

Alert

ESSEX - ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

The 2005 Budget package from the Essex Board about 2005 maintenance fees will be mailed to owners around December 1.

Included in that package, will be a signup form for owners to fill out to adopt automatic monthly maintenance fee payments.

The move to this automatic process for debiting owner bank accounts every month to pay maintenance fees is a win-win for everybody.

Individually, we as owners can avoid the hassle of having to write and deliver 12 post-dated cheques.

Collectively, we as owners can save the costs of our management and accounting staff managing piles of cheques each month.

The process is safe. Owners can stop the process anytime they wish.

Please help streamline our processes by returning the completed forms to the Management Office at your earliest convenience.



Essex News First Edition

Your Essex News Team:

Anne Bisson, Gary Daley, Cathy Kelly, Fred Reichl and Renata Zuger are pleased to be able to bring you this First Edition of Essex News.

Layout design by Gary.

We plan to publish every two months, with items that we trust will be of interest to all residents.

We welcome feedback on this newsletter and invite suggestions about topics of interest to you about living at The Essex. Your Essex News team will consider all suggestions.

Send us an email at:

Essexnews@sympatico.ca or you can drop a note at the Management Office or Concierge Desk, addressed to Essex News.

If you would rather get an electronic copy of Essex News, just email us and we will send you a version in PDF format.

Essex Committees – getting organized

Your Essex Board (Darlene Bennett, Carol Goldman, Nick Giarratano, Stephen Perelgut, and Fred Reichl) recently defined roles for three Committees to involve owners in advising and assisting the Board.

Volunteers have come forward to make a contribution to the quality of life in The Essex community.

Site Quality Committee created to identify potential site enhancements and current deficiencies, advise on waste management issues and suggest ways to minimize resident activities that are not contributing to

collective enjoyment of life, and advise on landscaping quality (until a shared facilities mandated committee takes over this role).

Members:

Carol Goldman (Chair), Andrea Volk, Brigitte Lovrin, Claudia Brown, Joyce Hubel, Magda Biesiada, Sylvia Mountney, Vlasta Seidl

Social Committee created to develop, coordinate and implement a social program throughout the year to build a sense of Essex community.

Members:

Darlene Bennett (Chair), Adolfo Castrilli, Anna Parker, Chan Naidoo, Ivonne Juhasz, Janet MacKinnon, Junga An

Communications

Committee created to ensure Essex residents are made aware of items of interest and to encourage a sense of community, principally through an Essex Newsletter, and other methods that might be found useful.

Members:

Fred Reichl (chair), Anne Bisson, Gary Daley, Cathy Kelly, Renata Zuger



**Mark your
calendars for the
First Annual
Essex Holiday
Gathering
December 16,
7 – 9 pm
in the Party Room**

ESSEX TRIVIA

**How many Suites are in
The Essex and Essex2?**

**How many people live at
The Essex?**

**For answers, check out The
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Site Quality Committee Expressions

Each member of the Site Quality Committee is proud to own property in the Essex and is committed to ensuring that all the common elements are maintained to standards that will reflect this pride.

The preliminary meetings have been to brainstorm and share ideas and goals.

One goal is to perform periodic site inspections to document any deficiencies and highlight ideas for enhancements.

These site inspections will be organized and begin very soon. The reports will be submitted to the Board of Directors and to Property Management.

If you have any comments or suggestions about site quality, please e-mail Essexnews@sympatico.ca using "Site Quality" as the subject line and we will forward your message to the committee.

Upcoming Social Events

This past September, six residents came together to help form The Essex's 2004/2005 Social Committee.

The social committee has a variety of interactive programs coming up in the year ahead. We will be trying to organize some seasonal fun. For example, the social committee handled the coordination of Halloween and we will be hosting a holiday

gathering in the party room in December (details to be announced).

In the coming months some of our committee members will be starting up some new clubs, activities and gatherings. Among them will be a moms and tots group, a summer BBQ, a wine and cheese party in February, possibly some health information sessions and exercise groups when the new exercise studio is ready.

If any other residents are interested in assisting with some of these events or programs, please e-mail Essexnews@sympatico.ca using "Social Committee" as the subject line and we will forward your message to the committee.

**Keep your eyes on the
postings areas for
upcoming events.**

Essex Living

The popular wisdom is that three things contribute most to the trials and tribulations of condominium living:

People, Pets, and Parking.

It's all about being good neighbours in a common setting.

In each issue of Essex News, we will be featuring an item about good citizenship at the Essex community.

As in most things in life, approaching situations with a sense of humour and a bit of tolerance goes a long

way.

In this edition, Renata offers a piece on making The Essex a good home for pets and people.

New homes - We all had to adjust to our new homes, so did our furry and friendly little critters. Pets are very adaptable. They can often adjust even faster than people. Where they live isn't as important to them as with whom they live.

Providing a comfortable and safe environment by considering guidelines in advance is important.

Condos can hold many hidden challenges and dangers for our pets.

We all have to work together to make The Essex a great place to live.

Responsible pet owners, like anyone else, take pride in their homes, families, and communities. All pet owners want their pet friendly homes and communities to be recognized as such.

Your pet is only as responsible as you are.



Emergency Arrangement Tips

Keep a file with the names and addresses of your animal's veterinarian and substitute caretakers.

Pets can crawl, fly or run. Always have ID on your pet.

24 Hour Emergency Veterinary Care

2285 Bristol Circle,
Oakville
905-829-9444

Renata says....

NO TIME TO BAKE?

Wanda's Pie in the Sky

Top Notch Baked Goods
Really great prices

18 Six Point Road
(South of Dundas, just Left
off Kipling)

Call 416-236-7585

If you have made a great discovery that you just have to tell your neighbours, let Essex News do it for you. Email Essexnews@sympatico.ca

Pets and condominiums

Set parameters - Pets don't like being in hallways or balconies, alone. Pets, spending most of the day inside, love daily walks and seeing and interacting with other pets and people. Exercise your pet outside, not in the hallways or staircases. Pets drop hair and dander that activates allergic reactions for other residents. They run into open doorways, get lost easily and drop bodily functions at anytime. Also, pets can pick up cleaning product residue that can make your pet ill.

If always kept inside, pets feel stressed, neglected, lonely, and often develop behaviour problems or get into household things. Dogs bark because they hear

people in the hallway. Leave your pet within permissible boundaries; close doors, windows, leave out easy-access toys, food and treats. Try to get a friend to visit your pet if you are away for an extended period.

Ensure cleanliness - Responsible pet owners always immediately pick up and dispose of dog feces, bag kitty litter before placing it in garbage containers, and take other necessary sanitation measures to preclude producing unhealthy bacteria for all residents, including your own pet.

Spaying and neutering
Spayed and neutered pets are generally healthier,

better behaved, and more suited to condo living than their unaltered counterparts.

Prevention
Pets should be carried with a leash or in a carrying case as soon as you leave your unit. Your pet should not be off the leash to run in any Essex common areas: hallways, elevators, lobbies, recreation centre, or outside grounds.

Most importantly, people and pets get frightened.

Essex Restrictions

Any pet would hate to leave your home because it does not meet Essex specifications.

Check your Essex package for the rules on pets.

Neighbourhood tips

ANNE'S PICK:

Shoppers Drugmart - We at the Essex are fortunate to live right across the street from Shoppers Drugmart, a one-stop shopping destination for many day-to-day and emergency needs.

Shoppers is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and there is always a pharmacist on duty. The store offers free delivery on prescriptions and store merchandise. Call 416-233-3269 for this service.

Inside the drugstore is a Family Practice and Walk-in-Clinic. Dr. Al-Arabi is a male doctor who is accepting new patients. The clinic's hours are Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays it is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 416-234-8668 if you'd like to book an appointment.

Shoppers Home Health

Care stocks devices and accessories to assist with a variety of health needs and conditions. They are open Monday to Wednesday 8:30 to 6:00, Thursday until 7:00, Saturday 9:00 to 5:00 and Sunday 11:00 to 5:00. Call 416-236-1201 for information or to speak to a sales representative about items such as wheelchairs. All this convenience is just steps away, but be sure to cross safely at the light or you might end up needing more than just a drugstore!

CATHY'S PICKS:

Canadiana - Excellent dining is just across the road in the Six Points Plaza at the Canadiana Restaurant, which also has a bar and banquet facilities. There is a variety of appetizers, soups, salads, burgers and sandwiches and the dinner entrées, ranging from about \$15.00 to \$25.00, offer beef, chicken, veal turkey, pork, seafood and

pastas. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Sunday. Bon appetit! Call 416-239-1114.

Martin Veterinary Hospital -

My cat has been going to Martin's for 12 years. Martin's, close by at 5460 Dundas Street West, just celebrated its 50th anniversary. Accredited with the international American Animal Hospital Association and a specialty in veterinary dentistry, your pets will smile at going to Martin's!

There are four doctors (all ladies) and a wonderful staff, including a specialist in dog training. Call 416-239-7709.

FRED'S PICK:

Check out **Rocco's Plum Tomato** at 1068 Islington Ave for an always-great Italian meal in a friendly informal setting. My neighbourhood favourite. Call 416-234-5555

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Important day to day facts about the Essex



Contact Numbers:

Concierge: 416 239-0685 (24 hours a day)

Property Manager: 416 239-9786 (Mon. – Fri. 9am to 5 pm)

Move/Delivery Hours: Monday to Saturday – 8 am to 8 pm

Book **Moves/Deliveries** via the Concierge

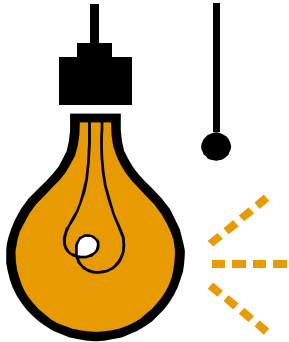
Recreation Centre Hours: 6 am to 11 pm

Pool is closed for cleaning 3 to 4 pm daily

Book **Party Room** through Property Manager

Book **Virtual Golf** through Concierge

Book **Guest Suites** through Property Manager (Dec 2004)



So what's happening at Essex2?

When will all this construction beside us be over?

Best advice from Tridel is that people will be starting to move in April 26, 2005.

What is the parking garage traffic flow plan?

All cars will enter the property on Dundas Street using the current ramp to all four levels P1, P2, P3 and P4 (Essex2 only).

There will be a residents-only exit at the rear of Essex 2 onto the new shared

roadway, available April-May 2005.

Essex2 will have 63 visitor parking spaces.

What new amenities are included in the Essex2 Recreation Centre for our use?

A billiard room and an exercise room, plus the management office will be relocated to Essex2 with the current office freed up as a boardroom.

When will the management office move?

Exact date unknown at this time.

When will the "park" be finished?

In about two years time.

What is the Concierge/Security services plan?

Essex2 will have a Concierge services similar to The Essex.

When will the sales pavilion be moved to the back of the overall site?

Exact date unknown at this time.

When will the Essex2 be registered?

Exact date unknown at this time.

Stay tuned for updates in the next edition of Essex News.

ESSEX TRIVIA

There are 234 suites at The Essex,

314 suites are planned for Essex2.

417 resident names are logged into The Essex Lobby Enterphone system.