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wow, has it been 10 years already? time sure flies by when you are honouring the best local businesses and professionals in the windsor, essex county and metro detroit region. the biz x annual "oscar" awards are a brilliant example to prove that this is a great place to live and do business! only the voters and judges know where "oscar" will be. this year he has found a home at waterfront ice cream in amherstburg (shown are second generation owners justin and jen deluca in top photo) and now you can finally learn which 30 companies outshined the others to bring "oscar" back to the office.
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## WE ALL SCREAM FOR THIS ICE CREAM

The nominees are...

‡ **Waterfront Ice Cream**

229 Dalhousie St., Amherstburg

‡ **Gennaro Caffè and Tavola Calda**

1271 Erie St. East, Windsor

‡ **Dari DeLite**, 2686 Howard Ave., Windsor

‡ **Slinky's Dairy Hut**

100 Lesperance, Tecumseh

‡ **Northridge Dairy Freeze**, RR#1 Essex

‡ **King Kone**

2990 Huron Church Rd, Windsor

‡ **Busker's Subs & Sandwiches**

1805 Tecumseh Rd West, Windsor

‡ **Al Cappucino Café & Gelato Bar**

571 Notre Dame St, Belle River

‡ **The Candy Shoppe**

523 Notre Dame St, Belle River

And the **Biz X** "Oscar" goes to . . .

**Waterfront Ice Cream**

You scream, I scream but we all scream for Waterfront Ice Cream! This award celebrates the coolest place to get your ice cream cones in the Windsor Essex County area. Selection, service and atmosphere are all factors in determining the winner in this category. Waterfront received an overwhelming 588 write-in votes from satisfied customers to garner this **Biz X** "Oscar," as an automatic win

was declared. Opened in 1979 by Tito and Cecilia DeLuca, Waterfront Ice Cream (no current website) is now run by their son, Justin and his wife Jen DeLuca. The family business offers everything from banana splits and milkshakes to healthy alternatives such as low-fat ice cream and frozen yogurt. With 54 flavours of hand scooped ice cream there is sure to be a flavour to please everyone. Happy customers Phil and Denise Jones write, "Owners Justin and Jen DeLuca are two of the most courteous and hard working young people in our area. We believe this ambitious couple deserve an "Oscar" – but don't take our word for it, come out and get the real scoop!" A spectacular view overlooking the Navy Yard Park and the Detroit River, plus generous outdoor seating, including a gazebo makes this ice cream parlour the place to be from March through October.



## FAVOURITE OVERNIGHT COUNTY GETAWAY

The nominees in this category are:

‡ **Bondy House**

199 Dalhousie St, Amherstburg

‡ **Vintage Goose Inn**

31 Division St. South, Kingsville

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**Bondy House**

The quaint charm and relaxing atmosphere of a Bed and Breakfast is just one of the criteria for this **Biz X** "Oscar". The Judges took into account atmosphere, service, food and the overall experience in selecting the Bondy House (no website) for the Favourite Overnight County Getaway. Owners husband and wife Carolyn Davies and Merv Richards purchased the Victorian home from the Bondy family in 2001 and have operated it as a Bed and Breakfast ever since. The Bondy House received 33 website votes plus a petition of 15 ballots and an impressive 151 testimonials from previous guests. With comments like, "beautiful home, friendly owners, immaculate grounds and gardens. We wish we could have stayed longer" and "Carolyn is an amazing cook and the place is very clean" it is easy to see why people come back to the Bondy House. With three rooms and an ideal location in the heart of historic downtown Amherstburg, the Bondy House is the perfect destination for a quiet weekend getaway or as a place to stay while enjoying area activities such as shopping, bird watching or museum tours. Winner of a 2006 monthly "Hospitality Hero" award from the Convention & Visitors Bureau of Windsor, Essex County & Pelee Island and the Amherstburg Chamber of Commerce "Business Excellence" award, the Judges had no hesitation in selecting the Bondy House as their favourite overnight getaway.

