

Thank you for your letters and e-mails

Prime Time wishes to thank all our readers for their many letters and e-mails over the past several months. While we couldn't answer all of them, we do appreciate the time taken to write them.

As a result, we're planning many new features in our two spring issues. You told us you wanted to see more stories about affordable living, volunteerism, mentoring, being independent, coping alone, finding a new mate and many more. You wanted us to publish some of your letters and e-mails - we'll do that. Finally, we're really delighted you enjoyed our regular humour column, *Aging Disgracefully*.

Well, from all the e-mails we received, we chose this one from Doris Sanderson-Gray (who decided not to tell us her hometown). "Borrowed" or not, we loved it.

"Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D., Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests itself . . .

I decide to wash my car. As I start towards the garage, I notice there is mail on the hall table. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the trash can under the table and notice that the trash can is full.

So I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the trash first.

But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the trash anyway, so I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my cheque book off the table and see that there is only one cheque left.

My extra cheques are in my desk in my study so I go to my desk where I find the

can of Coke that I had been drinking.

I'm going to look for my cheques but first I need to push the Coke aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over.

I see that the Coke is getting warm and decide I should put it into the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head towards the kitchen with the Coke, a vase full of flowers on the counter catches my eye. They need to be watered. I set the Coke down on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning.

I decide I'd better put them back on my desk but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly I spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table.

I realize that tonight when I watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs but first I'll water the flowers.

I splash some water on the flowers but most of it spills on the floor so I set the remote back down on the table, get some towels and wipe up the mess.

Then I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day, the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there's a warm can of Coke sitting on the counter, the flowers aren't watered, there is still only one cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys.

Nothing got done today! I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day long and I'm really tired now.

- Doris Sanderson-Gray

Upscale yet pristine, The Landscapes offers new luxury amid the true Muskoka cottage experience

But, if you want to be lying on the beach in 2006, you'd better act now!

Think of it! Muskoka in all its natural, serene beauty. As the trees turn, fall's vibrant colours come alive all around you. Yes, Prime Timers, there is such a place - a cottage escape that offers the untouched grandeur of nature complete with all the living perks you could ask for in an upscale vacation residence.

Ground has just been broken on a spectacular new development called The Landscapes, which is scheduled to open officially in June of 2006 on Lake of Bays, Muskoka (1020 Birch Glen Rd., Baysville).

Judging by the brisk initial sales, it's promising to be one of the area's most attractive, sought-after communities, so you'd better act fast.

The site's many exclusive amenities will include sandy beaches, a year-round indoor/outdoor pool, fitness centre, clubhouse, docks, lakeside boardwalks, tennis courts, activity trails and more.

"We're very proud that The Landscapes reflects the priorities and even the dreams of the participants in our downtown Toronto focus groups" said Titos Tylans, President of The Landscapes Corporation. "They have helped The Landscapes to shape the Muskoka experience for years to come."

Shared ownership benefits

The Landscapes is another example of the growing popularity of fractional or shared ownership. Owners have a 1/10 share or interval of their designed and furnished cottage or cottage villa. This entitles them to five weeks' exclusive use of the cottage residence each year. Shares can be kept forever, sold or willed to someone else.

Another bonus: Through various agreements, ownership allows members to exchange any weeks for others of their choice in some of the best resorts around the world.

Membership also entitles owners to discounts on such perks as private jet rentals, yacht charters, elite automobile rentals, Abercrombie & Kent worldwide travel and access to premier sporting events.

The first phase of The Landscapes will include the construction of ten residences plus the clubhouse, which is part of the planned recreation complex. The ten residences will be in the form of two detached cottages and two four-unit cottage villas. They're on the waterfront and have two or three bedrooms, open kitchens, two fireplaces and outdoor decks.

The Clubhouse

"The clubhouse will be at the centre of The Landscapes" explains Tylans. "When people want to mingle, the clubhouse will offer a luxurious gathering space complete with fireplace, comfortable armchairs, a billiards table, even a library loft!

This community space can host parties and family celebrations. The other big attraction will be the indoor/outdoor swimming pool, sauna and fitness centre," he feels. "All areas provide opportunities to meet and make friends with other owners."

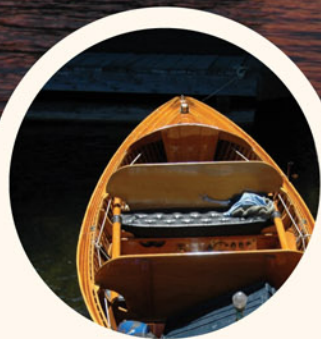
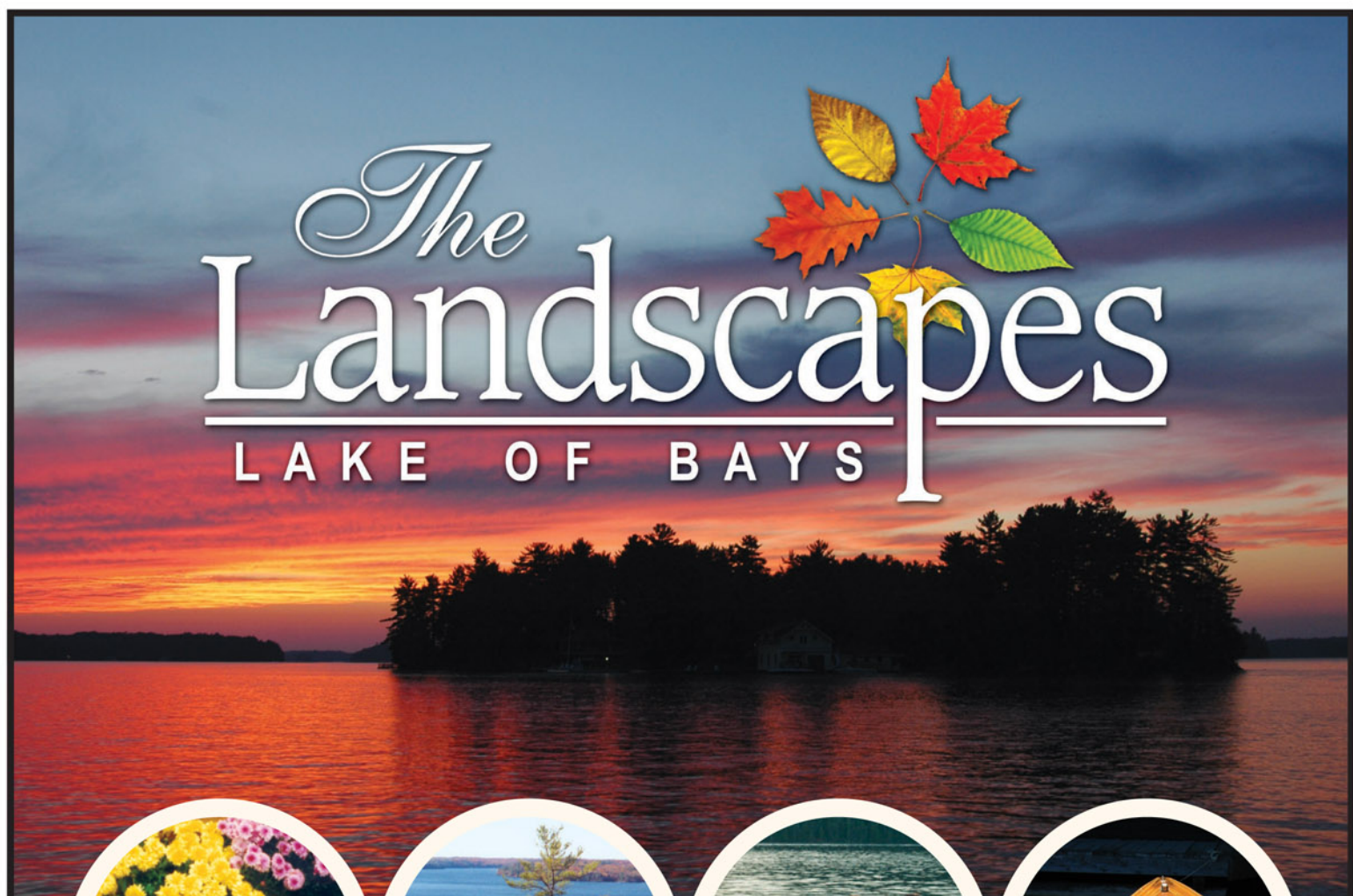
The Muskoka area is home to a variety of sports and all-season activities. Prime Timers can enjoy curling, indoor ice skating, snowmobiling and even dog-sledding, in addition to the traditional summer sports.

If golf is your sport, you can choose from no less than 18 breathtaking golf courses in the area, designed of varying lengths and difficulty.

If you enjoy shopping, you'll discover antiques, art galleries, book stores, crafts, furniture, gardening, home decorating supplies and clothing stores.

One of the most popular places, says Tylans, is famous Algonquin Park. But there's also Arrowhead Provincial Park, numerous cruises and boat tours. Many local artisans have studios in the area.

For information, visit www.thelandscapes.ca or call 1-800-410-2407.

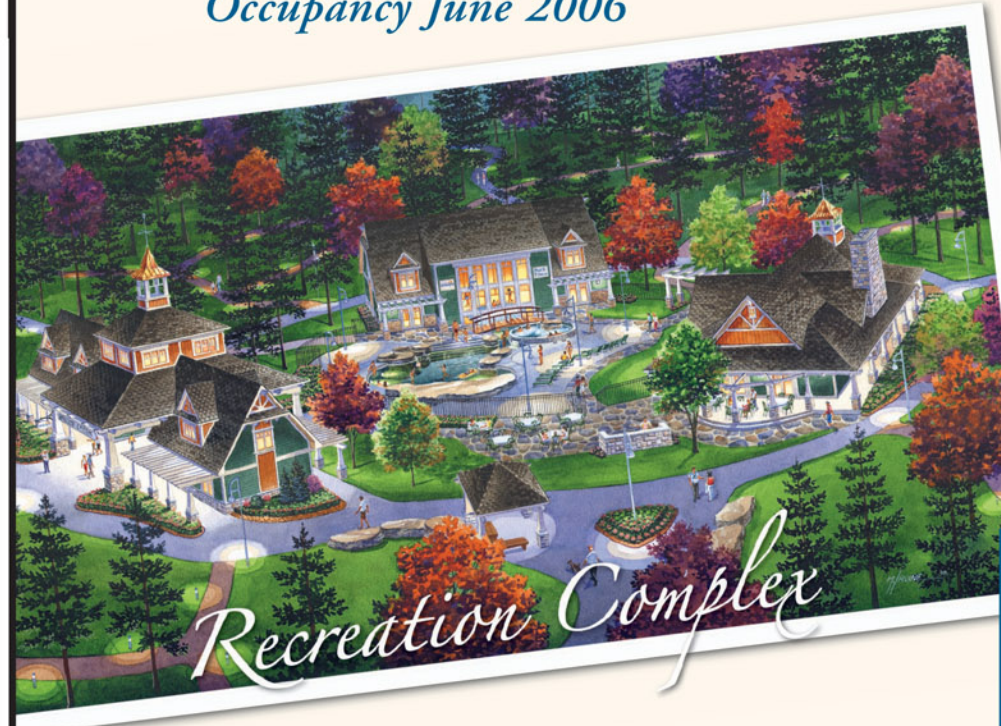


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