



THE ESSEX Community Residents

SUMMER
SIZZLER

BARBECUE
IS
COMING

July 20, 2008

12 noon – 2 pm

The BBQs are open
and can be
booked at your
Concierge Desk

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Essex 1 – TSCC #1577
Essex 2 – TSCC #1723
5229/5233 Dundas St. West
Etobicoke, Ontario
M9B 6L9 / M9B 6M1

2008 AGMs – Election Results

Essex 1 AGM – April 30, 2008

Congratulations and thank you to re-elected Board members: Nick Giarratano and Stephen Perelgut. Sincere thank you to continuing Board members for their service to the community:

Jessica Dwyer, Carol Goldman and Fred Reichl.

Essex 2 AGM – March 25, 2008

Congratulations and thank you to new Board member, Bill McDougall, and re-elected Board member, Sheila Dowdell.

Sincere thank you to continuing Board members for their service to the community:

Chris Bastine, Gary-Mark Keiser and Michael Watcher.

Meet The Essex Management Team

Meet your Essex Management team, led by Caroline Graham, RCM (front row left). Caroline is one of the only 483 Registered Condominium Managers in the province of Ontario, accredited by ACMO, the Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario.

Our Site Administrator: Kristina Filicetti (front row right)

Our Concierge Supervisor: Tatyana Mazunina (back row centre)

Our Superintendent Team: Bolek Ziobroski and Jozef Hanec (back row left and right)



Design Of The Essex Public Park Underway

Design work, with input by the Essex Boards of Directors, on the public park east of Essex 1 continues. City Planning and the Tridel Landscape consultant will be holding further meetings in June to formulate their proposal.

Subject to further community review, design will be finalized sometime



after that.

When construction work begins, you will see the Tridel sales office removed, with grading and park amenities done by fall. Landscape plantings will be completed early next year.

See the full Essex site plan at:

www.theessex.ca/Amenities.htm#Site_Map

Kipling Station Design Charrette...

The Kipling Station project to relocate the Mississauga buses from Islington to Kipling Stations has been approved with funding from the City of Toronto and the provincial government.

The "Inter-regional Hub" aspect will be owned and managed by GO Transit, while leaving TCC with the subway station itself.

On May 8, 2008, GO Transit sponsored a Design Charrette (a fancy word for workshop) to review and upgrade the design for the project after an independent design panel recommended design improvements of the Kipling site to make it a more attractive 'civic place' and offer more

convenient and comfortable pedestrian traffic routes among subway, bus and GO train riders.

In the full day Charrette, a large cadre of city planning staff, volunteer architects and local resident representatives offered a variety of design alternatives to respond to the panel's critique.

The suggested improvements would clearly enhance the site in many ways but would also cost more money. So GO Transit and/or the City will need to commit more funds to make them happen.

Stay tuned for how this evolves.

Power Down And Give Your PC A Rest

Keeping PCs on when not in use, even for a few hours, consumes a lot of unnecessary energy. Check to see if your operating system has a power saving "Sleep" mode that can automatically activate when your computer is inactive for a period of time. You could be reducing carbon dioxide

emissions by up to 25 kilograms per year. Assuming every one of our 548 suites here at The Essex has a PC, we could collectively be saving around 10 tonnes in carbon emissions every year, not to mention the direct electricity \$\$\$ savings.

Planning For The Garbage Levy

Plans are underway by the City of Toronto to impose a garbage levy on high rise residential buildings such as ours. Soon, possibly as early as July of this year, Essex 1 and Essex 2 will be have an additional charge added to our water bills to cover the number of bins of garbage we put out for collection. This charge could be as high as

\$25,000 per year for each building and push up future common elements fees. **So it is really important that all residents continue to work hard to separate all the recyclables from our garbage.** We will not be charged for legitimate materials we put in the recycle bins.

More Emphasis On Recycling Strategies

The Essex boards believe it is important to put additional emphasis on developing strategies to increase our percentage of material that we put in our recycling bins versus what we throw away as garbage.

For Essex 1, the Site Quality Committee, chaired by Carol Goldman, will work on developing these strategies as part

of their existing mandate.

For Essex 2, Gary Mark Keiser and Bill McDougall will be the board chairs of their new Recycling/Garbage Committee.

Volunteers can call the management office to be part of the committees.

Gone With The Wind

After a long snowy winter, the warmer weather is finally here! It will be great to enjoy our balconies in the summer months ahead.

Safety is the priority on balconies. Please remember that we are not allowed to hang or place any items from the balcony ceiling, walls, or railings. A strong wind can all-too-easily send unsecured items flying and hurt someone.

Never throw anything off your balcony. Cigarette butts

can set fire to patio furniture. Bottles can cause personal injury and/or property damage.

As good neighbours, let's enjoy our balconies while being careful to avoid excessive noise and activities that could disturb our neighbours' comfort and quiet enjoyment.

Happy relaxing time, everyone!

REMINDERS

The Garage Is Quieter Now

As you may have noticed, the garage is a little more quiet these days.

The new energy saving carbon monoxide detectors have been installed as

planned. They automatically turn on the exhaust fans only when necessary to clear away fumes, rather than having them running 24/7 as they did

in the past. There is a process in place to ensure they are working properly and generating the electricity savings we expect.

The Essex 1 Copper Story is Complete

The repairs to the building hot water piping system have been completed successfully and ahead of schedule. To minimize the probability of

experiencing new problems any time soon, more appropriate re-circulating pumps have been installed and the gauge of replacement copper now

exceeds building code. The work was guided by our consulting engineers and paid for by Tridel even though the failures were outside the two year warranty period.

Compact Fluorescents Are Getting Better

Have you been reluctant to try the new fluorescent light bulbs you've been hearing so much about?

Maybe you've heard about how they contain mercury which can be dangerous, or maybe your past experiences with fluorescent lighting were unpleasant.

You might remember lights that flickered and gave an unhealthy glow to your complexion. Well, don't worry anymore!

Now commonly called CFL bulbs, you've already heard how they can save us lots of money because so they use so much less energy and last

much, much longer than the traditional bulbs (good for us and the planet).



They no longer flicker and you can buy them in "warm white" which gives off the light you are used to seeing in your home. More recent improvements also have them available in a wide variety of sizes and shapes.

Please use the new Essex 1 and Essex 2 CFL bulb disposal bin in each recycling room.

The province of Ontario does not consider CFL bulbs as hazardous, since the amount of mercury is so low. If you buy good quality bulbs (look for the Energy Star rating), the amount of mercury in them is even lower. The city does not want broken bulbs for recycling. If you should break one, sweep, do not vacuum the pieces and powder into a small plastic bag and dispose of it as regular garbage.

We challenge you to join the "greener" way!

Neighbourhood Tip: Vince's Market

Your neighbours are saying that Vince's Market is one of the best grocery stores in Etobicoke.

Established in 1929, at another location, it continues to offer quality grocery, bakery, deli and garden centre items.

Vince's has a competitive

edge in service, offering home delivery for customers who are unable to shop in person.

There is a modest \$10.00 charge.

If you call before noon, Vince's promises same day delivery.

They are located at 3107 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke (Just a few blocks east of Islington)

Visit in person, or have your list ready and call in your order at (416) 231-9725

Make sure cars and bicycles are fully inside your parking spot limits

Tailgating on the garage ramps is dangerous

Leave some space for unexpected traffic situations

Visitors Parking is for VISITORS ONLY

Please do not treat the wall mounted buoys and flatboard in the pool area as toys

They are to be used in emergencies ONLY

About The Essex

Essex Website: For a wealth of information, to update resident data, ask a question, or to offer a suggestion, go to our website at <http://www.theessex.ca/>

Concierges (24 hours a day): Essex 1 - 416 239-0685 or Essex 2 - 416 239-2286.

Moves/Deliveries:

Essex 1: (Mon – Thu: 11 am to 8 pm; Fri: 8am to 8 pm; Sat – Sun: 8 am to 5 pm)

Essex 2: (Mon – Thu: 11 am to 8 pm; Fri: 8am to 8 pm; Sat: 8 am to 5 pm)

Essex Club Recreation Centre hours (5 am - 12 midnight)

Call your Concierge to book ALL **Moves, Deliveries, Virtual Golf, Billiards and BBQs.**

Property Manager: 416 239-9786 Mon. 10 am - 6 pm; Tue. – Fri. 9 am - 5 pm

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