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Finally! We can replace those scarves and hats with something a bit lighter and brighter. Gone are the dark days of winter and we're back outside taking in the best of springtime – whether it's at a city café or a stroll through the park or doing some gardening on our own balconies.

In this issue you will find out all about Minto's Communities in Bloom contest! Plus read about Minto's newest environmental building initiative – EnergyStar rated rental homes at Minto ForestView. Plus read about this year's resident / landlord food drive, which yielded tremendous results thanks to your generous donations.

As always in this and every issue you can pick up some handy tenant tips – we'll address some common resident concerns that may arise in the springtime.

We always invite your suggestions and story ideas. So please write to us at living@minto.com with suggestions for articles you'd like to see. We'll publish one of your letters and award the winner with a special prize.

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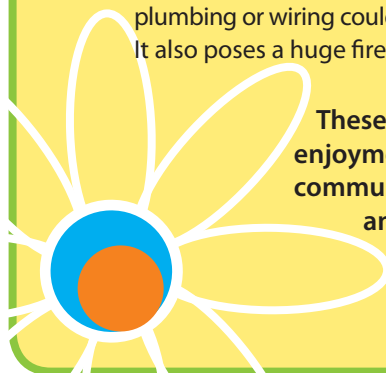
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Spring has sprung!

As the warm weather approaches we're all anxious to enjoy seasonal furniture and household items from storage. The sunny days are perfect for enjoying our balconies, gardens and the outdoor areas of our communities. We ask that you please remember to be respectful of your neighbours by remembering some quick spring tips:

- To avoid noise and street congestion, lawn or garage sales are not permitted in our communities unless approved by the Property / Community Manager and Regional Manager. Call your office before you plan a sale.
- Please comply with the "Stoop and Scoop" city by-law by picking up after your pet and discarding the waste appropriately. In addition, pets are to be kept on a leash while in any common area.
- Help keep your community beautiful. Please do not store garbage and recycle bins or bicycles on steps, porches or balconies. For extra storage space, please speak with your Property / Community Manager. As well, please ensure that you do not throw items from your balcony for example water or smoking materials.
- For safety reasons, barbequing is not permitted on balconies and lit barbeques must be at least 10 feet away from the wall if you have a yard.
- In order to keep our communities attractive and green, please ensure unobstructed access to all backyards. Our maintenance personnel need access for lawn cutting and general maintenance. Please keep your backyard neat and clear of clutter.
- Residents wishing to install items such as air conditioners, screen doors or satellite dishes must first obtain written approval from their Property / Community Manager. This is to ensure that the items meet installation specifications. As per the Tenancy Agreement, we will request the removal of any items installed without written consent or that have not been properly installed.
- A reminder that residents are not permitted to install additional wiring or plumbing in their suites. Remember that the installing of illegal plumbing or wiring could land a hefty fine from the city's Fire Department. It also poses a huge fire risk.

These policies are in place for the security and enjoyment of all of our residents. We want our communities to be as safe and beautiful as possible and we need everyone's help to achieve that goal. If you have any questions, please contact your Property or Community Manager.



Minto's New FV3

– An Energy Star Success Story in East Ottawa!

These days, we're all concerned about the impact our lifestyle choices have on the environment and we all try to make our housing dollars go a bit further.

Minto Developments answers these concerns by offering its third and final phase in Chapel Hill- FV3. Residents will enjoy state of the art green living, plus design features and amenities usually only found in a new luxury home. In fact, ForestView has been designated Best New Rental Community in Ontario by the rental industry.



FV3 is one of the first rentals in Ontario to have earned the ENERGYSTAR® qualification by meeting specific environmental standards in building design and construction. Only 60 homes will be built at FV3, the final phase of this pristine townhome rental community. Some of the features include:

More effective insulation ensures even temperatures throughout your home, less energy consumption, improved indoor air quality and comfort while reducing utility bills.

High performance windows and doors that keep heat in during winter and out during summer, while blocking ultraviolet rays that can damage carpets and furniture.

Tighter construction and ductwork reduces drafts, moisture, dust, pollen and noise.

Efficient heating and cooling uses less energy to operate, reduces indoor humidity, runs quieter and improves overall comfort.

Efficient lighting and the most up to date appliances provide additional savings.

Come see what everyone is talking about! Visit our rental centre at 650 Woodcliffe Private, call us at 613-590-2268 or visit mintoforestview.com



Communities in Bloom.

Will you have dancing daisies, perky petunia or ravishing roses in your yard this summer? We're holding our fourth annual Best Garden contest (for those residents who have their own private yard) to show our appreciation for your green thumb!

We'll be looking for the most dazzling summer garden in each community – you can nominate your own garden or any of your neighbor's gardens. Just drop by your community resident services centre for a nomination form.

1st prize in each community will be \$50 off one month's rent. The Grand Prize between all entries in all communities will be a \$200 gift card to Home Depot.

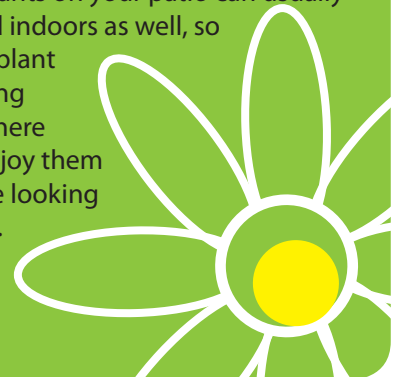
Contest closes on July 31st

Here's a set of easy guidelines will help you when you create your new outdoor space. First ask yourself: How will I use this area? Will I go outside to relax or do I just need some added privacy?



Which direction does my patio face? How much sun and direct sun light reach it? Be sure to use a lightweight growing container and lightweight soils, which can help reduce weight over standard garden soil. Avoid using heavy containers; plastics and cedar wood are recommended for low-weight situations.

Don't be limited to the "usual" standard annuals. Plants on your patio can usually be enjoyed indoors as well, so be sure to plant eye-catching displays where you can enjoy them from inside looking out as well.



Neighbour of the Year contest

In past issues, we've told you about some special residents who have made contributions to their communities. Whether it was improving the quality of life in their building, or offering assistance to those at need in the neighbourhood, they have tried to make their world a better place.

We believe in the value of recognizing these residents, and we know there are many more like them. We want your help to celebrate their accomplishments.

To that end, we are launching the first ever
“Minto Neighbour of the Year” contest!

We want you to nominate a neighbour who you feel deserves special recognition. It could be the neighbour who's always there to open the door, or help you carry groceries. It could be the resident who spends hours reorganizing the building's lending library. Perhaps it's a resident who volunteers at the local community centre, or helps out at a shelter on the weekends. Or maybe they just have a really interesting story to tell.

Send us a letter and tell us why your neighbour should be “Neighbour of the Year”. Include their name, your name and your building address. Letters can be dropped off at your Resident Services Centre, or emailed to jjudd@minto.com.

A special prize will be awarded to both the nominator and the nominee, and the winning entry will be printed in the next issue.

Help us celebrate the many wonderful residents living in our Minto communities.

Minto Residents, Employees Help Stock Food Bank Shelves

April 24th saw Minto employees and resident volunteers spending their evening canvassing door-to-door in your community. We're proud of all our volunteers, who joined their counter-parts province-wide for the fifth annual Landlord Tenant Food Drive.



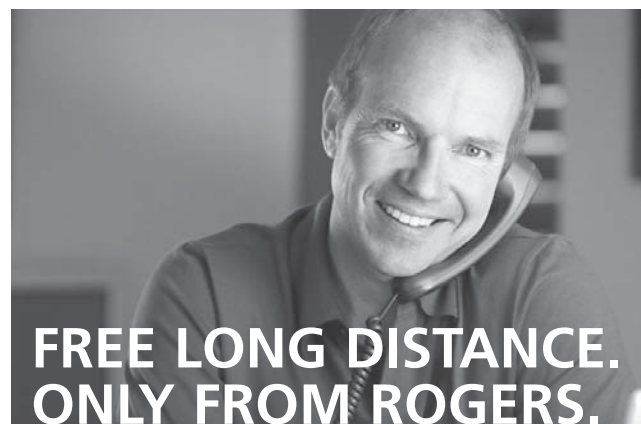
The provincial goal this year was to collect 600,000 pounds of food. Our team of 118 volunteers worked hard towards this goal. In three hours, they knocked on over 8,200 doors throughout Ottawa to collect 52,400 pounds of food, which was over half of the city total of 90,000 pounds. Thanks to both our employee and resident volunteers for giving up some personal time for a great cause!

Take the first step to home ownership



Your first step to home ownership is easier than you think. Simply renting with Minto puts you one step closer to the Minto home of your dreams.

Rent an apartment or home in one of our great communities across the city and we will credit you with rental reward dollars towards the purchase of a new Minto home. After only 1 year you will have earned \$600. After 3 years you will have earned \$1800. Each additional year you continue to earn more. And there is lots of opportunity to earn bonus dollars through special promotions.



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