

Mattamy Homes sponsors gruelling bike ride to Blue Mountain to benefit Sick Kids

Sick children may have something to feel good about when 35 determined cyclists bike 360 kilometres on June 10 and 11 in the second annual Mattamy Homes Tour de Blue, benefitting SickKids Foundation. On the first day, the cyclists will ride from Mattamy's Hawthorne Village community in Milton to Blue Mountain, and

TOUR DE BLUE

return the next day to The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. The money raised will go toward the completion of Marnie's Lounge — a home-like setting within the hospital that is visited by

up to 34 children and teens aged five to 18 each day. The lounge provides them with board and electronic games, arts and crafts and interactive programs. In 2005, the Tour de Blue raised more than \$116,000; the goal this year is \$200,000. For more information, visit www.mattamycorp.com/tourdeblue. *National Post*

THE GREEN ISSUE

MILTON

Price range: \$190,000s to \$530,000s
Location: Derry Road and James Snow Parkway

With homes designed to meet national Energy Star guidelines for energy efficiency, Coates Common and Coates Crossing II are the two newest neighbourhoods at Mattamy's ongoing master-planned community, Hawthorne Village. Townhouses, semis and detached homes on 56-foot lots are currently available, and a new collection of 36-foot lots has just been released.

Builder/developer Mattamy Homes
Green initiatives Home features include energy-efficient appliances, Low E Argon windows and additional insulation to keep heat from escaping.

Suites In addition to the 36-foot detached designs, the community has townhomes and semi-detached layouts. Detached

homes on 56-foot lots are also available in the Coates Crossing II neighbourhood.

Size 1,051 to 3,970 square feet

Occupancy Slated to begin in Fall, 2006

Target market A range of buyers

Features Homes have ceramic tile, broadloom and engineered hardwood flooring, with coffered ceilings in specific models.

Amenities The site is close to conservation areas, the Trafalgar Golf & Country Club, Rattlesnake Point and the Royal Ontario Golf Course. Highways 401 and 407, shopping, art galleries, museums, schools and daycare facilities are close by.

Standouts The site overlooks the Niagara Escarpment.

Sales office Located at 1550 Derry Rd. in Milton. Open Mondays to Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m., Fridays from 1 to 6 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 905-875-2692 or visit mattamyhomes.com. *L.V., National Post*

GUELPH

Price range: \$253,900 to \$426,800
Location: Gordon Street and Lowes Road

Located next to a conservation area in Guelph, Conservation Estates is a new low-rise community by Reid's Heritage Homes. Featuring houses built to national Energy Star standards, the project is made up of single-family homes on 30- to 50-foot lots. The local area offers a range of amenities, including parks, recreational facilities and regular festivals and events.

Builder/developer Reid's Heritage Homes

Green initiatives All houses have Low-E Argon windows, insulated steel exterior doors and insulation upgrades, as well as a Heat Recovery Ventilator for moisture control and improved indoor air quality.

Suites Single-family homes on 30- to 50-foot lots

Size 1,361 to 3,059 square feet

Occupancy Fall, 2006

Target market A range of buyers

Features Homes have upgraded kitchen cabinetry, oak handrails on the main staircase, and 40-ounce broadloom and ceramic-tile flooring.

Amenities The town of Guelph offers parks, recreational facilities, schools, shopping and services.

Standouts The site is next to a conservation area and Hanlon Creek.

Sales office Located at 1467 Gordon St., at Lowes Road West in Guelph. Open Mondays to Wednesdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. Call 1-866-387-0065 or visit reidsheritagehomes.com. *L.V., National Post*

YONGE/ EGLINTON

Price range: \$203,800 to more than \$400,000
Location: Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue

MintoUrban Communities' Radiance@MintoGardens site recently became the first multi-unit residential building in Canada to gain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, and now the company hopes to follow that up with its current MintoMidtown project at Yonge and Eglinton. The site — including the latest building, Quantum2 The North Tower — is being built to LEED standards, with a range of environmental and energy-efficiency features.

Builder/developer MintoUrban Communities

Green initiatives The developer has announced new green initiatives at the site, including a rainwater collection plan that saves rainwater to irrigate the project's landscaped areas. The company has also committed to using renewable, environmentally-responsible "green power" for 50% of the project's energy

needs. In addition, suites feature individual water and electricity meters, energy-efficient appliances, an off-switch at the front door and dual flush toilets.

Suites One-bedroom, one-bedroom-plus-den, two-bedroom, two-bedroom-plus-den and loft layouts

Size 641 to 1,224 square feet

Occupancy Fall, 2008

Target market Young professional singles and couples, and empty nesters

Features All suites include balconies, with floor-to-ceiling windows, granite kitchen countertops, European-style maple and oak cabinetry, marble bathroom vanities and laminated wood flooring

Amenities The site features a 24-hour concierge, a fitness centre, billiards room, TV lounge, dining room, guest suites and an outdoor terrace with barbecues.

Standouts The site is surrounded by shops, restaurants and movie theatres, with subway access close by.

Sales office Located at 2239 Yonge St. Open Mondays to Thursdays from noon to 6 p.m., and weekends from noon to 5 p.m. Call 416-485-2195 or visit mintomidtown.com. *L.V., National Post*



Above: The combination living and dining room features large furniture, such as what the move-down market might have; below: vivid colours are used throughout the kitchen and family room.

Energy-efficient country-style home

Design to appeal to empty nesters

BY LISA VAN DE VEN

An upscale country design, complete with energy efficiency built in.

Named the EnerQuality Corporation's Energy Star Industry Leader for 2005, Mason Homes offers Energy Star features as a standard at its Maple Bridge site in Uxbridge. In the project's 2,000-square-foot two-bedroom-plus-den bungalow model home, those energy-efficiency initiatives are paired with a design styled to appeal to the empty nesters moving down from surrounding areas.

"They're moving out of Markham and North York and further east, even coming up from Pickering," says Sean Richards, general manager of BAM Builder Advertising & Marketing Inc., the company behind the model's interior design. "We wanted them to be comfortable, bring all their big furniture with them — it still fits into these bungalows."

The home opens up to a formal living and dining area, with dark-toned hardwood floors that extend through most of the house. The living space features a white pillow-back sofa and matching love seat, while the table in the dining area is round and traditional in style. "Everything is still fairly large scale, because, if it is a move-down market, we



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don't expect them to have to sell everything to move in," Mr. Richards says. "It's very comfortable."

Off the living space is the den, designed with cream carpet on the floor and a desk area overlooking an oversized window. Large windows also help define the open family room and kitchen, creating a bright space that the designers have highlighted with vivid wall colours, including yellow to offset the cabinetry in the kitchen and terracotta through the rest of the space.

Extensive kitchen cabinetry lines one wall, designed in a light shade of wood to contrast with the floors, and incorporating traditional glass fronts and a built-in wine rack to add interest to the space. The backsplash is tumbled-marble tile, set on a 45-degree angle; the appliances are stainless steel and the sink is built into the island. Accessories and Tiffany-style lighting fixtures add extra colour, while valance lighting underneath the cabinets further accentuates the room. "It brightens up the space, and adds some interest because you are looking at it from your family room," Mr. Richards says.

There's a breakfast nook off the kitchen, with a round table and two chairs draped in fabric, and the family room features neutral furniture to offset the brighter walls, with two occasional chairs in brown-toned stripes and a floral-pattern love seat that incorporates shades of red and brown.

The master bedroom has been designed in a monochromatic style with a dark-wood furniture set and accents of yellow and off-white in the bedding. The

walls are a grey-taupe shade, with a reading nook set into one corner. "We dressed it as if someone's been reading there, with a book and a pair of reading glasses open on a page," Mr. Richards says.

The final bedroom, designed for guests, offers a brighter feel, with a floral design in yellow and red and a country style. There's a white wrought iron bed with a plaid skirt and floral bedding. The rest of the furniture is wood. "It's not a perfectly-matched set," Mr. Richards says. "It was supposed to look as if it was a couple of pieces that people have brought with them."

Townhouses and single-detached homes are available at Maple Bridge, ranging in size from 1,100 to 3,500 sq. ft. and in price from the \$250,000s to the \$400,000s. The sales office is located on Oakside Drive off Ash Green Avenue in Uxbridge, and is open Mondays to Thursdays from 1 to 8 p.m. and weekends and holidays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 705-852-7226 or 1-877-243-0159, or visit masonhomes.ca.

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MISSISSAUGA

Price range: \$175,000 to \$305,000
Location: Burnhamthorpe Road and Duke of York Boulevard

Located in downtown Mississauga, Ultra Ovation is Tridel Dorsay's newest addition to their multi-tower Ovation condominium site. The building features a cylindrical design, with 32 storeys and 297 suites in total. The site features a range of environmentally sensitive features, in keeping with Tridel's mandate.

Builder/developer Tridel Dorsay
Green initiatives Suites feature individual meters for energy, heat and water. There are also energy-efficient

appliances and double-glazed windows for improved efficiency.

Suites One- and two-bedroom suites, many with dens

Size 580 to 892 square feet

Occupancy Early 2009

Target market Largely professionals and first-time buyers, with some empty nesters

Features Suites come with six-inch plank or strip laminate flooring in the common areas, with 40-ounce carpeting in the bedrooms and mirrored sliding doors on the entry closet. Kitchens have mosaic-tile backsplashes and granite countertops. Every unit also has a balcony or terrace.

Amenities The Ultra Ovation Club features a party room, a billiards room, a lounge, a fitness centre, an aerobics studio and a virtual golf centre. There is also a pool, whirlpool and steam room, as well as a 24-hour concierge.

Standouts The site is across from the Living Arts Centre in downtown Mississauga, close to City Hall, Zonta Meadows Park and the Square One Shopping Centre.

Sales office Located at 3888 Duke of York Blvd., Ste. 324. Open Mondays to Thursdays from noon to 8 p.m., and Fridays, weekends and holidays from noon to 6 p.m. Call 905-890-2345 or visit tridel.com. *L.V., National Post*

MORTGAGE RATES 05.31.05

Rates are subject to change. Selection of financial institutions may vary weekly. Figures supplied by Fiscal Agents.

	Variable rate	6 months	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr
BANKS							
Alterra Bank	6.00	8.05op - 6.00	8.40op - 6.00	6.05	5.45	5.55	5.29
Bank of Montreal	5.55	7.99op - 6.25	8.40op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
Bank of Nova Scotia	5.75	8.05op - 6.10	8.30op - 6.25	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.75
BPCBank	5.74	6.65	6.80 - 5.00	5.05	5.15	5.25	5.40
CIBC	6.00	8.20op	8.40op - 6.25	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.75
Citizens Bank	n/a	7.50op - 5.15	7.50op - 5.15	5.20	5.25	5.25	5.35
Dundee Wealth Bank	5.05	5.75	5.15	5.20	5.20	5.30	5.35
HSBC Bank Canada	5.50	8.05op - 6.30	8.30op - 6.25	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.75
ICI Bank Canada	5.50	-	5.15	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.30
ING Direct	5.20	-	5.20	-	5.30	-	5.30
Manulife Bank	6.00	5.80	6.45op - 5.40	5.45	5.50	5.55	5.65
National Bank	n/a	8.05op - 6.25	8.40op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
NBG Bank	5.50	8.05op - 6.10	8.30op - 6.25	6.35	5.45	5.55	5.75
President's Choice Finan	5.50	6.92	6.13	5.47	5.38	5.39	5.37
Royal Bank	6.00	8.05op - 6.25	8.40op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
TD Canada Trust	5.25	-	8.25op - 6.35	6.40	6.45	6.55	6.75
TRUST & LOAN							
Effort Trust	n/a	8.15op - 6.10	8.35op - 6.20	6.20	6.40	6.50	6.70
Equitable Trust	-	8.20op	8.40op - 6.25	6.25	6.45	6.55	6.75
Home Trust Company	n/a	-	6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
Investors Group Trust	n/a	8.10op - 6.10	8.30op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
Montreal Trust	n/a	8.05op - 6.10	8.30op - 6.25	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.75
MRS Trust	n/a	6.05op - 5.50	5.70	5.80	5.85	5.90	5.90
ResMor Trust Company	4.90	-	5.29	5.29	5.34	5.34	5.34

	Variable rate	6 months	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr	4 yr	5 yr
OTHER							
Alterra Savings & C.U.	6.00	8.05op - 6.00	8.40op - 6.00	6.05	5.45	5.55	5.29
Cervus Financial Corp.	5.20	-	5.30	-	5.30	-	5.40
Comtech Credit Union	6.00	8.05op - 6.10	8.30op - 5.24	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.24
DUCA Fin. Service C.U.	5.50	5.90	6.60op - 5.15	5.25	5.30	5.35	5.60
FirstLine Mortgages	5.33	-	-	5.66	5.65	5.69	5.70
First National Fin. Corp	4.95	5.75	5.20	5.25	5.30	5.30	5.30
FirstOntario C.U.	5.35	7.89	8.09 - 5.29	5.31	5.33	5.34	5.39
Industrial Alliance/IAP	n/a	-	7.25op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
MCAP Mortgage Corp.	3.49	-	8.25op - 6.10	6.20	6.40	6.50	6.70
Meridian Credit Union	5.50	7.70op - 6.05	7.90op - 6.10	6.20	6.40	5.21	5.60
Pace Savings & C.U.	-	8.05 - 6.25	8.30 - 6.25	6.35	6.45	6.55	6.70
Parama Credit Union	6.00	-	5.35	5.50	5.80	5.80	6.00
Prospera Credit Union	6.25	8.05op - 6.25	8.30op - 6.25	6.30	6.45	6.55	6.75
So-Use Credit Union	6.00	8.05 - 6.25	8.30 - 5.15	5.25	5.40	5.55	5.65
Ukrainian Credit Union	5.75	7.85 - 5.55	8.20 - 5.15	5.25	5.35	5.54	5.64
Virtual One C.U.	-	6.40op	5.25	5.25	5.50	5.50	5.65

* Also offer 7-10 year mortgages. op = open mortgage, n.a. = not available from company, ro = renewals only, dashes (-) mean companies not quoting at present. ror = rates on request.