

Winter 2012 *news*

A Big Thank You from San Romanoway!

Wow, when 88 Erskine pitches in, amazing things happen! Together we were able to collect 123 pairs of mittens, 36 hats, 16 sweaters and 1 teddy bear to help send warm holiday wishes to residents at another Greenwin building at Jane & Finch. Your gift donations also helped put the "merry" into one family's Christmas!



January 3, 2012

Dear 88 Erskine Residents,

I, my father, and my little brother all want to thank you for the presents and tell you how grateful we are. I liked the Barbie doll very much, now it's the queen of my dollies.

My brother likes his sweater and loves to wear it to school. Thank you so much for the gifts and I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Omelia

Mmmmark the Date!

Saturday February 11
2:30 - 4:30 pm
In the Lobby.

For a great Saturday, just add chocolate! Bring your sweet tooth and join us for a sweet break this February!



New Contests

What's Your Java Joint?

Post your favourite coffee shop on our facebook page and be eligible to win a \$15 laundry card! Contest ends February 28, 2012.



Pet of the Month

Submit a photo of your pet together with his/her bio [breed, birth date, where he/she came from, likes/dislikes, favourite park, favourite treat] and be eligible to win a \$50 PetSmart gift card! One winner will be selected every month and posted on our website too! Email to concierge88@greenwin.ca

Please note: Photos must be high resolution and winners must agree to have their names and photos published.



TASTE *of the* neighbourhood

A GREAT LUNCH ON A COLD DAY



Banjara Indian Cuisine has opened its second location at 164 Eglinton East, just west of Redpath. Chef Raj Veerella purchased Mr. Maharajah Indian Cuisine on Balmuto Street in 2000; the success of the restaurant encouraged him to expand to 796 Bloor West in 2003 and on Eglinton Avenue East in 2011.

We visited the busy lunch buffet on a cold day in January and enjoyed an assortment of 12 piping hot dishes, melt-in-your mouth Naan bread and exotic ice creams for just \$9.99 per person. The buffet offerings change daily, but on our visit, the following was savoured:

- Mango Salad
- Lamb Masala
- Chara Masala [chick peas in spicy tomato sauce]
- Butter Chicken, Aloo Gobi [cauliflower and potatoes in an aromatic sauce]
- Palak Paneer [home made cottage cheese with spinach and a touch of cream]
- Navratan Curry [9 vegetables in a light gravy]
- Ginger Chicken and Vegetables
- Beef Stir Fry
- Crispy Fish with sweet chili sauce [our personal favourite!]
- Fried noodles with chicken
- Fried Rice
- Vegetable Samosas
- Naan Bread
- Lychee, Coconut, Mango and Rose Faluda ice cream.

There is something for everyone at this buffet. The dishes are seasoned to perfection, with a combination of sweet and savoury spices. The dinner menu is more expansive and includes seafood, many more vegetable dishes and rice variations, Pakora and soup appetizers, pickle and chutney side dishes and 4 more types of fresh-made bread.

Don't leave without trying the Kulfi dessert with mango, pistachio, lychee and coconut!

Banjara is a little gem serving up great value.

www.torontobanjara.com | 416.486.6644

164 Eglinton Avenue East

Open: Monday - Friday 11:30 - 3:00 and 5:00 - 10:30

Saturday - Sunday noon - 3:00 and 5:00 - 10:30

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR



This spring will mark 35 years that Shirley Gray has lived at 88 Erskine Avenue, having chosen it for both the neighbourhood and proximity to the subway. Both the area and the building "... have become better since then. This is the perfect place for non-drivers" says Shirley, "you can walk to grocery and fabulous specialty shopping, entertainment, medical offices, and, of course, the subway. It is such a vibrant area."

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"The best change in the building has undoubtedly been the addition of the Concierge staff. Petar, Peter and Jeremy are just wonderful. Peter Welsh and Jason take care of all maintenance needs expertly and efficiently. Judy, Betty Anne and Eugene make up the rest of the team and complete the family. The cleaning staff are friendly too and do a great job. They all do such a wonderful job decorating the lobby for Hallowe'en and Christmas."

"The best building events are the annual BBQ and the Holiday celebration in the lobby. The food is first class. It's so enjoyable to socialize with the many friends that I now have in the building. We check on each other frequently, add Shirley. Over the years, Shirley has referred many people to this building because the staff make it feel like home. The fact that most people at 88 Erskine are known to them on a first name basis, and that makes the building feel like a family. Shirley especially loves that the staff embrace pets – including her 13 year old cat named Bear.

Shirley enjoys the restaurants in the neighbourhood and frequents Amore on Yonge Street. She retired from Owens Corning in 1998 and, amongst her many hobbies, she enjoys antiquing [she collects stoneware jugs and paintings] both in person and on-line.

To Shirley, it is not an apartment but her home and she cannot see herself living anywhere else.

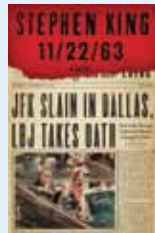
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Steve Jobs

Based on more than forty interviews with Jobs, family members, friends, competitors and colleagues conducted over two years—Walter Isaacson recounts the life of this creative

entrepreneur whose passion for perfection and drive for innovation helped define Apple. Jobs refrained from taking any control over the final content of this book; nor did he define any limits to what it could cover. What results is a candid and riveting journey into the extraordinary world of Steve Jobs, as told from those who knew the mastermind behind one of the world's most influential companies.



11/22/63

How would the course of history have changed if the assassination of President Kennedy never happened? In his dramatic new novel, Stephen King introduces readers to a character who

has the power to change the course of history. Jake Epping is a thirty-five-year-old high school English teacher whose friend Al's diner has a portal that can magically transport people back to 1958. Al enlists Jake on an insane mission to try to prevent the Kennedy assassination. So begins Jake's new life as George Amberson and a trip that defies all the normal rules of time.



Michael Moore: Here Comes Trouble

From the Oscar-winning filmmaker comes 24, irreverent and stranger-than-fiction stories from his early life. One moment he's an eleven year old

boy lost in the Senate and found by Bobby Kennedy, and the next a friendly priest is showing him how to perform his own exorcism. Described as alternately funny, eye-opening and moving, this book takes the reader on an unforgettable ride through the life and times of Michael Moore.



The Dovekeepers

Hailed as a masterpiece and a tour de force, Hoffman's latest novel takes place in ancient Israel. According to the ancient historian Josephus, two women

and five children survived the Roman attack on Masada. This spellbinding tale recounts the stories of four extraordinarily bold and resourceful women, and how their lives intersect during the desperate days of the siege. While each woman has come to Masada by a different path, all are dovekeepers, and secret keepers — about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love.



The Litigators

Finley and Figg is a two-bit law firm that stumbles on a huge case which could make the partners rich without actually having to do much work.

A pharmaceutical company with the number one cholesterol reducing drug has recently come under fire after several patients taking it suffered heart attacks. A firm in Florida is putting together a class action suit; now all they have to do is find a handful of clients who have had heart attacks while taking the drugs, convince them to become clients and join the class action suit, in order to make a fortune. In John Grisham's entrancing storytelling, the reader finds out that what sounds too good to be true, usually is.

Reminder: Our lending library has many great titles! To view the complete list of what's available to borrow, please visit www.88erskine.com and click on the Residents Only section.

New DVDs

- The Debt
- Water for Elephants
- The Change Up
- The Help



Holiday Happenings

The holiday spirit was apparent this past December, as our Residents turned out to meet, mingle and celebrate in 88 Erskine style!



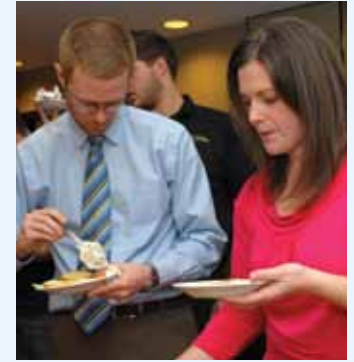
Pet Profiles

Seen any of these four legged creatures around the building? Next time you do, you'll be able to greet them by name!

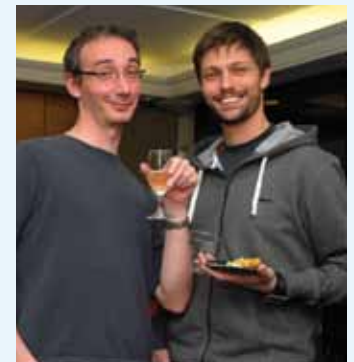
Holiday Happenings Continued



Meet Xiaoyan and Muffin, a 3 year old male 'Puglier' -- a mix of pug and King Charles Cavalier Spaniel. Muffin loves chasing squirrels and going to the nearby off-leash parks to play with other dogs. He was purchased from a breeder in Ottawa.



Say hello to Audrey, C.W. and Berkeley. Berkeley is a very playful 4 month old Chocolate Lab male whose favourite past time is playing with sticks and the other dogs in the building. He was purchased from a breeder in Kitchener.



This is Anastasia and Porsche! -- This 3 and a half year old male Yorkie loves walks in the nearby parks and prefers chasing balls instead of other dogs. Porsche's parents were both champion dogs; he was purchased from a breeder in Russia, when he was just a month old.



Winners' Circle



Facebook winner
Caitlin Rose Soch was the lucky recipient of the \$100 Future Shop gift card for posting her 88 Erskine recommendation on Facebook!



New Locker Room Now Available!

Need somewhere safe to secure your oversized belongings? Our new locker room is secure and well lit, with lockers measuring 5' w x 7' d x 8' h. Lockers are \$60/month and can be rented from the Management Office.

Have You Seen Our New Website?

Visit 88erskine.com and check out our easier-to-navigate new website!



Thanks For Your Suggestions!



You suggested, we took action! In consideration of the many four legged friends living in the building, we looked into alternatives to the rock salt being used in the front of the building. We're pleased to report that our landscapers and maintenance staff have now switched to pet friendly ice melter under the front canopy.

We've also extended the overnight parking time on Friday and Saturday nights until 10:00 am the next day, so that overnight guests do not have to race out early to feed the meter.

Got an idea on how to make life easier at 88 Erskine? Post your suggestions on our Facebook page or email us at concierge88@greenwin.ca

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