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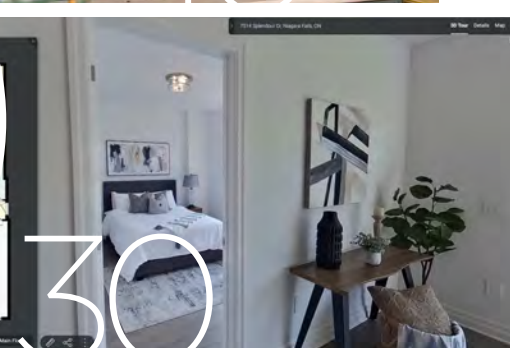
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Welcome to the latest edition of Hello Niagara, showcasing the festive season's highlights. Holiday enthusiasts eagerly anticipate a myriad of activities in the area. In the New Niagara experience, your perfect holiday awaits just beyond your front door. Indulge in glamorous hotels with stunning Falls views, pamper yourself at elegant spas, try your luck at casinos, and

HOLIDAYS IN NIAGARA

dance in vibrant nightclubs. The options for dining and nightlife are as endless as your imagination. Embark on a Skylon Tower adventure for a bird's-eye panorama or savour a meal in the revolving dining room, marveling at nature's wonders. The Watermark restaurant atop the Hilton Hotel offers a romantic atmosphere and a delectable menu for a more intimate experience. Explore the historic charm of Niagara-on-the-Lake, wandering through Victorian-style streets with boutiques and cafes. Along your journey, drop by one of the many vineyards for a delightful tour and taste of the finest local wines. Elevate your Niagara experience this holiday season by embracing fun-filled activities that create lasting memories.



TOP FIVE DRINKS

TO MAKE YOUR HOLIDAY BRIGHT

Step into the spirit with our curated list of the Top Five Holiday Drinks, where we've handpicked the most delightful and festive beverages to elevate your seasonal celebrations.

GRAPEFRUIT GIN FIZZ

Tart, bubbly and botanical, it's fast becoming one of our favourite festive holiday drinks. Garnish with a dried grapefruit wedge.

VANILLA CHAI TEA

Where chai spices are beautifully complemented by the smooth, comforting notes of vanilla. Warm and comforting.

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

Bursting with flavour thanks to bright, wintery pomegranates, oranges and cranberries. Make an alcohol-free version or add some sparkling wine to a second batch.

CRANBERRY MULE

A winter twist on the classic Moscow Mule, combining vodka, ginger beer, and cranberry juice for a seasonal burst of flavour.

ICEWINE EGGNOG

A new spin on a classic holiday drink, eggnog can be served warm or cold. Try this warm version featuring Niagara Icewine to make a next level holiday cocktail. Garnish with a sprig of Rosemary for added Christmas cheer!

VANILLA CHAI TEA

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup milk
- 1-2 black or chai tea bags
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- sweetener of choice
- cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, ginger (optional)
- whipped cream (optional)
- cinnamon or nutmeg (for garnish)



DIRECTIONS:

Brew 1-2 black or chai tea bags in boiling water for 3-5 minutes. Heat milk separately until hot but not boiling. Combine the brewed tea with the hot milk, adding vanilla extract and sweetener to taste. Optionally, enhance with spices like cinnamon, cardamom, cloves, or ginger. Pour into mugs, top with whipped cream, sprinkle with cinnamon or nutmeg, and stir.

CHRISTMAS PUNCH

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups pomegranate juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup cranberry juice
- 1 cup sparkling water (for non-alcoholic version)
- 1 btl sparkling wine (for adult version)
- fresh pomegranate arils, orange slices, and cranberries for garnish
- ice cubes



DIRECTIONS:

In a large punch bowl, combine pomegranate juice, orange juice, and cranberry juice. For the non-alcoholic version, add sparkling water and stir gently. For the adult version, gently pour in the sparkling wine. Add ice cubes to chill the punch. Garnish with fresh pomegranate arils, orange slices, and cranberries. Stir well before serving, and let the festive christmas punch bring joy to every table.

GRAPEFRUIT GIN FIZZ



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 oz gin
- 1 oz fresh grapefruit juice
- 1/2 oz simple syrup
- club soda
- ice cubes
- dried grapefruit slice (for garnish)
- ground cardamom (for garnish)

DIRECTIONS:

In a shaker, combine gin, fresh grapefruit juice, and simple syrup. Shake well with ice to chill the mixture. Strain the mixture into a glass filled with ice. Top with club soda. Garnish with a dried grapefruit slice and a sprinkle of ground cardamom. Stir gently, and enjoy!

ICEWINE EGGNOG



INGREDIENTS:

- 4 cups eggnog
- 1/2 cup icewine
- rosemary (for garnish)

DIRECTIONS:

In a saucepan, gently heat 4 cups of eggnog over medium heat. Once warmed, add 1/2 cup of icewine, stir, and ladle into mugs. Garnish with rosemary for a festive and cozy celebration.

CRANBERRY MULE



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 oz vodka
- 4 oz ginger beer
- 2 oz cranberry juice
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- sugared cranberries (for garnish)
- ice cubes

DIRECTIONS:

Fill a copper mug or glass with ice cubes. Pour vodka over the ice. Add ginger beer and cranberry juice. Squeeze lime juice into the mixture and stir gently. Garnish with sugared cranberries. Give it a final stir and enjoy the festive flair of the cranberry mule.

WARMTH AND RELAXATION

IN SEARCH OF THE PERFECT FIREPLACE

Transform your fireplace into a cherished sanctuary during the chilly winter. Let us guide your design choices this year, crafting a haven of soothing warmth exclusively for you. Embrace simplicity with natural elements such as a petite tree or a delicate flower to infuse your home with a refreshing touch amid the winter season. Elevate the ambiance with personalized touches, making a bold statement through your fireplace decor this holiday season. Incorporate the timeless holiday duo of green and gold to infuse your space with festive cheer as you unwind by the crackling fire. Whether you prefer a classic wood-burning fireplace or the convenience of gas, introduce the rustic charm of natural wood through details like wicker baskets or a quaint wooden bench. Opt for a modern and serene look with a palette of green, white, and silver, complemented by a hint of dazzling gold. Customize your fireplace with seasonal accents such as deer figurines, a miniature sleigh, or a tasteful wreath, ensuring your home exudes sleek, shiny, and tranquil vibes. Embrace the magic of the season by transforming your fireplace into a personalized masterpiece that reflects the joy and beauty of the holidays.



HOLIDAY WINES

TO PAIR WITH ALL OF YOUR FESTIVE MEALS

As the holiday season approaches, make plans for exceptional meals with family and friends. It's the perfect opportunity to arrange for a festive gathering with loved ones, cherishing the joy of togetherness over a delicious holiday meal complemented by the artistry of locally crafted wines from Niagara. Allow our expert wine pairings to transform your meals and heighten everyone's holiday experience.

TURKEY WITH ALL THE TRIMMING

Indulge in the perfect holiday pairing with a glass of AMO Pinot Gris alongside your festive turkey feast. The crisp and vibrant character of Pinot Gris, with its notes of green apple, pear, and a hint of citrus, serves as a perfect complement to the savoury richness of roasted turkey. The wine's subtle floral undertones add a layer of complexity that dances gracefully with the herb-infused flavours of this holiday meal.



SLOW ROASTED PRIME RIB

Elevate the indulgence of slow-roasted prime rib with the perfect wine companions—AMO Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. The robust character of Cabernet Sauvignon, marked by deep, dark fruit flavours and sturdy tannins, harmonizes seamlessly with the taste of the prime rib, creating a symphony of richness on the palate. On the other hand, the velvety texture and plummy, red fruit notes of Merlot add a layer of elegance to each bite, beautifully complementing the juicy qualities of the slow-roasted meat.



BAKED HAM

When it comes to pairing wine with Christmas baked ham, you'll want to consider the sweet and savoury profile of the dish. Transform your holiday baked ham into a culinary delight with the perfect wine companion, AMO Riesling. The subtle sweetness of Riesling perfectly complements the glazed ham, creating a harmonious balance of flavours. Its refreshing acidity makes for a delightful pairing.



LEG OR RACK OF LAMB

Transform your dining experience with the rich and succulent flavours of leg or rack of lamb paired with the robust elegance of AMO Cabernet Franc. The deep, dark fruit notes and delicate tannins pairs seamlessly with the savoury intensity of lamb, creating a palate-pleasing symphony of taste. The peppery characteristics of the varietal also makes it a natural companion, enhancing the meat's robustness and adding a delightful spiciness to each bite.



No festive occasion is truly complete without some sparkling! The lively acidity inherent in sparkling wines serves as an ideal starter, priming your palate for the upcoming feast. In particular, indulge in the AMO Sparkling Pinot Grigio alongside shrimp, lobster, oysters, or crab for an exquisite pair, or try AMO Sparkling Cabernet Franc flawlessly accompanies any salmon dish.

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SKATE THE DAY AWAY!

Glide into the enchanting world of ice skating, with the chill air and the sound of blades cutting through the glistening ice. Whether twirling gracefully or gliding with laughter, the ice rink is the perfect place to enjoy time with friends and family this winter season.

FORT GEORGE SKATING RINK

Nestled within the centuries-old national historic site of Fort George, this skating rink in Niagara-on-the-Lake promises a unique experience. Enjoy the timeless charm as you glide freely on the ice. Immerse yourself in the ambiance of days gone by, where centuries of history provide a captivating backdrop for a leisurely and unforgettable skating session.

THE LIONS OUTDOOR SKATING RINK

Discover the centrally situated Lions Outdoor Skating Rink at 1406 Drummond Road in Niagara Falls. Treat the kids to a delightful day of icy fun, or gather with friends for a lively game of shinny under the night sky.

ST. PATRICK'S PARK

Located in St. Catharines, St. Patrick's Park is conveniently across from the Russel Ave Community Centre. Glide through the day with general skating available until 6:00 pm, after which the community readies the space for a spirited game of shinny. It serves as the perfect setting to gather a group of friends and immerse yourselves in an evening of Canada's beloved sport!

CHIPPAWA PARK POND

Discover the winter charm of Welland at the frozen Chippawa Park pond. This local gem is a hub for skating and casual games of shinny during the colder months. What sets this spot apart? The added delight of tobogganing! Gather the family and enjoy a day of skating or take an exhilarating ride down the hill. The options are yours to explore!

THE GARDENS AT PILLAR AND POST

Introducing the latest addition to Niagara's ice rinks—the Gardens at Pillar and Post. Immerse yourself in the picturesque surroundings, skate on the expansive 120 x 60 ice rink, and relish signature culinary delights at The OutPost. It's a welcoming space for families, children, and the entire community to revel in the outdoors, skating safely and embracing the winter season's offerings.



SNOWY WONDERLANDS

Looking for something to do this weekend? Take the kids to one of Niagara's many parks and go sledding! Check out some of our favourite places to go sledding this holiday season.

BATTLE OF BEAVERDAMS PARK

Situated along Sullivan Ave in Thorold, this park presents an enjoyable hill for children to sled down. Take a breather amidst your sledding escapades and explore the park's historical facets. Plaques detailing Thorold's founding and the intriguing presence of a time capsule along the numerous walking paths offer a fascinating glimpse into the area's rich history.

JAYCEE GARDENS PARK

Nestled at 543 Ontario Street in St. Catharines, Jaycee Gardens Park stands out as a top destination for sledding enthusiasts in the Niagara Region. Boasting expansive hills of varying lengths, this park caters to kids of all ages, offering an exciting and memorable sledding experience.

HH KNOLL LAKEVIEW PARK

Located in Port Colborne at 60 Sugarloaf Street, this park offers stunning waterfront views. Bring the kids for a day of sledding and explore the various events hosted at the park throughout the year.

WELLAND CANAL LOCK 7 HILL

Located at 50 Chapel Street in Thorold, this park showcases a sledding hill of diverse heights, renowned for its particularly steep slopes, making it an ideal spot for older kids seeking a thrilling experience. Notably, this park extends the enjoyment into the evening, allowing for exhilarating sledding adventures after the sun sets.

SNOWY SLED WORTHY WONDERLANDS

Embark on an exhilarating winter adventure with tobogganing, a timeless thrill that transforms snowy landscapes into playgrounds of excitement. This classic winter activity involves descending snowy slopes on a sled, offering a rush of speed and a sense of pure joy.

BARBICAN HEIGHTS PARK

Ideal for families with young children, Barbican Heights Park, situated at 96 Barbican Trail in St. Catharines, boasts a petite hill paired with a playground to keep your little ones entertained when they're not sledding.

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In an innovative stride toward modern homeownership, Multi-Generational homes by Pinewood Homes promise flexibility, affordability, and a range of options tailored for first-time buyers, grandparents, and large families, all embodied in the thoughtfully designed floor plans. Offering a distinctive choice of two or three homes in one, each equipped with its private entrance and adaptable floor layouts, these homes are poised to redefine the essence of living together yet independently. These distinctive residences are crafted to provide private, self-contained living on every floor, encompassing

a full kitchen, laundry facilities, bedrooms, living spaces, and dining areas. Such comprehensive living arrangements not only foster family connections but also promote affordability and sustainable living; an embodiment of Pinewood Homes' commitment to redefining the modern family living experience. As a shift in family living, Multi-Generational homes set an exciting new standard, reflecting the evolving needs and desires of contemporary households.

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GORGEIOUS KITCHENS

Experience the epitome of shared living with our 3-in-1 Multi-Gen Homes, featuring stunning kitchens designed for everyone. Our thoughtfully crafted spaces ensure that each family member finds their culinary haven. With spacious layouts and stylish details, our kitchens redefine the heart of the home,

fostering unity and joy in every meal. Welcome to a new era of multigenerational living, where the kitchen is more than just a space—it's a personalized haven for each member of the family.





FUN FESTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY

COZY FAMILY NIGHTS WITH HOT COCOA BUFFET

Treat you and the kids to the cozy warmth of a steaming mug of hot chocolate on chilly December nights. Elevate your holiday experience by setting up a delightful topping buffet for your cocoa. Explore various options such as velvety whipped cream, fluffy marshmallows, crushed candy canes, finely shaved chocolate, chocolate chips, and the subtle sweetness of cinnamon dots. Encourage creativity as both kids and adults enjoy customizing their hot cocoa, turning it into a festive and effortless Christmas Eve activity. Take the holiday treat to new heights this year by introducing exciting hot chocolate flavours like peanut butter, refreshing mint, candy, and more, creating a symphony of delightful tastes for the season.

COMMUNITY GIVING

Enhance family generosity this festive season by engaging in a meaningful shopping spree for Toys for Tots or another local toy drive. Allow your kids, the true toy connoisseurs, to take charge in selecting items. Not only will this add a heartwarming touch to your Christmas celebrations, but it also brightens the holiday season for someone in need, potentially

evolving into a cherished family tradition. Since your little ones might anticipate receiving new treasures this year, consider going through their toy collection together and identify (gently-used) toys they're willing to donate to a charitable cause. This practice instills valuable lessons in abundance and selflessness, fostering a sense of empathy during the holiday season.

DIY FESTIVE DECOR

Embrace the joy of crafting with a delightful holiday wreath, a fantastic DIY Christmas decoration project. Head outdoors with the kids for a brief winter stroll to collect evergreen branches and pine cones, or simply trim some from the lower boughs of your Christmas tree. Alternatively, you can conveniently purchase them at the store. Secure your greens to a foam or wire ring (consider repurposing a bent metal coat hanger), and let the children unleash their creativity by adorning it with Christmas ornaments and bows. For a preschooler-friendly touch, opt for a paper wreath featuring tracings of your child's adorable little hands. Alternatively, streamline the process with a foam wreath-making kit, designed with kids in mind for an enjoyable crafting experience with minimal cleanup.

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Once inside, the interiors of Arbour Vale residences unfold with grandeur. Soaring ceilings create an airy ambiance, while large windows generously welcome streams of natural light, highlighting the meticulously crafted details within. Gourmet kitchens, tailored for avid chefs, become the heart of these homes, fostering culinary creativity and delightful gatherings.

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COVETEUR
CONDOMINIUM
AT ARBOUR VALE



Pinewood Homes and Niagara Innovative Living have meticulously crafted an environment fostering both a strong sense of community and a lavish lifestyle. Introducing Coveteur; a boutique-style four-storey building that seamlessly combines sleek, contemporary architecture with timeless elements and meticulous craftsmanship.

The bright and airy interiors of the suites offer a welcoming atmosphere, complemented by chef-inspired kitchens and terraces or patios that provide captivating views of the lush landscaped surroundings. Greet the morning sun with a yoga session or invigorating exercise on the expansive terrace—an outdoor haven designed for serenity and well-being. Experience the hub of social activity in the lobby, featuring a library,

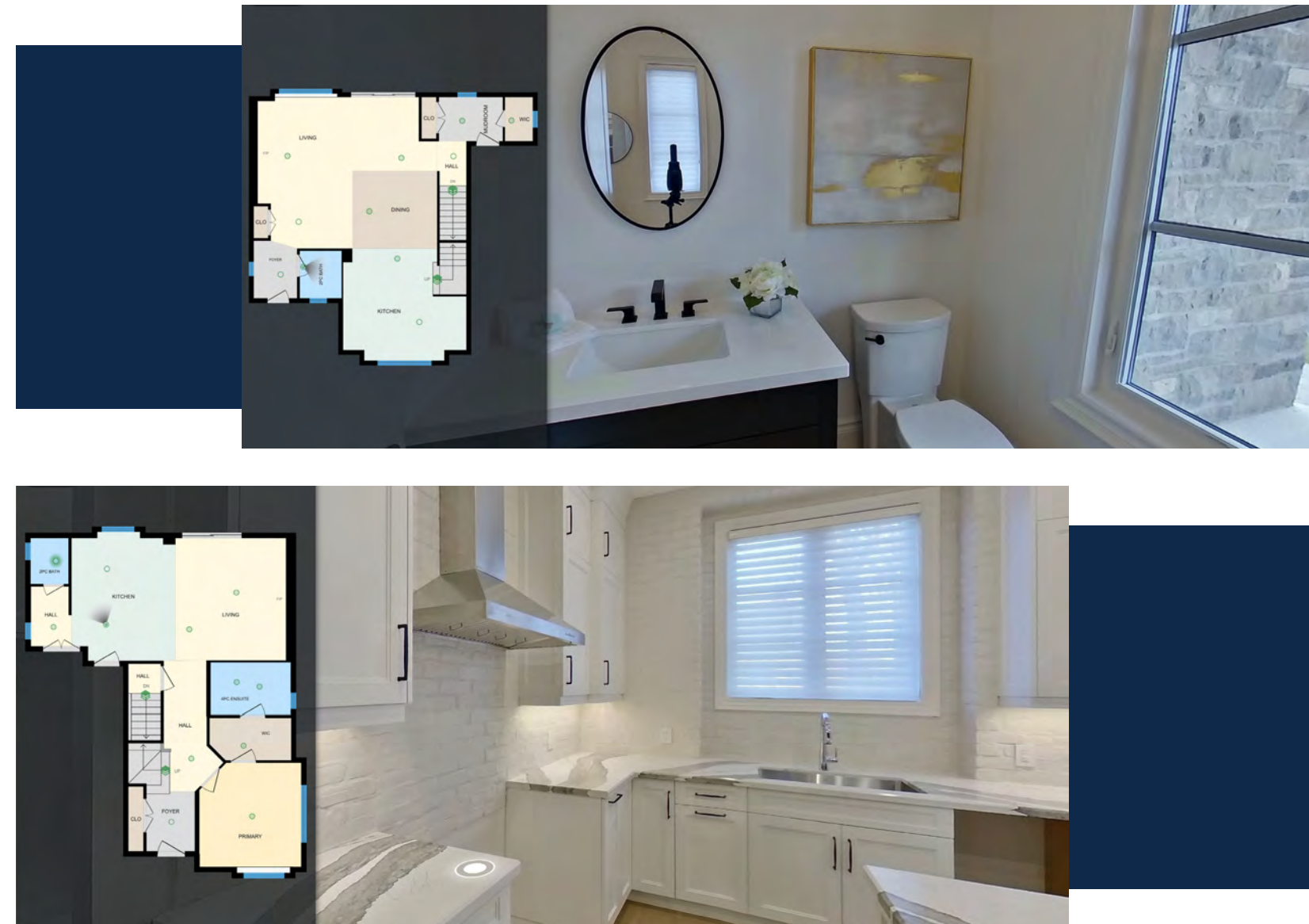
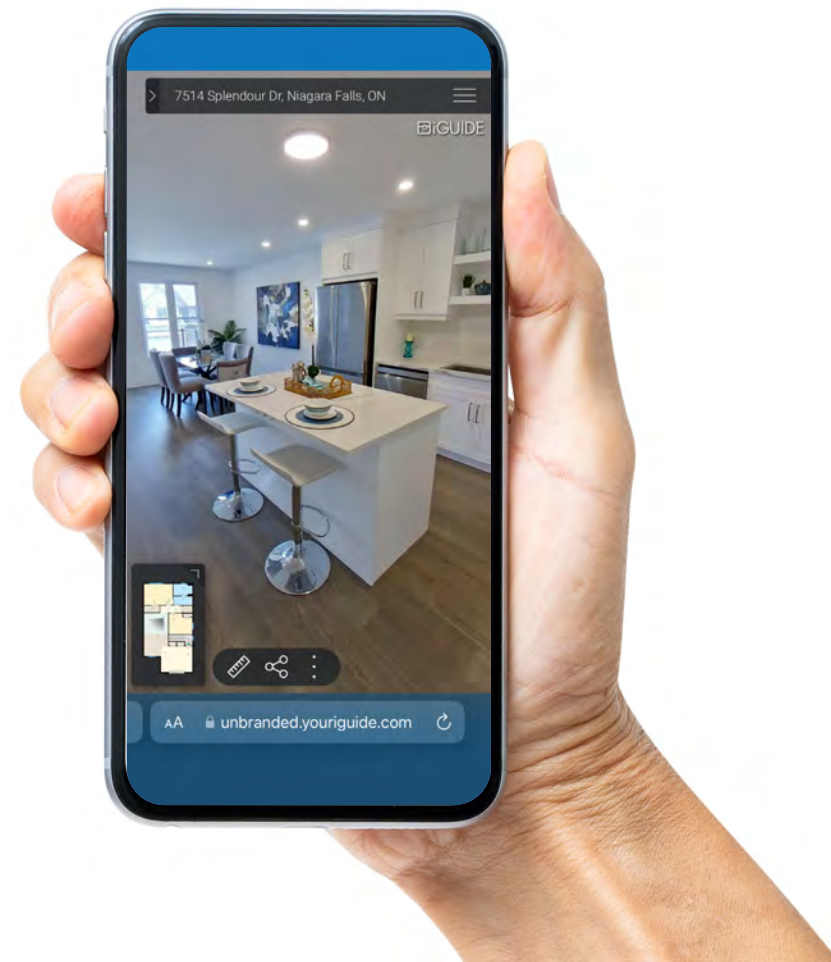
cafe, and espresso bar. This unique community redefines luxury living in the heart of Niagara, offering an array of carefully curated spaces for residents to savour and enjoy.

Make a life uniquely yours at Coveteur. Visit our website, **pinewoodhomes.ca** for more information.

VIRTUAL TOURS

Pinewood is excited to introduce an innovative and immersive way for house buyers to explore the exquisite homes of Splendour and Arbour Vale through our cutting-edge virtual tours. Elevating the house hunting experience, these virtual tours allow you to navigate seamlessly through the luxurious properties at your own pace. From the grand living spaces to the meticulously designed bedrooms, users can

click through various rooms, gaining an in-depth understanding of the impeccable craftsmanship and attention to detail that defines Pinewood homes. With the virtual tours, Pinewood Niagara Builders not only showcases the elegance and sophistication of these homes but also offers a convenient and engaging way for buyers to envision their future in these exceptional residences.





A YEAR IN REVIEW WITH

DAVID MORSE

When I look back on 2023, I'm astounded by how many successes, smiles, and great moments the year brought.

Pinewood had the honour and pleasure of working with so many respected, experienced, and all-around wonderful partners - from consultants, building crews, sales teams and of course those who got to call a Pinewood design, "home", throughout these last twelve months.

Pinewood's Splendour community in Niagara Falls has been recognized and commended by our peers for leading the way towards housing solutions in the New Niagara, and we are so proud of featuring our Multi-Gen Home designs in this neighbourhood. Beginning with working alongside City staff to ensure that all guidelines were followed, to walking new homeowners into their front door, I'm confident the arrival of these amazing designs will remain an anchor of Pinewood's success for years to come and I'm so proud to have been a part of that!

The residential side of Pinewood's building network was not the only thing that saw great steps being taken in 2023, though: our Industrial Mall has officially begun accepting leases on York Road and we are so excited for this Prestige-Industrial zoned plaza to get up and running! Tenants such as industrial/commercial recreational establishments, office buildings, and private clubs/assembly halls will make up this gorgeous 70,000+ square foot build, and we are so pleased to be a part of the ever-improving Glendale Business District.

Above all else, though, I think the relationships that were established both professionally and personally are the aspects of 2023 that both myself and Pinewood as a company are the proudest of. As the world opened back up and the social aspect of our industry became much for at the forefront, it was so great to connect, work, and enjoy life with those who have made this year such a special one.

Cheers to 2023!

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