



NEIGHBOURS

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3315 Fieldgate Drive, Mississauga:

Welcome to Another Great MetCap Living Neighbourhood

If your apartment needs a painting and you live at 3315 Fieldgate Drive in Mississauga, be careful how you fill out your maintenance request. You see, there is *suite* painting and then there are the *sweet* paintings of Building Manager, Danilo Zikovic.



Danilo Zikovic displays a sample of his paintings.

As long as he can remember, Danilo has been expressing himself with paints. More than three decades of his colourful and clever thoughts adorn the walls of the apartment he shares with his wife Duska.

The couple followed their son and daughter to North America from war-torn Yugoslavia three years ago. Not a hard decision considering, at one time, conscription involved every man, regardless of age, and bombings seemed never to end – a harsh reality Duska lived through alone, many times, including one shelling stretch for 78 days.

Today, daughter Alexandra, a graduate of Waterloo and Osgoode Hall specializes in business law in Toronto while son Milos, who attended university in North Dakota, works as a computer programmer in Minneapolis.

Not surprisingly, Danilo admits to being “very happy in Canada. We feel safer, there are many different cultures, we think Canada is a country with a great future and it’s very clean.”

‘Clean’ is important to both Duska and Danilo. Since

becoming Building Managers at the Fieldgate property earlier this year, they have worked hard to create an immaculate home for their valued residents. “When a building is clean, the residents are happier and it is easy to keep it rented,” says Danilo.

A former traffic engineer who, for more than 30 years, helped shape the road and rail transportation systems in Belgrade, Danilo applies both his scientific and creative skills to his Building Manager tasks.

And, when he wants to relax, he brings out his oils or watercolours and lets his mind wander across a canvas that is soon destined to become another family treasure.

Staying in Touch

Want to learn more about the people who own and manage your building? Visit MetCap Living’s website at www.metcap.com and, if you’ve got something to say, you can e-mail us directly. Just like our toll-free Resident Service Helpline, we’ll gladly respond to your concerns, suggestions (and compliments!).

Choose Your Neighbour

We value good residents who respect their neighbours and surroundings. That’s why we’re happy to work with you to attract like-minded prospects who would enjoy the benefits of a MetCap Living property. If you refer somebody to your Building Manager who is approved and moves in, we’ll send you a cheque for \$100. It’s a win-win...we all get good neighbours and you get something to help celebrate the occasion! For more information, speak to your Building Manager.



Grace and George Zajkowski, Building Managers at Parkway Forest Community’s 65 Forest Manor Drive, proudly display all the foodbank goodies donated by MetCap Living residents across Toronto.

Globetrotting Residents

Moving away from your family, roots and culture can be both exciting and daunting.

Sophie Jiang and Benson Wong can speak firsthand about, not one but, two wholesale cultural changes. Sophie and Benson grew up in Mainland China before moving to the United Kingdom in the '90s where Sophie studied management. Just as they were getting the hang of a completely different setting, Sophie finished her studies and the two set their sights on a new culture heavily influenced by hockey, maple syrup, the tenacious beaver, long winters and increasingly shorter summers. Based on a previous visit to Canada, Sophie had a "good impression of a beautiful land with lots of opportunity."

So, in 2001 Sophie and Benson landed in Toronto and chose Parkway Forest Community (Sheppard and Don Mills Rd) because they "liked the conveniences of nearby shopping and the TTC bus and subway access".

Now, two years after switching cultural gears, Sophie works for United Way and Benson is a reporter for the World Journal, a North American Chinese daily newspaper. Although family is on the other side of the world, Sophie and Benson keep in touch by phone and e-mail. And, each day, the two 'explorers' learn a little more about the subtleties of life in Canada.

At MetCap Living, we're proud to be part of the life journey that Sophie and Benson have set for themselves. No matter where their next adventure takes them, we hope their Parkway Forest/Canadian experience provides them with plenty great friendships and fond memories!

Neighbourhood Watch

There are tremendous benefits behind an active Neighbourhood Watch program in your building. At Maple Grove Towers in Toronto's Keele and Finch neighbourhood, for example, staff and residents are teaming up with police from 31 Division where personal safety awareness will be a priority and volunteers will help keep a watchful eye on every floor of the four-building, 35-acre property. Want to start something in your building? Talk to your Building Manager.

Splish! Splash!

Dust off the sunblock and reach for your Speedo – outdoor pools across all MetCap Living properties will be officially open on July 1st. While you're at poolside, please obey the rules for everyone's benefit – and safety!

Recognizing Excellence

With 40 multi-family properties in its Toronto portfolio alone and terrific management teams at each location, picking the year's very best MetCap Living apartment building is a big challenge. Based on a wide range of criteria 15 Tangreen Court, part of the Yonge Village Apartment complex at Steeles Avenue and Yonge Street, was selected 2002 Building of the Year at a recent awards recognition event. A tip of the ol' MetCap to Building Managers, Linda and Thomas Avery as well as Superintendents Cathy Scott and Douglas Radley!



15 Tangreen, Toronto



Inga Pienkowska

Meanwhile, residents at 100 Parkway Forest Drive may not be overly surprised but should be pleased to learn that their favourite Building Manager, Inga Pienkowska, was chosen MetCap Living's 2002 Employee of the Year. Inga, who has been a valuable MetCap Living team member for more than five years, shared the honour with a colleague from the organization's head office. More than 750 people are employed by MetCap Living.

We hope you enjoyed this Spring 2003 edition of MetCap Living's *Neighbours* and remind you that we welcome your story ideas. Contact us at 1-877-METCAP-1 or through our website www.metcap.com



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