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ESSEX Annual Community BBO



Essex 1 - TSCC #1577 Essex 2 - TSCC #1723

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Sunday July 17

Time: 12 Noon To 2 pm

At the Essex Barbeque

Area

AGM results

Essex 1 owners held their Annual General Meeting on April 26.

Congratulations to Belma Curovic and Stephen Perelgut, elected for 3-year terms, and Nick Giarratano, for a 1-year term.

Members of the Essex 1 Board of Directors are: Belma Curovic, Carol Goldman, Nick Giarratano, Stephen Perelgut and Fred Reichl. Our thanks for the past contribution of Jessica Brycko, who recently resigned her board position for personal reasons. **Essex 2 owners** held their Annual General Meeting on April 20.

Congratulations to Bill McDougall and Alan Webb who were elected for 3-year terms.

Members of the Essex 2 Board of Directors are: Carol Carbonbaro, Gary Mark Keiser, Nora Mawashi, Bill McDougall, and Alan Webb.

You can contact any board member or committee by clicking on www.theessex.ca/Feedback.htm or through the management office at 416 239-9786.

Essex Board Committees

There are two board subcommittees that are part of the Essex governance structure to assist in managing the shared facilities of the Essex site.

Two-Way Essex Shared Facilities CommitteeReporting to the Boards of Essex 1 and Essex 2
Condominiums, with a mandate to assist the
Boards in managing the shared facilities and grounds.

Members: (Carol Goldman, Nora Mawashi, Bill McDougall, Fred Reichl)

Shared Roadway/Walkway Committee

Reporting to the boards of the adjacent condominiums, with a mandate to assist in managing issues related to Viking Lane (a private road owned and maintained by the adjacent Condominiums but which, under the development agreement, must be kept open for public use), and the Shared Walkway from Viking Lane to St. Albans Rd.

Members: (Carol Goldman, Fred Reichl, Nora Mawashi, Bill McDougall & Representatives from Nuvo 1, Nuvo 2, and soon, Parc Nuvo)

Essex Advisory Committees

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Essex Social Committee

Reporting to the Two-Way Essex Shared Facilities Committee

Co-Chairs: (Carol Carbonaro, Belma Curovic)

Members: volunteers welcome from both

buildings.

Essex Communications Committee

Reporting to the Two-Way Essex Shared Facilities Committee

Co-Chairs: (Bill McDougall, Fred Reichl)

Members: volunteers welcome from both

buildings.

Essex Building Quality Committees:

A separate committee for each Essex condominium tower, reporting to each Board, with a mandate to assist the Board in issues related to housekeeping and appearance.

Essex 1 Chair: (Stephen Perelgut)

Members: volunteers welcome from Essex 1.

Essex 2 Chair: (Gary Mark Keiser)

Members: volunteers welcome from Essex 2.

A Change of Light Is Coming In The Underground Garage

In July, The Essex will be retrofitting the 825 currently installed High Pressure Sodium light fixtures in all the underground garage levels with twin tube T8 fluorescent fixtures. The cost of the project is about \$70,000.

There is nothing wrong with the current fixtures, except that they use about 44% more electricity than the new fluorescent fixtures and are somewhat more expensive to maintain.

The annual electricity and maintenance savings will be about \$35,000, generating a very attractive, quick two

year payout.

We will also be applying for a government energy saving incentive that could bring the cost down to \$56,000, for a payout period of just 18 months. After that, we all will be able to enjoy the lower electricity costs forever.

The new lights will cast a whiter light than the yellowish hue we see from our current fixtures. Our NUVO neighbours have installed the same fixtures and the result looks great.

The Golden Rule is Golden

Just like the broader society around us, a civil condominium community is all about *respect* for others.

Even those who value unbridled individual freedoms need to know that one person's freedom does not include the right to infringe on someone else's quiet enjoyment of their home and community.

If another person's interests, rights, and positions are respected, it is likely that people in that community will live in peace and harmony. They will also *trust* that all members of the community will act within a set of generally accepted rules and deal with each other in a reasonably truthful and honourable manner.

Every major religion embraces these Golden Rule tenets: In Christian tradition, it is usually stated as: *Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. The Koranic version can be summed up as: Be forgiving to others as you would love God to be forgiving to you. And the Jewish version as: Whatever is hateful unto thee, do it not unto thy fellow.*

A civil condominium community relies on its members to live the golden rule in their day-to-day behaviour,

hopefully well guided by the condominium's adopted rules and regulations.

These rules need to be enforced but only in the ways allowable under the Condominium Act. When someone is thought to not be following the rules, all residents have the responsibility to immediately bring the apparent violation to the attention of security and/or condominium management.

But just as with ordinary citizens everywhere, direct confrontation is to be avoided. Individual community members have no authority to attempt to enforce the condominium's rules and regulations. In fact, doing so also puts the person "taking the law into his/her own hands" at risk of possible physical reaction or legal action by the recipient of any direct verbal or physical intervention.

Individuals who observe the golden rules of condominium life and are watchful of the safety and security of others are treasured as good neighbours who make it a pleasure to live side by side with them.

Six Points Park Update

We are pleased to report that city officials plan to install the **NEW JUNIOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**by late spring.

As planned, to make room, the triple spinner structure is to be removed to another park and the saddle spinner to a location within the current safety surface.
They further report that
they are working on
possible solutions to **stop**

skateboarding.

Once determined, the best solution will be applied as soon as possible.

Blowing in the Wind

What does the wind make you think of? Rustling leaves, crashing waves and floating clouds?
They're beautiful but we're hoping you think of something else, too – your balcony! The wind is a crucial factor in balcony safety.

Does the weather forecast call for strong winds? Please take any light weight chairs and tables indoors until the wind dies down.

If you sweep your balcony, please don't sweep the dirt under the railing into the air. Sweep all dirt onto a dust pan and dispose of it in

your garbage.

Nothing should be hung from any part of your balcony. If it loses its hold and flies off, the personal injury and property damage could be devastating.

Similarly, nothing should be

Similarly, nothing should be tossed from a balcony.

Even a small object can shift direction and gain speed and force when falling, possibly hurting someone. A hot cigarette butt has the added risk of a burn injury or a balcony fire.

Remember, your balcony is only as safe as what's blowing in the wind!

Welcome New Essex Site Administrator

Welcome to Natalie Martinez, who joined us in February, as our new Essex Site Administrator.

Natalie takes over from Rhonda Brooks, who has moved on to a new career opportunity.

Natalie's primary role is responding to residents' questions and processing business transactions.

She also provides a full range of administrative support to the Property Manager, Caroline Graham.



Your Newsletter Team: Anne Bisson, Cathy Kelly, Bill McDougall, Fred Reichl

To offer a suggestion: Go to essex.ca/Feedback.htm

TRAFFIC TIP

When entering the under ground garage from **Dundas** Street

BE AWARE

STOP

At the mid-ramp Concierge Station

> ***** WAIT

for the **GARAGE DOOR** to fully open

ALLOW

ALL cars to exit before entering

ESSEX 1 Organic Food Waste Program - Anniversary

The Essex 1 Organics Food Waste disposal program is one year old. Residents appear to be managing well.

A special information letter will be going out to new residents shortly to make sure everyone is aware of the requirement.

REMEMBER, deposit waste in special bins in the P1 Recycling Room, using ONLY well-tied, 100% biodegradable bags.

Leave Me The Birds And The Bees (from the song Big Yellow Taxi)

As we look upon the concrete jungle around us, it can be wonderful to plan a visit with nature in some amazing parks just an easy drive away.

James Gardens on Edenbridge Drive off Royal York Road, combines gorgeous flower beds, lawns and ponds, picnic areas, and woodsy nature paths beside the Humber River. It's a favourite for wedding

party photos.

Colonel Samuel Smith Park is another park jewel, south on Kipling past Lake Shore Blvd. There are picnic and playground areas, walking paths beside beautiful Lake Ontario and wild grass and flower areas that attract pretty songbirds.

Humber Bay Park East at the foot of Park Lawn Road and

Humber Bay Park West, just to the west of it on Lake Shore Blvd., offer picnic areas, ponds and inlets to race your model boats or watch the ducks, geese and swans, walking paths by the lake, spectacular views of downtown, and lots of wild grass and flowers where butterflies and songbirds visit. So give your heart and soul a treat and take a walk in the park!

The Perfect Time To Get Rid Of Some Stuff!

Got item(s) that don't belong in **Some items accepted for** the chute, the recycling bins or even the dumpster??

Community Environment Days

have now been scheduled for this year, running until October all over the GTA. The ones nearest to the Essex buildings are:

June 11: snow disposal facility on 207 New Toronto Street, west of Kipling, across from the CN Rail Yard

June 18: Richview Collegiate (Islington and Eglinton) September 10: Stonegate

All dates and locations and a detailed list of accepted items can be found at:

Plaza, east of Park Lawn Road.

www.toronto.ca/environment_days/index.htm

recycling or disposal:

- Computer Equipment and related items
- Audio/Visual Equipment and related items
- Household Hazardous Waste (e.g.,
 - o cleaning supplies and solvents
 - o motor oil
 - paint
 - o batteries
 - o old/unused medication
 - mercury thermometers/ thermostats
 - o pesticides
 - o fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs
 - o propane tanks)

Some items accepted for reuse (please keep separate):

- o Sporting goods (e.g. skates and jerseys)
- Medical equipment in good condition (e.g. eyeglasses, walking aids, hearing aids, etc.)
- o Small household items (e.g. dishes, ornaments, etc.)
- o Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens, etc.)

Do not bring:

- construction waste
- garbage
- gasoline
- wood
- cassette or videotapes
- commercial/industrial hazardous waste or
- scrap metal

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