



## Halloween

October 31

Little goblins and gremlins are welcome to prowl the main lobbies for treats and goodies

Drop off your donations at the Concierge Counters beforehand



### Thursday Morning Coffee Club

New season

Starting September 24

10:00 am till noon

Party Room



Essex 1 – TSCC #1577  
Essex 2 – TSCC #1723  
5229/5233 Dundas St. West  
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## Update On The New Ontario HST

As reported in our last edition, the Ontario Government intends to harmonize the Ontario PST with the federal GST as of July 1, 2010.

Harmonization (HST) will mean that certain services not currently subject to Ontario's 8 % PST will now be subject to the new HST. The result: we will all pay more. For condo owners common element fees will also be going up at least an EXTRA 6% just as a result of the new tax.

Many Essex residents have sent our suggested letter to Premier McGuinty.

In her August 29, 2009 Toronto Star article, Ellen Moorhouse reported on various

lobbying efforts against the HST and the province's continued firm position.

On Sept. 18, the parliamentary assistant to Ontario Revenue Minister will be meeting with 250 condo managers sponsored by the Association of Condominium Managers of Ontario.

A copy of our suggested letter is still available in the Management Office or via download @:

[www.theessex.ca/images/HST.pdf](http://www.theessex.ca/images/HST.pdf)

**Bring your signed letter down to the Management Office and they will fax it to the Premier.**

## Crime Prevention Tip Of The Month

Allan Benson, Crime Prevention Officer at our local 22 Division writes a monthly newsletter with a Crime Prevention Tip of the Month, quoted here in its entirety.

Benson writes "It is a fact of life that relationships in many of today's communities have become less personal than they were years ago. Families are more transient, children have more activities that take them and their parents away from home, and there are more families with both parents working.

The once familiar sight of families visiting with each other on front porches while keeping a watchful eye on children and activities in the neighbourhood is a rarity in most communities today. This trend away from personal contact in the neighbourhood and the decrease in time families spend at home are two of the essential ingredients that make neighbourhoods a target for crimes of opportunity, such as break and enters.

The prevention of crime, particularly crime involving residential neighbourhoods, is a responsibility that

must be shared equally by police and private citizens; Neighbourhood Watch is based on this concept of cooperation.

When citizens take positive steps to secure their own property, communicate with their neighbours and learn how to report suspicious activity, break and enter and related offences can be decreased.

For more about Neighbourhood Watch, go to [www.torontopolice.on.ca](http://www.torontopolice.on.ca) and click on Crime Prevention under Community Safety. In addition to a downloadable Neighbourhood Watch pamphlet, you will find many other pamphlets on topics specific to protecting you, your family and your property."

**The article is very timely, since The Essex has had a number of bike thefts lately. All have been reported to police along with relevant security tapes, but to-date no arrests have resulted. For instance, if you see a car you think is sneaking in behind you, note the description and call Essex Security. If you notice anything else suspicious, police urge you NOT to become personally involved.**

**Just call Essex Security or call the police.**

# Essex BBQ – Good Neighbours, ‘Good’ Weather, Good Food



Many thanks on behalf of Essex residents to the **2009 Summer Sizzler BBQ Team.**  
 The weather turned out well enough, the food was great. Residents were able to meet and greet neighbours again.

**SPECIAL THANKS** to:  
 TRIDEL, MediumRare, Vince’s Market, European Meats, Above and Beyond Signs  
 for contributing food, signage, discounts or money to help make the BBQ a success.

## What’s That Black Stuff?

Recently, a resident asked why our garage floors seemed extra dirty and why the woodwork grooves and frames around her suite doors have a dark build up of dust. In the garage, part of the answer is that we bring dust and dirt in on the tires of our cars. On the well travelled ramp, we all leave rubber residue from wear on our tires as we drive to and from our parking levels. Also, when the exhaust fans operate, untreated air is brought in from the outside through the garage air intake shafts. That air reflects the quality of the air in our surrounding neighbourhood. That’s why, twice a year, in the spring and the fall we power wash all garage level floors.

Our building makeup air units bring in filtered fresh outside air to our corridors. These recyclable filters are ASHRAE tested (MERV 7-8) & UL approved) with excellent dust holding capabilities. They block out everything greater than 3 microns. However, carbon black is less than 1/10<sup>th</sup> of a micron, half the size of the smallest bacteria. We are told that 90% of condominium buildings use MERV 5-8 rated filters. We suggest that residents dust around their doors when necessary. Building cleaning staff will periodically make a special point to clean other hallway crevices, in addition to their daily rounds.

## What About The Park?

The latest news from the Landscape Architect at the City of Toronto in charge of the project, is that TRIDEL is very committed to starting the park

and getting a substantial part of it completed this year. There was a delay caused by the strike.

She reports that she will be approving construction drawings in the next couple of weeks and construction should start soon after that.

## Six Points/Westwoods Lands – New Courthouse

The June 22, 2009 Community Consultation meeting has been re-scheduled to September 10, 2009. As communicated to all Essex residents in our June 16 Newsletter Bulletin, the meeting will include information about minor rezoning changes (six related to a safety

setback for the Court House, one to allow provincial use, and one about the timing and payment of infrastructure improvements). The overall message (from our June meeting with a consultant for the province), is that the earlier approved development concept endorsed by

the Essex Boards is still the guiding force for the Six Points Reconfiguration and Westwood Lands development. The big news is that the Courthouse development will get the overall project started sooner because of the provincial funding.

## Hurray!!!! – The Hydro Fix Is Scheduled

On Friday, Sept. 25, 2009, Hydro plans to replace the entire faulty switch box that caused the series of extended brownouts for the Essex. On the same day, they will also do permanent repairs on the hydro cable feed

to our buildings, damaged by Consumers Gas back in January. A rain date is Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. These coordinated repairs are scheduled to take between 8 and 10 hours, starting at 9:00 a.m.

## Preparing For A Power Outage

Power can go out at any time, especially because we live in the populated city of Toronto. While a storm is a likely culprit to cause a power outage, sometimes power outages happen because too many people are using energy at the same time or maintenance work needs to be completed. Because power outages do happen, it's always smart to know what to do before you find yourself sitting in the dark. Many power outages are short-lived, but some may last

days.

Don't wait for the power to go out before you stock up on supplies because you could find yourself in need of bare necessities.

Put all your emergency supplies in one place where they will be easy to locate. Otherwise, you could be stumbling around in the dark searching.

Be proactive; discuss safety and emergency procedures with all members of your family ahead of time.

## Driveway Safety - We ALL Play A Role

Everyday, many Essex residents walk across our driveway as they go about their daily routines. They must be very alert and careful as cars can be coming at them from at least three different angles: upper visitor parking, the parking garage or the street.

It is safest for pedestrians to cross directly from sidewalk to sidewalk and avoid walking down the driveway. One specific danger is with drivers entering from the west who may not immediately see you there due to the pillar

and gate at our entrance.

Drivers also MUST use extreme caution. In addition to pedestrian traffic, most areas are quite narrow, especially the turn into the garage ramp and the entrance to the garage itself. Please drive slowly and do not follow another car too closely as the first driver may need to back up to let others go by. Also, please obey the traffic regulations (and common sense) about no left turn onto Dundas, no U turns and no jaywalking across six busy lanes. Do not take chances!

## The 1,000 Islands Tour



On June 27, 2009, members of the Essex community took an all day trip to the 1000 islands in eastern Ontario. In beautiful weather, they cruised around the islands.

After, the group headed to Casino Rama for gaming and buffet excitement.

No word on who the big winner was, but it looks like everyone had a wonderful time. Thanks go out to Tulika and her team for organising the fun-filled day.

## Neighbourhood Tip –Valley Farm Produce

Lucky us! Valley Farm Produce has opened a wonderful new store located in Six Points Plaza, providing you with fresh fruits, vegetables, and flowers at excellent prices.

Grace your home and lift your spirits with some beautiful potted or cut flowers. They make a thoughtful gift for a loved one, too.

There is a great variety of fruits and vegetables looking fresh and delicious. Be sure to check for any in store price specials. (The Grand Opening specials run from September 5 to 18.) You might go home with more than you went for!

Hours of business are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily.  
Phone: 416-237-1238.

## It's Fall



## BE SAFE

Watch for children going to / from school

## PLAY SAFE

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Mark your calendars

## HOLIDAY GATHERING

December 3, 2009

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Interested in organising a day trip or have a suggestion for a place to visit?

Contact

[www.theessex.ca/Feedback.htm](http://www.theessex.ca/Feedback.htm)

or leave a message at the management office.

# 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 [www.theessex.ca](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: 11am to 8 pm; Fri: 8am to 8 pm; Sat – Sun: 8 am to 5 pm)

Essex 2: (Mon – Thu: 11am 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

**Your Essex Communications Team:**

Anne Bisson, Cathy Kelly,  
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To offer a suggestion: Go to [www.theessex.ca/Feedback.htm](http://www.theessex.ca/Feedback.htm)



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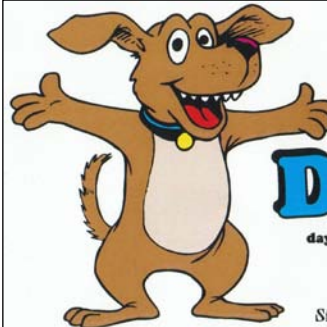
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