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A Fall Forward

By now we've all rehashed our routines and those lazy days of summer are sadly long behind us. But the fall season has much for us to look forward to.

On the home front there's a lot to report. The Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario officially launched the Certified Rental Building (CRB) Program for rental housing in Ontario. Minto's High Park Village in Toronto is proud to become the first community to receive this prestigious designation. This initiative is the first quality assurance program of its kind in for the North American apartment industry, and we're delighted to be a part of it. We've already begun the certification process at many of our other communities across Ontario, you can look forward to your community's certification in the coming months.

This is the first year that we launched the garden contest and we're just thrilled to see entries flood in— check out this year's winners inside. If you missed this contest look inside for dates on the Minto Great Pumpkin carve off. Get some autumn inspiration and for the quintessential family day, look no further than to Downey's farm in Brampton where the John and Ruth Downey open their doors and hearts to all who appreciate a full day of pumpkins, wagon rides, hot cider and good cheer.

And of course in this and every issue you can pick up some handy resident tips – in this issue we'll address some of your most frequently asked fall and winter community questions.

All that's good!

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Another Year, Another Blooming Garden

This past spring, we decided to celebrate the Apartment Garden by holding our first annual Communities in Bloom contest.

We asked you to send pictures of your indoor or balcony garden, and you responded in spades! There were many beautiful gardens to choose from, but one stood out from the rest.

Congratulations to Mrs. E. Mortl of our High Park Village, who created a wonderful space to relax with her balcony garden seen here. Mrs. Mortl's fantastic efforts were rewarded with a t \$50 gift card to Home Depot.

A big green thumbs up to all of our residents who shared their beautiful blooms with us!

High Park Village – Certified with Pride

This summer, the Federation of Rental Housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) officially launched the Certified Rental Building (CRB) Program for rental housing in Ontario.

On June 25, 2008, Minto's High Park Village in Toronto was proud to become the first community to receive this prestigious CRB designation.



The program aims to provide residents with an assurance of quality when choosing a rental home, by setting out consistent standards and practices for property managers to follow. By choosing Certified Rental Building, residents should have peace of mind that they've chosen a property manager who cares about building quality and service.

This initiative is the first quality assurance program of its kind in North America, and we're delighted to be a part of it. We've already begun the certification process at many of our other communities, and we look forward to having all our rental properties certified in the coming months.

Left to right: Vince Brescia (President & CEO, FRPO); Ted Whitehead (Director of Certification, FRPO); John Stang (Senior VP, Rental Operations); and David Horwood (Chair, FRPO), unveil Ontario's first Certified Rental Building at Minto's High Park Village.

Downey's Farm Market

Looking for some family fall fun? Take your family out Downey's Farm Market, where's there's tons of fun for all ages!

Downey's Funland boasts lots of activities for children, including a play area with tractor tires and a sandbox, and the Kritter Korral, where they can pet and feed the animals! If that's not enough, there's plenty more:



check out the wooden train, ride around the trike track, or play Downey's Mini Putt!

Feeling hungry? Get some fresh, nutritious veggies or yummy baked-goods from the market.

Don't forget to check out PumpkinFest, on right now through the last week-end in October. There are thousands of pumpkins, and lots of fun! Look for clues and hidden stations in the A-maze-ing Corn Maze, have your face painted, or have a blast in the Balloon Typhoon. Don't forget to check out the live entertainment every week-end throughout the festival.

Family fun for everyone!

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Summer BBQ ... *Minto Style*

This summer, residents in Minto communities across the GTA gathered around the barbecue some good food and family fun.

Residents joined their Minto service teams for some burgers and dogs, a little mingling, a little music, and some clowning around at the annual barbecues held this July and August.

The events were a great success, and we'd like to thank everyone for coming out. By the pictures below, it seems everyone had a great time. Even the rain couldn't dampen the festive spirit at some of the sites!

We look forward to seeing you all at next year's barbecues!



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The *Great Pumpkin* Carve-off!

The bats are in the belfries, the cobwebs are rustling, and the ghosts are getting ready to haunt and howl.

Halloween is just around the corner. It's time to deck the halls in orange and black, and put your knives to work – carving pumpkins of course! And we want you to share your spooky pumpkin creations with us!

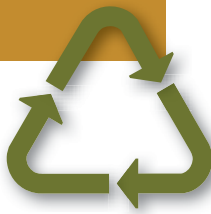
Send pictures of your pumpkins by mail to **Living Minto Management Limited** 2239 Yonge Street, Toronto, ON M4S 2B5 or email them in digital format to living@minto.com

The three most creative entries will be printed in our Winter edition.



Happy Halloween!

Recycling



Minto is proud to support recycling in all our communities. We provide for recycling of several different materials. Please contact your local Resident Service Centre for the location on the closest drop off in your community.

To help preserve and restore the environment,

we must all make every effort to reduce the amount of waste we produce. We can start by reducing our consumption of products and reusing them when-ever possible.

Join us by participating in these worthwhile programs. Help create a cleaner world now and for future generations.



Winter Tips

With winter just around the corner, we wanted to take the opportunity to provide you with some winter weather tips and reminders:

Snow Removal:

1. We will remove the snow from most common sidewalks, parking lots and drive-ways. However, residents of garden homes and some townhomes are responsible for clearing their own walkways and steps. If you aren't sure whether or not the snow removal is your responsibility, please feel free to contact your Resident Services Centre to clarify.
2. When the snow falls – please remember to move your car from the parking lot to allow the snow clearing vehicles to clear the parking spaces and lots. The more cars that are left in the lot, the harder

it is and the longer it takes for the snow to get cleared.

3. Please do not park on the side of the street during a heavy snow storm. The streets need to be clear of cars in order for the municipality to clear the streets.

We want everyone to stay safe and warm this winter - sometimes just walking outside can pose a hazard.

Safe Winter Walking:

1. Plan ahead; give yourself sufficient time and plan your route.
2. Wear shoes or boots that provide traction on snow and ice.
3. Use special care when entering and exiting vehicles.
4. Walk in designated walkways as much as possible.

