

## Movie Nite at The Essex

### Fall Season

September 15  
**The Ghost Writer**

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8:00 PM  
NEW TIME

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### Welcome Back

Thursday  
Morning  
Coffee Club

September 16  
10:00 to 11:45 am

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## Essex/Nuvo Community BBQ – a success rain or shine

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Essex/Nuvo Community Barbecue held this past August 22 was a smashing success. Almost 700 residents from all four Essex/Nuvo buildings came out to a late summer celebration on Nuvo Square.

Much cooperative planning by the Essex/Nuvo Social Committee co-chairs along with an army of volunteers from all four buildings was needed to pull off this large event.

And then, plans had to be adjusted to cope with weather that threatened to throw a spanner into

the works.

Not to be deterred, the party became an indoor/outdoor event using the Nuvo Square and lobby plus party room as an excellent fallback venue.

By all accounts, everyone enjoyed this new community-wide experience and look forward to such events in the future.

A special thanks to **Tridel** for their generous donation again this year.



## BBQ Prize Draws Generate \$ for Charity

A tradition initiated by Nuvo and carried on this year was a charity raffle for the benefit of the Daily Bread Food Bank.

Essex/Nuvo resident volunteers canvassed neighbourhood businesses from near and far to solicit valuable prizes. Over 50 of these were raffled off

to residents who purchased draw tickets totalling \$1,200.

Once all the revenues and expenses are accounted for, the exact donation will be determined.

Much appreciation to our Essex/Nuvo volunteers who worked so hard.

And most certainly, we are very appreciative of the 38 generous suppliers who donated materials and services as draw prizes.

Please take a moment to scan the attached insert to check out the list of donors and more pictures.

## Ready For The Raffle



Some Essex residents and volunteers resting before the next raffle

## Our New City Park Is Almost Ready

As we can all see, our new city park to the east of Essex 1 is almost ready.

Finishing touches are underway

and in a few weeks it will be complete.

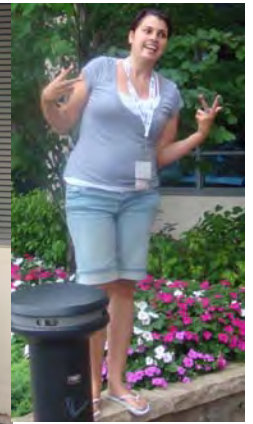
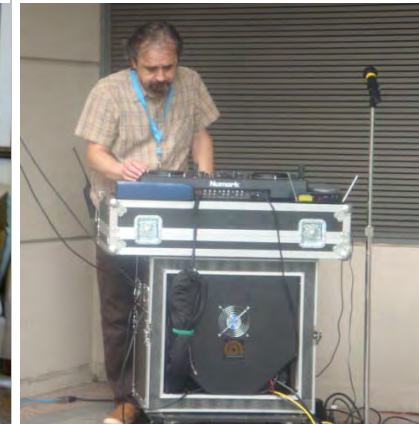
Unfortunately, we were not able to incorporate the park

into our BBQ plans this year.

Maybe next year we will find a way to enjoy the park in some way as a BBQ feature.

# How Community BBQ Day Unfolded

- 9:00 am - Setup begins, including partial closure of Viking Lane to ensure a safe crossing for Essex residents.
- *Big surprise, it's raining a little. NOT TO WORRY!* Change the Nuvo Square setup plan to an indoor/outdoor event – using Nuvo Forecourt, Lobby and Party Room.
- 10:30 am – Griller team begins cooking and keeps going till 4:00 pm.
- 11:30 am – Nora and Stephen begin issuing complimentary food and beverage tickets to Essex residents.
- 12:00 noon – Joe, Carol and Lucia getting ready to serve from noon to 4 pm.
- All afternoon:
  - Play the music. Some couldn't help dancing!!!
  - Sell those charity raffle tickets for the 2 pm and 4 pm draws.
  - Offer the face painting in the Party Room.
  - Eat and drink and schmooze with abandon!!!!



The face painting aficionados

Residents well fed and schmoozing



## Your Worst Nightmare

Someone is buying things with your credit card number, or worse, someone has applied for a new credit card in your name and you just received the bill.

You keep hearing the warnings about identity theft, but other than shielding your pin number, are you doing enough to protect yourself??

Most of us hope that we will never be victims, but hoping is not good enough in our modern world.

Here are just a few tips to help avoid this terrible situation.

- Shred all mail or any documents containing personal information before discarding them.
- Select passwords that contain letters, numbers and special characters.
- For online transactions, look for https:// with a closed lock or unbroken key icon.
- Keep anti-virus and spyware programs updated.
- Know when to expect bills and investigate if they do not arrive; better yet, monitor banking and credit card activity online on a regular basis.

- If getting rid of a computer, destroy the old hard drive or find out how to overwrite info securely before giving it away.
- Don't carry all of your ID and credit cards with you all of the time.
- Contact businesses and institutions yourself to give information or make payments. Don't respond to random calls or emails.
- Your Social Insurance Number is legally required only for employment and tax purposes.
- Be very careful about sharing your SIN with anyone else. One possible exception might be with a reputable financial institution when unique identification of your accounts is very important.

Here are some websites for further info:

- <http://www.phonebusters.com/>
- <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sin/lost/lost.shtml>
- <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/lifeevents/wallet.shtml>
- <http://www.canadapost.ca/cpo/mc/aboutus/corporate/security/identitytheft.jsf>
- <http://www.cbc.ca/consumer/story/2009/01/21/f->

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## ALERT POOL CLOSURE

We will be  
draining and  
cleaning the  
pool  
the week of  
September 13<sup>th</sup>

It will be closed  
for 5 – 7 days.

### Suite Master Shut-Off Valves Need Exercise

Remember to turn  
your suite master  
water valves OFF and  
ON periodically so  
they remain  
workable when you  
need them

## Should Your Computer Go On A Diet?

It is a fact of our modern lifestyle that our computers eat up huge amounts of electricity. It is said that a typical desktop computer uses 868 KWH of electricity per year.

Here are a few tips for putting your computer on a "diet" to save energy.

- Make energy efficiency a priority if you are shopping for a new PC and monitor. Look for the ENERGY STAR label.
- Don't use screen savers, which are unnecessary

and consume extra energy.

- Turn down the brightness setting on your monitor.
- Turn off printers, scanners and speakers when not in use.
- Close unused applications and turn off your monitor when you're not using it.
- Plug all your electronics into one power strip and turn the strip off when you are finished using your computer. This will help to fight "phantom" power, which is the standby power

that is used by any electronic device that has a remote control (TV) or a digital interface (microwave), even when the electronics are not in use.

It is estimated that by turning off your computer each night or when it is not in use, you can save in a year as much energy as it takes to wash 464 loads of washing, or to vacuum for 464 hours, or to boil your kettle for 24 hours a day for 268 days. Now that's a computer diet!

## Mystery Of The Disappearing Mailbox

A resident reported a reply to him, dated September 1, 2010, from Canada Post CEO, Stewart Bacon concerning the **recent removal of the Street Letter Mailbox outside of 5233 Dundas St W.**

The essence of Mr. Bacon's response is: On June 17, Canada Post removed the mailbox as an efficiency measure. Their review showed that the volume of mail posted in the box formerly outside 5233 Dundas Street West was minimal and three convenient alternatives are available within 500 m of the building: 3856 Bloor St. W. at the corner of Jopling Avenue North, 5353 Dundas St. W. and 5230 Dundas St. W. The latter is located across the street at the Six Points Plaza, outside the Shoppers Drug Mart which also hosts a postal outlet. There is a traffic light at the corner which should provide a safe crossing for residents.



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**This District W07 Condo Apt. Sales in 2009**  
270 sold Avg: \$290,343 Med: \$265,000 Low: \$152,000 High: \$927,000

**Essex 1 5229 Dundas St. West**  
22 sold Avg: \$285,134 Med: \$289,550 Low: \$218,700 High: \$373,000

**Essex 2 5233 Dundas St. West**  
31 sold Avg: \$291,160 Med: \$273,000 Low: \$230,000 High: \$425,000

**Nuvo 1 @ Essex 35 Viking Lane**  
37 sold Avg: \$294,111 Med: \$285,000 Low: \$200,000 High: \$500,000

**Nuvo 2 @ Essex 25 Viking Lane**  
41 sold Avg: \$273,595 Med: \$270,000 Low: \$203,000 High: \$515,000  
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# Park Bulletin

The new City Park to the east of Essex 1 is nearing completion, but some work still needs to be done to hook up the electricity, connect the irrigation, the water feature, tidy up some landscaping, install park benches and install standard signage for park use by people and pets, etc.

To respond to some residents concerns about the playground facilities, Councillor Peter Milczyn, Landscape Architect from Parks, Forestry & Recreation, Netami Stuart and city park operations representatives met with some Essex and Nuvo board members and some interested residents to discuss options.

The particular concern was around the absence of play features for children under the age of 5. The current installed playground equipment is designed for ages 5 to 12 years.

Ms. Stuart reported that she was aware of the concern and would be exploring options to provide some equipment that might better serve this younger age group. She promised to identify options and report back in about a month on what might be possible. Regardless of whether the entire playground equipment is replaced or a portion added, the new solution will not be implemented until spring of next year.

The point was made that the city is committed to having an attractive and useful public park for all users. She also advised that the park features meet all design safety regulations.

Once Tridel turns the park over to the city, City Parks and Recreation Department will actively monitor usage and make minor adjustments accordingly, for example to deal with skateboarding if it is an issue.

We will keep you informed as events unfold.

Essex Communication Committee

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# TO ALL RESIDENTS...



**Thank you for coming out and participating in our  
1<sup>st</sup> annual community summer BBQ**

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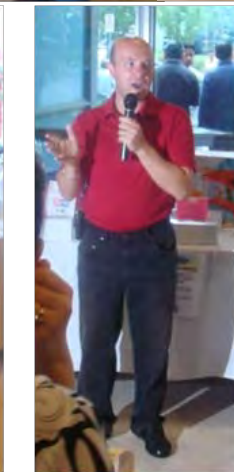
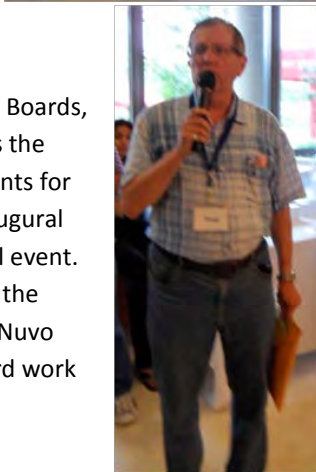
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**Congratulations to all the lucky winners and  
a big thank you to all who bought tickets for our charity raffle!**

Midge and Joanne (far right) showcasing the vast array of donated raffle prizes.



Sylvia (left) selling raffle tickets all afternoon.



On behalf of the Essex Boards, Fred (left) compliments the Nuvo and Essex residents for coming out to this inaugural joint community social event. He offers thanks to all the volunteers from both Nuvo and Essex for their hard work in making it happen.



Councillor Milczyn (above) brings residents up to date on community developments.

Anthony (above right) calling out the winning numbers for the more than 50 draw prizes.