

Scarborough energy conservation initiative applauded

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It's an energy-efficient model

that saves money for tenants as well as property management companies.

The concept is simple:

smart sub-metering, where tenants are responsible for their own hydro consumption bill. In turn, they receive a rent reduction.

separate hydro bills.

Since the initiative started a year ago, energy consumption for the 2,500 retrofitted units has gone down by about 33 per cent.

Stratacon Inc., a Woodbridge-based company that deals with sub-metering, billing and collection as well as water management, coordinated the smart metering systems for PPM.

The company has worked with Park Property Management for 10 years now on a number of energy-saving projects like low-flow toilets and faucets and showers with aerators for reducing water consumption.

Stratacon's efforts were also recognized at a small ceremony in Scarborough at PPM's Aurora apartments, in the Finch and Warden avenues area, last week.

"I think it's really important for people to know who are the leaders," Love said.

The program will now be expanded to include all of Park Property Management's 8,000 units.

"It's a no-brainer. We're doing as much as we can," said Gerd Wengler, Park Property Management's president.

"The next step is to get all residents on board with energy conservation."



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MEASURING UP: Stratacon account manager Scott Beneteau explains a meter unit to a tenant of Aurora Court during a recent celebration for Park Property Management and Stratacon Inc. who are recognized for energy conservation methods. The meter unit measures 20 apartments and tracks the power each hour, which then downloads the information to a central database. Residents can see their power consumption the very next day.

Information Sessions for Parents HPV VACCINE

Toronto Public Health is holding information sessions for parents regarding the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine, Gardasil™.

HPV is a common virus that can cause cancer of the cervix and genital warts. The HPV vaccine is being offered free of charge to Grade 8 females at school-based vaccination clinics.

If you would like to learn more about the vaccine, please attend an Information Session.

Thursday, October 18
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Dr.

Thursday, October 25
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Etobicoke Civic Centre
399 The West Mall

Thursday, November 1
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
City Hall
100 Queen St. W.

Thursday, November 8
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
North York Civic Centre
5100 Yonge St.

Immunization Information Line
416-392-1250
www.toronto.ca/health



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Last week, Peter Love, Ontario's first chief energy officer, applauded the efforts of Park Property Management (PPM) in Scarborough with a special Certificate of Recognition for contributing to a culture of conservation in Ontario by significantly reducing energy consumption in 2,500 apartment units across the GTA.

"To most people, energy use and conservation are hard to see," Love said. "The results here are spectacular. They're more than we expected."

Essentially, Park Property Management asked existing residents in the first 2,500 units it retrofitted to voluntarily sign up for the program, of which 800 agreed. All new tenants automatically receive



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