fire Show
- Fire Guy
- Hoop You
- Theatre Arcturus: The Lumberjack Show