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News and Events from the Living Communities of Minto

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& Fresh
at Minto

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Worth waiting for.

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 we'll learn about how to create an amazing garden oasis on our balconies as well as find out all about Minto's Communities in Bloom contest! 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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To forget how to dig the earth and to tend the soil is to forget ourselves. - Mahatma Gandhi

Minto – LEED's The Way!

Minto has recently earned a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Canada certification for Radiance @MintoGardens - a first in Canada! Radiance is a 33 storey, 377-suite condominium built at the corner of Yonge and Sheppard in Toronto. We are particularly proud of this achievement as it demonstrates Minto's commitment to the environment and to sustainable urban development.

With the environmental success of Radiance, Minto's goal is to build all of the company's future multi-unit residential developments to the LEED standard of design and construction. At Minto we believe in Thinking Green...Living Greener and want to encourage all of our residents and employees to do their part to conserve natural resources, recycle, and reduce energy consumption. For more information about Minto Energy Management, please visit <http://www.minto.com/energy/energyFlash.htm>



Thinking Green... Living Greener™



Minto's Community Kids at Work Initiative

What is it?	A Minto initiative that provides summer employment opportunities to young residents in our communities.
Deadline for Applications?	June 5th, 2006.
When does work start?	Youth will be employed from June 26th to August 28th, 2006.
Hours of work?	10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday to Friday (hours may vary)
Who can apply?	Youth must be between the ages of 14 and 15 (at the time of employment) and must be a Minto resident.
Is there a uniform?	Custom T-shirts and Minto caps will be supplied. An I.D. badge must also be worn at all times while on duty.
What kind of work is it?	Odd jobs may include, but are not limited to: litter picking, painting, grass and garden watering, sweeping and door to door delivery of flyers.
How much does it pay?	\$6.00 per hour.

Spring has sprung!

As the warm weather approaches we're all anxious to get out our 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 Manager. Call our office before you plan a sale.
- Please comply with the "Stoop & Scoop" city by-law by picking up after your pet and discarding the waste appropriately. As well, pets are to be kept on a leash while in common areas.
- 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 Manager. Please do not throw items from your balcony such as water or smoking materials.

- For safety reasons, barbecuing is not permitted on balconies. Lit barbecues must be at least 10 feet away from the wall if you have a yard.
- In order to keep our communities attractive, 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 obtain written approval from their Property 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. The installing of illegal plumbing or wiring could land a hefty fine from the 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 Manager.

Minto Residents, Employees Help Stock Food Bank Shelves.



On Tuesday, April 20th, many Minto employees and their families spent the evening canvassing door to door in your community. The fourth annual Tenant and Landlord Food Drive aimed to collect 750,000 pounds of food for the Ottawa Food Bank in three short hours. The drive was a huge success and we are very proud that Minto's employees and residents played a major role in achieving this goal.

The warm weather certainly seemed to inspire our hardy crews of volunteers. Our Ottawa team of 166 volunteers canvassed over 10,000 homes in three hours, resulting in almost 50,000 pounds of food! The final provincial tallies have not yet been calculated, but in Ottawa alone, the drive collected over 120,000 pounds!

This huge contribution would not have been possible without two dedicated groups of people: the volunteers who took the time out of their personal lives to knock on your doors and of course there would be no food without you, our valued residents who opened your doors and your cupboards to help a great cause. On average, you each donated over 4.5 pounds of food! Congratulations to everyone who helped to restock the shelves of the Ottawa Food Bank.



Sue Martin at the new Resident Services Centre in Parkway Park.

Exciting News in Parkway Park!

Parkway Park officially opened the doors to its new Resident Services Centre on May 16th! Current and prospective residents now have convenient and easy access to this new office, which is located at 1399 Highgate Road, suite #1. The phone number is 613-667-9691 and the hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 8 am - 8 pm
Friday 8 am - 4 pm
Saturday 10 am - 2 pm
Sunday 12 pm - 4 pm

We welcome Tony and Alma Harris and John and Sue Martin in their new positions as Superintendent Couples and wish Charles Fournier best of luck in his new Superintendent position in Parkwood Hills!

Communities in Bloom.

Will you have dancing daisies, perky petunia or ravishing roses in your yard this summer? We're holding our third annual Best Garden contest (for those of you residents who have your 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 for the Best Garden across all Minto communities will be a \$200 gift card to Canadian Tire.

Contest closes on Monday, July 31, 2006.

Alternatively, many types of gardens can be created on patios or terraces. Add a little colour and instantly add some extra living space that's just right for relaxing and entertaining with friends and family all summer long!

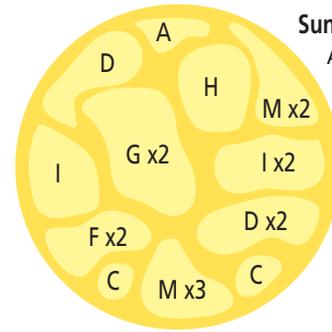
Here's a set of easy guidelines that will help you when you create your new outdoor space. First ask yourself: How will I use this area? Will I go outside to relax or do I just need some added privacy? Which direction does my patio face? How much sun and direct sunlight reach it?

Be sure to use a lightweight growing container and lightweight soils, which can help reduce weight as compared to standard garden soil. Avoid using heavy containers; plastics and cedar wood are recommended for low-weight situations.

Container gardening often is the simplest patio solution. Pots and planter boxes come in many shapes and sizes, can be moved around easily, take up hardly any space, and are movable.

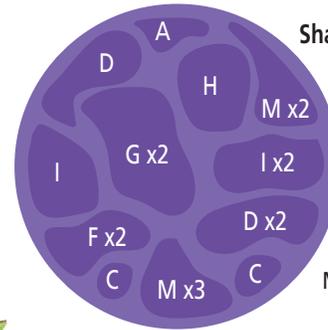
Don't be limited to the "usual" standard annuals. Plants on your patio can usually be enjoyed indoors as well, so be sure to plant eye-catching displays where you can enjoy them from inside looking out as well.

Here's a simple container planting plan which you can use as a guide when shopping at the garden centre:



Sun Planter

- A - Trailing Pink Verbena
- C - Trailing Pink Ivy Geranium
- D - Dark Purple Petunia
- F - Purple Alyssum
- G - Medium Pink Nicotiana
- H - Dracaena
- I - Hawaii Royal Ageratum
- M - Trailing Sapphire Lobelia



Shade Planter

- A - Variegated Wax Ivy
- C - Trailing Sapphire Lobelia
- D - Yellow Non-Stop Begonia
- F - Orange Non-Stop Begonia
- G - Lime Green Nicotiana
- H - Mimulus
- I - Victoria Blue Salvia
- M - Scaevola





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Carling Ave. & Moodie Dr.</p> <p>2 Bayshore
98 Woodridge Cres.</p> <p>3 Sophia Residences
91 Valley Stream Dr.</p> <p>4 The Arlington
33 Banner Rd.</p> <p>5 Parkway Park
Baseline Rd. at Woodroffe Ave.</p> <p>6 Aventura
20 Deerfield Dr.</p> <p>7 Navaho
10 Deerfield Dr.</p> <p>8 Tanglewood
Woodfield Dr.</p> <p>9 Parkwood Hills
1343 Meadowlands Dr.</p> <p>10 Skyline
32 Eleanor Dr.</p> | <p>11 Castle Hill
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14 Timberline Private - Chapman Mills</p> <p>14 Carlisle
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At Bank St.</p> <p>16 Norwood
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2750 Carousel Cres.</p> <p>19 Brant
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1551 Riverside Dr.</p> <p>22 Riverside Manor
1591 Riverside Dr.</p> <p>23 Castle View
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