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Our Mission: We support and promote our Business Community through advocacy, education and communication

On Now! A little rain won't hurt.

73 Years of Rides and fun!



And speaking of Rides.....next weekend!



And for the 'fun?' stuff!

Coffee with the Mayoral Candidates

Between September 12 and October 17th we will host Mayoral Candidates at SMITTY'S RESTAURANT. 10:00AM TO 11:30AM Each Wednesday. These events hosted courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce and will include Coffee/Muffins etc. by our Co-Hosts - Smitty's. Chamber Members will have seating priority.

[Book your seat here](#)



Our Guest for September 12th is current Mayor - [His Worship Mayor Mike Ruttan.](#)

These events will include a short introduction by the Chair or President



of the Chamber of Commerce followed by an open forum with the Candidate.

* Update: Due to demand these events are FREE for Chamber Members (2 per membership) and a small charge for others \$5.00. We expect to have to add sessions thus the change.



Wednesday, September 12 10:00am



Mr. Sauve has announced his plans to run for Mayor. Visit us at Smitty's on Wednesday, September 19 @ 10:00am to hear him speak.

[Book your seat here](#)

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Wednesday, September 19 - 10:00am



September
26

Once again we meet at Smitty's for Coffee/Muffins courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce (and Smitty's).

Wednesday, September 26 @ 10:00am



Featured guest today is former Mayor and current candidate - Mr. John Douglas.

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Current Councilor and Mayoral Candidate Ms. Sharie Minions takes the lead during our October 3rd Coffee with the Candidate forum. Ms. Minions has been the Council Representative on the Chamber Board and we thank her in advance for her hard work and commitment over the past four years. Well done and thanks Sharie!



Visit with us at Smitty's on Wednesday, October 3rd @ 10:00am.

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All Candidates Forum (Councilor) hosted by the
Chamber of Commerce and District Labour
Council

Wednesday, October 3rd 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Italian Hall - 4065 - 6th Avenue Port Alberni

All Candidates Forum (Mayoral) hosted by the
Chamber of Commerce and District Labour
Council

*** NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4TH @ 7:00pm -
9:00pm Italian Hall - 4065 - 6th Avenue Port
Alberni**



Your [Chamber of Commerce](#)
is here to support and
promote local business.
Community Excellence
Awards, #TryHomeFirst, the



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means

Port Alberni District Labour
Council

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THE Port Alberni District
Labour Council is your way
of connecting to the benefits
of membership.

A wonderful local facility that we often use - including for our annual Community Excellence Awards (coming to you. 04.26.19)

[Find them here!](#)

Paper Chase, Networking Meetings, Business Training Programs, Tri-Conic and No. 7 Challenge, Visitor Centre, Light-Up Alberni, Breakfast with Santa - 2017, Member Spotlights, Member Benefits Programs, Policy Initiatives and Development, Civic Affairs, Proponent of MRDT (ask us how to help with that one). And much more. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Small Business Walks

On **Tuesday October 9,** 2018 the Chamber is participating in Business Walks Program through Port Alberni. We're looking for 12- 16 volunteers to join us for this fun and productive day of interviews. Please call our office to join the team! 250.724.6535.

I'm on this team....



On October 10th we'll see you once again at Smitty's to learn what Mr. Wright's platform is.

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Mayoral Candidate and local Businessman [Mr. Kevin Wright](#) will be our guest on the 10th of October. Mr. Wright is a former Board Member for the Chamber of Commerce and a winner of a past Community Excellence Award.

[Book your seat here](#)



Chamber Dinner Meeting

Wednesday, October 10

**Hospitality Inn 5:30pm - 8:30pm.
Seating will be limited. Click the link below to
access your seat.**



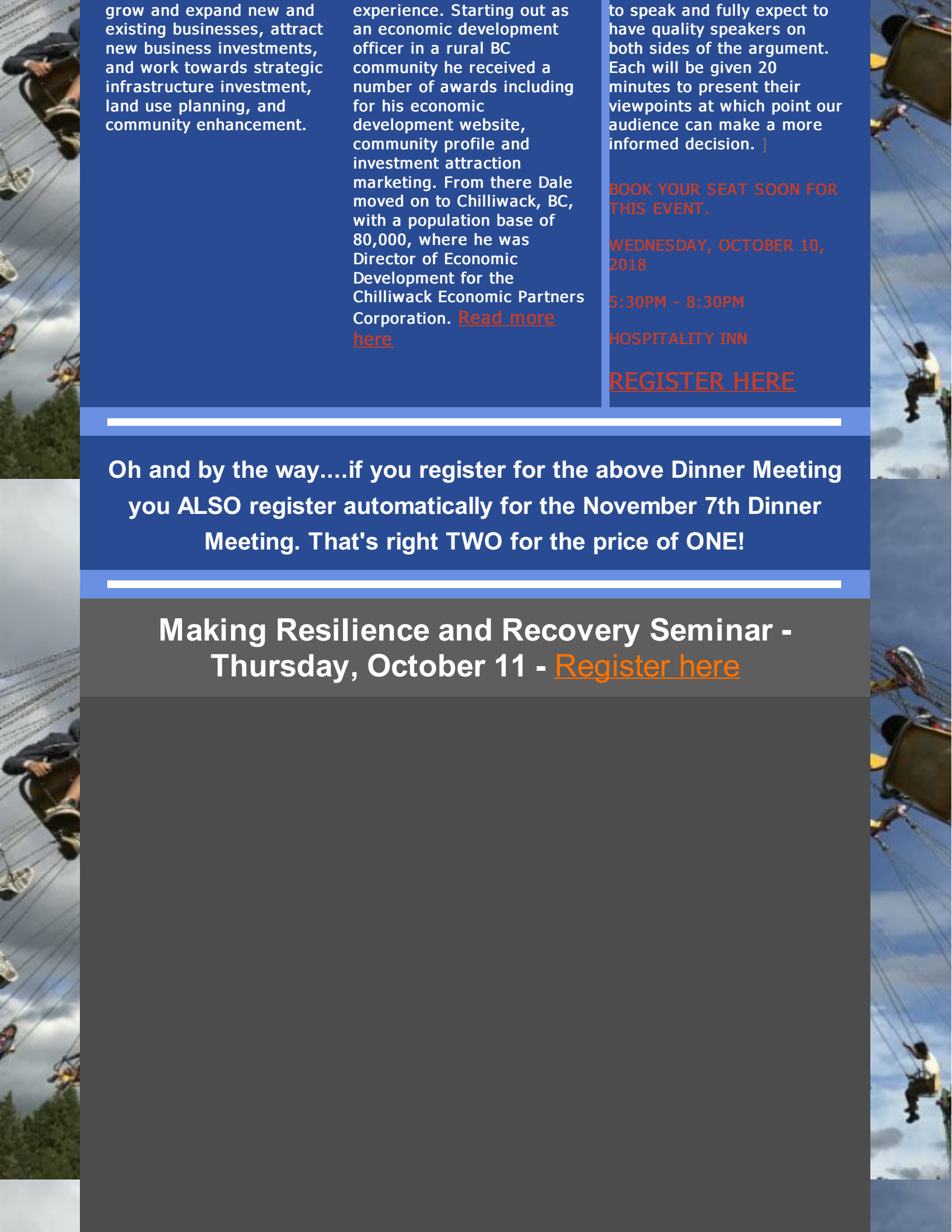
The British Columbia Economic Development Association (BCEDA) is the leading professional association of economic development practitioners in the Province of BC. BCEDA currently has over 420 members from communities throughout the Province. BCEDA provides services that help member communities



Dale has 26 years of economic development



Also at this Dinner Meeting we plan to have a representative from both sides of the upcoming PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION ISSUE speak. We've invited guests



grow and expand new and existing businesses, attract new business investments, and work towards strategic infrastructure investment, land use planning, and community enhancement.

experience. Starting out as an economic development officer in a rural BC community he received a number of awards including for his economic development website, community profile and investment attraction marketing. From there Dale moved on to Chilliwack, BC, with a population base of 80,000, where he was Director of Economic Development for the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation. [Read more here](#)

to speak and fully expect to have quality speakers on both sides of the argument. Each will be given 20 minutes to present their viewpoints at which point our audience can make a more informed decision.]

BOOK YOUR SEAT SOON FOR THIS EVENT.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018

5:30PM - 8:30PM

HOSPITALITY INN

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Oh and by the way....if you register for the above Dinner Meeting you ALSO register automatically for the November 7th Dinner Meeting. That's right TWO for the price of ONE!

**Making Resilience and Recovery Seminar -
Thursday, October 11 - [Register here](#)**

Making Resilience and Recovery the New Norm for Your Business

Thursday, October 11, 2018

8:30am to 3:30pm

Port Alberni City Hall, Council Chambers
4850 Argyle Street, Port Alberni V9Y 1V8

We have all heard the stories of the disasters that have impacted communities and business. The fact is that the number of disasters happening around the world, including BC, is increasing and going to continue to get worse. IT IS THE NEW NORM. But you can survive.

Is your business ready for a disaster? Do you know what kind of disasters to expect? Would you be in business today if an evacuation order had taken you from your business for days or weeks? Is your current plan sufficient for your business to survive if your building is destroyed by an event? What about your employees? Where are your records stored?

As a Canadian leader in Economic Disaster Recovery, BCEDA has worked with communities and businesses in BC, Southern Alberta, Saskatchewan and the US Virgin Islands on both preparing for and overcoming the impacts of disasters.

Benefits of attending:

- Get the templates you need to develop an effective continuity plan
- Prepare a risk assessment to identify vulnerabilities
- Learn about options for critical information storage
- Assess whether you have the appropriate insurance
- Learn examples of business continuity from various disaster including those in BC, Alberta and the US Virgin Islands
- Get your business recovery team organized
- Provincial and other resources to help in your recovery
- How to get emergency government procurement contracts in the event you are not impacted

Cost to attend: \$50.00 per person (includes lunch)

Registration is required: [Click here to register](#)

SPEAKERS



DALE WHEELDON
President & CEO,
BC Economic Development
Association



COLLEEN BOND
Disaster Recovery Partner,
BC Economic Development
Association



JOHN JOHNSTONE
Manager, Stakeholder
Engagement; Office of Small
& Medium Enterprises
Public Services and
Procurement Canada



Meet the Candidate. Gary Robertson.
10:00am - 11:30am Wednesday, October
17th.

\$5.00pp non-Members. Free for Chamber
Members.



[Book your Seat Here](#)



**Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, November 7
5:30pm**

Chances RimRock



[Reserve your seat here. If you've purchased a ticket for Oct 10th please call us to confirm your plans for this meeting. If not, and you're just coming to this meeting please purchase ticket here](#)

**Hosted by the BCLC and
Alberni Valley Chamber of
Commerce - join us!**

This Meeting is really shaping up well!
Three Guest Speakers and NO Charge
for anyone who purchased a ticket for
the October 10th Meeting.
Two for the price of ONE!

Hosted by AVCOC and the BCLC our
speakers include:

Brad Desmarais Bio:

Brad provides leadership and strategic direction for gaming facilities, marketing and product development as well as operational responsibility for the delivery of products and services for players and business partners. Brad joined BCLC in February 2013 as VP of Corporate Security & Compliance. His responsibilities included all aspects of security, compliance, legal services, privacy and Freedom of Information administration. [More here](#)

Mr. Peter Wienold - The Capitol
Theatre - **BIG** Plans for 2019!



and Deb McClelland Bio:

Deb McClelland has served on many boards over the past 35+ years, some following the policy governance model, most not. She has studied board governance for over 18 years and has become the go-to person for chambers across the province in all matters pertaining to governance.

Deb began her career at the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce in 1999. [More here](#)

Thursday, November 8, 2018 - Governance
Training Workshop - Hosted by the Alberni Valley
Chamber of Commerce

[Register Here - Space is limited!](#)

Take your board to a whole new level!

BOARD GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP



Presented by:
Deb McClelland
Executive Director
Kamloops Chamber of Commerce

Date: Thursday, November 8, 2018

Time: 10:00am-3:00pm

Location: Chances Rim Rock

Cost: Members & Not-for-Profits | \$80.00+GST
Members Tbl of 6 | \$475.00+GST
Non-Members | \$125.00+GST

RSVP: bill@albernichamber.ca
250.724.6535

This workshop is designed to inform, educate and assist both volunteer **board members** and **staff** about **governance best practices** and the **effective operation of a board**.

Some of the **strategies** and **best practices** you will learn in this dynamic and highly engaging workshop include:

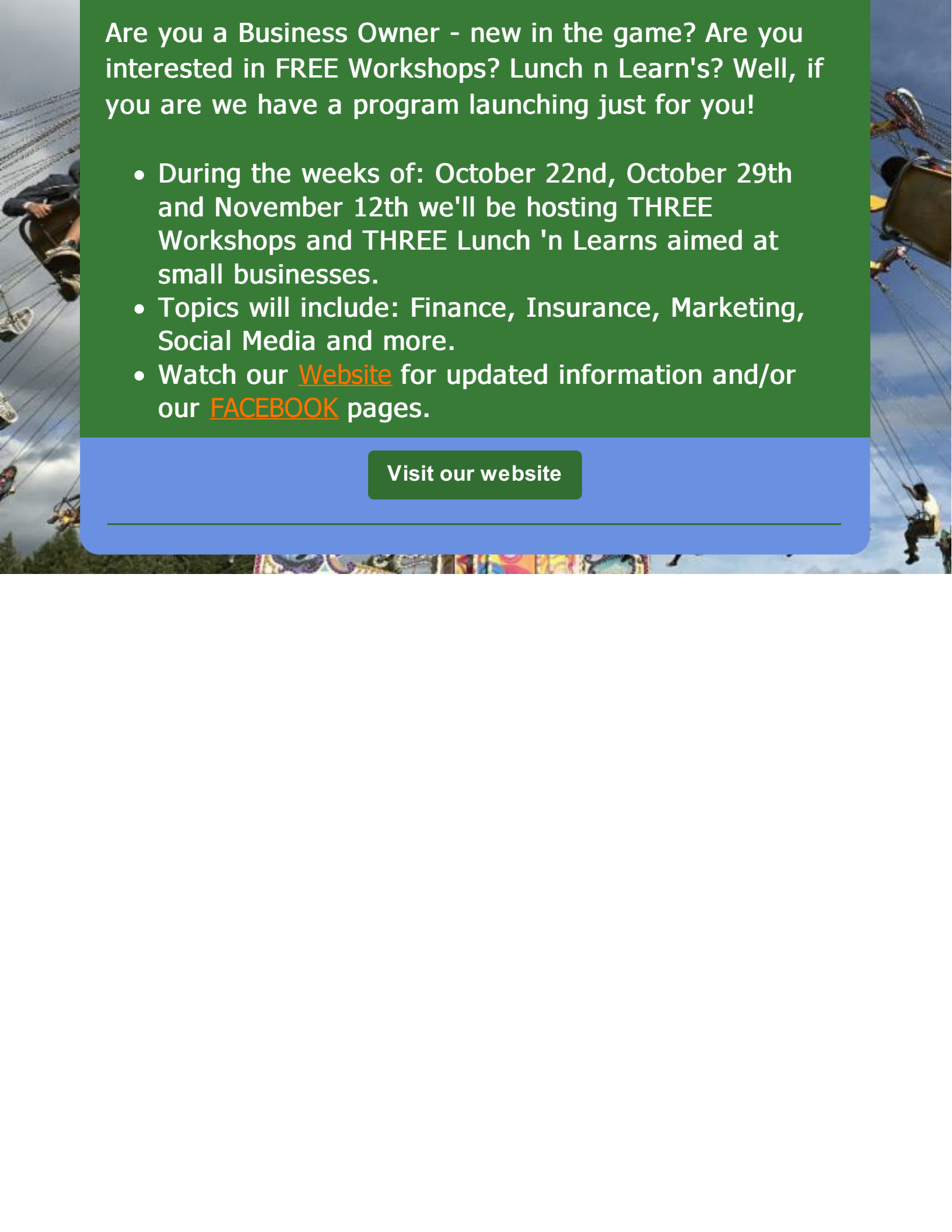
- Principles for governing your organization
- The seven components of good governance
- The board/CEO partnership
- Sample terms of reference for committees and boards
- Board & CEO roles, responsibilities & authority
- Developing board agendas & the consent agenda
- CEO performance evaluation
- Policies you need

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OF COMMERCE





Are you a Business Owner - new in the game? Are you interested in FREE Workshops? Lunch n Learn's? Well, if you are we have a program launching just for you!

- During the weeks of: October 22nd, October 29th and November 12th we'll be hosting THREE Workshops and THREE Lunch 'n Learns aimed at small businesses.
- Topics will include: Finance, Insurance, Marketing, Social Media and more.
- Watch our [Website](#) for updated information and/or our [FACEBOOK](#) pages.

Visit our website
