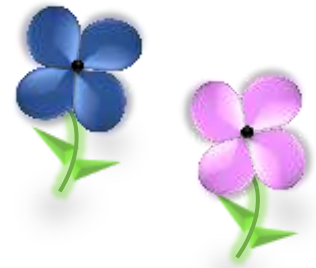




Essex Centre BIA 2019 Spring Newsletter



Mural Unveiling

On May 14, the Essex Centre BIA hosted a mural unveiling at our Parkette with reps from the Town of Essex and the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Committee! The BIA sponsored the nature-themed mural, the ACT Committee organized the project, and the Town installed it.



Congratulations

Congrats goes out to everyone involved in bringing an A&W to town! A ground breaking ceremony was held on May 22 with Essex Council and staff. It is expected to be open in the fall.



Congrats goes out to Essex Home Hardware on being named 'Beauti-Tone Paint Store of the Year!'



Congrats goes out to Mama's Place on achieving its ten-year anniversary!

Beautification

The Essex Centre BIA was pleased to add a chess table and tree to the pavilion area. The tree was planted in recognition of the many years Ron "Tout" McDermott, former Mayor of Essex, spent on the BIA Board and for the many years he 'flipped the switch' at the annual Tree Lighting event, which is hosted with the Essex Salvation Army.



Summer Events

The Essex Centre BIA is excited to host another round of fun and exciting summer/early fall events in the downtown corridor!

🌸 On Saturday, July 6, from 12:00-4pm, the Essex Centre BIA will host the **Fun Fest Sidewalk Party** event.

After the Essex Fun Fest Parade has ended, we will have live entertainment from the “The All Nighters.” We will also close Talbot Street, between Wilson Avenue and Arthur Avenue, so businesses can host sidewalk sales. Large inflatable balloons will be onsite.

🌸 On Friday, August 2, from 3-8pm, the Essex Centre BIA and the Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village will host the 2nd Annual **Essex Dream Cruise In**. Sidewalk sales and local bands “Fire” and “Smokin’ Purple Monkeys” will perform.

🌸 On Friday, September 27, 2018, from 4-7pm, the Essex Centre BIA will host the 3rd Annual **Fall in Love with Our**

Local Street Party. The event will take place along Talbot Street, from Wilson Avenue to Arthur Avenue. Business display booth areas will be available.



Board Positions

There are currently two positions open on the Essex Centre BIA Board. If you are creative and would like to volunteer for the betterment of your business district, email info@essexbia.com to learn more or send a Letter of Interest to the Town Clerk, Robert Auger, at rauger@essex.ca.



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Neighbourhood News



Talent by Tanya is sharing space with Essex Community Services, in the Victoria Wellness Plaza, and is offering paint classes. Chalk couture classes will be available in the very near future as well. Handcrafted or decorated items are also being sold.

On the Docks is located in the 105 Talbot Street South plaza. This new restaurant comes to Essex Centre from Harrow as a second location! Apps, burgers, chicken wings, wraps, salads, fish, and shrimp are on the menu.



Arts by Ash is located at 32 Arthur Street-Unit D (across from the No Frills Plaza). This new business offers classes, vinyl stickers, wood signs, canvas prints, and laser engraving and cutting.

Rock-A-Bye Baby Boutique is located at 48 Talbot Street North. This new business is offering baby and children's clothing and accessories.



Vangs Restaurant recently moved into the newly renovated 106 Talbot Street North facility. This eatery is offering Chinese and Thai cuisine.

Kabobgy is located at 58 Talbot Street North. This is the fourth branch in this growing chain of restaurants of Syrian cuisine. Other locations include Tecumseh, Windsor, and LaSalle.



Bei Cappeli (which means beautiful hair in Italian) is now located 70 Talbot Street North. This new establishment is offering hair care and manicures. After an interior make-over, the interior of the facility looks great! A new outdoor sign will be installed soon!



Essex Centre BIA Your Board

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BEA Awards

On Monday, March 25, the Essex Centre BIA and the Rotary Club of Essex hosted the 2018 Essex Centre Business Excellence Awards at Essex United Church.

Congratulations goes out to all of our 2018 Essex Centre Business Excellence Awards winners, nominees, and Anniversary Milestone celebrants!

A special thank you goes out to the Rotary Club of Essex for cooking dinner and helping us to organize the event, to all that sponsored or contributed in some way, and to Gordon Orr of TWEPI for being our special guest speaker!

2018 Business Excellence Awards winners:

Best Interior Improvement: *Century 21 Erie Shores*

Best Exterior Improvement: *Wood Craft Pizza & Bar*

Service Expansion of the Year: *Talbot Massage Therapy*

Rotary Four Way Test Award: *Stephanie Winger, Vision Realty*

Best Year-Round Storefront Display: *Eh Little Bit Of*

Beautification/Landscape Award: *Kennedy Funeral Home*

Community "Service Above Self" Award-Chain: *Ives Insurance Brokers Ltd.*

Community "Service Above Self" Award-Independent: *A-1 Chinese Restaurant*

Outstanding New Business: *Olde School Deli & Café*

Trailblazing Entrepreneur: *Justin Gagnon*



