

CONDO LIVING



From King Blue, a fully landscaped garden terrace with views of the city.

It's all fun and games as builders up the ante on amenities

I've been on a number of condo tours lately and I always get a kick out of what I see.

Take Art Condo, a new mid-rise development located on Dovercourt Rd. in the Queen St. W. area. It, to say the least, has a number of interesting features and it's these little added touches that make this condo unique. (See story, page 30.)

For example, the rear loading dock area doubles as an event space and it comes fully equipped with a professional sound system and specialized lighting, and as I am told, has been

used for private parties, as a dance floor and for any number of local resident events.

Give developer of ART Condo Gary Silverberg full marks for creativity and making maximum use out of limited space.

Taking the art theme to heart, he has also stationed on every floor flat screen televisions near the elevators that display a continuous slideshow by artist Gary Michael Dault.

He has put together for residents and guests 5,200 images with historical, contemporary and avant-garde



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significance and these are circulated 10 seconds at a time.

A bit of an extreme example, but do give Toronto's condo developers credit for having the uncanny ability to build in some fairly creative uses for their common areas.

It almost goes without saying, amenities have always been important in the condo-buying decision. But it seems recently builders have upped the ante.

If you are considering buying a condo, just scan the site stories throughout this issue and you can

see how amenities are becoming front and centre.

Spa-like pool facilities, fully landscaped terraces, theatre rooms, and pleasing streetscapes are especially popular these days.

And the list goes on.

Up and coming and also high on the list are dance and yoga studios, pet grooming facilities and hotel-like concierges.

It makes you wonder where it all stop. Keep this up and there may no reason to leave your condo building — except to go to work, of course.



The loading dock at ART Condos doubles up as a party room.



Eau du Soleil features a spa-like pool complete with a view of Lake Ontario.