

MercNews

The Historic Mercantile Lofts - fine urban living in downtown Hamilton

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Time to change your furnace filter

If you haven't changed your furnace filter recently, now is the time to do it! Dirty filters can cause problems with your heating/cooling unit. New filters cost about \$1.00 and can be purchased at Lowes or Home Depot.

Tips for Dog Owners

Many Merc dog owners use the open lot at the corner of High and 2nd for their dogs to run and do their "business." Having the lot accessible to the Merc dogs is a great asset, let's be good urban neighbors and please clean up and properly dispose of your dogs' waste.

While the lot is not owned by the Merc, the possibility of a pet waste station with waste bags is being investigated.



High Street Parking

Parking in front of the building is free for 1 hr, 9-5 and unlimited after 5 - however, please be aware that Art Off Symmes appreciates access to those parking spaces for their customers as well as an ongoing need for access for Merc construction deliveries in front.

Ryan's Tavern

We hope everyone will enjoy the holiday gift certificate to Ryan's Tavern that you received from Steve Coon. Thanks for living at The Merc! In January, Ryan's offers Italian Night every Monday and Prime Rib after 4 on Saturdays. Warm up this winter in our neighborhood pub!

More Coffee Please!

In addition to our good friends, Kofenya across the street, a new neighborhood coffee shop - True West Coffee - is open over the High St bridge at 313 Main St. Offering coffee, espresso, salads, breakfast items, soups, warm pressed sandwiches and desserts, as well as live music on weekends. Walk down and check out this cozy new eatery!



Phase 2 Construction

As you all can attest to by the dozens of construction crews scrambling through the building, Phase 2 of the Merc construction is nearing its end. Here is an update of the progress being made to finish the project.

Atrium and grand stair near completion

Phase 2 construction is nearing an end! The historic atrium skylight has been fabricated and was hoisted into place in late November. The atrium was transformed onto a completely different space when the light spilled in from above. Soon after, the floors on the second and third level were opened up in the octagonal shape that was part of the original design of the building. The plaster relief that surrounds the soffit of the skylight was reproduced using rubber molds cast from the original motif. Plaster was then poured and new sections, resembling puzzle pieces, were cast and installed. The soft gold color scheme of the plasterwork is compatible with the historic,

patterned carpet which will be in shades of terra cotta, gold, blue and sage green and will be laid in the common spaces. The original metal railing is now being installed and the grand staircase in the atrium puts the finishing touch on a truly spectacular space. As you stand on the ground floor and look all the way up to the rooftop skylight, you can't help but imagine what this space was like in it's heyday. Only a few Hamiltonians might remember what a breathtaking atrium we are recreating inside the Historic Mercantile Lofts, but we are getting closer every day to revealing this crown jewel to the public.

Apartments available in early 2012

Twenty more loft apartments will be available in early 2012. There is already great interest from young professionals as well as "empty nesters" in what The Merc has to offer. Phase 2 includes small one bedroom units at 660 sq ft and large one bedrooms in the 725-850 sq ft range. There are even two one bedroom lofts that are 1,250 sq ft! Two bedroom apartments are offered from 770 sq ft all the way up to 1,400 sq ft. As in Phase 1, each loft apartment has a unique layout and no two are alike, but each has all the architectural features that the footprint of our historic building has to offer.

The long awaited elevator will soon be operational! It will be accessible from the atrium when the occupancy permit is granted. Will we miss carrying those groceries up the stairs? No! This winter, Jason's crew will be working hard to complete the rest of the project. Thanks to all our tenants for your patience during this process - we appreciate it! I see a big party in our future to celebrate the completion!
- Cindy Dingeldein



Merc on line!

Check out our new website at www.hamiltonmercantilelofts.com

The Mercantile Loft website is up and running and will be a great resource for inquiries on available apartments and information. Visitors to the site will find pictures of the model apartment, floor plans of individual units, availability status, rental rates and contact info. We also have links to city events, restaurants and activities in Hamilton. Newsletters will be posted as well as pictures from Merc events and the ongoing construction. As spaces are finished, we will post pictures of the atrium, common spaces and individual apartments so tenants and prospective tenants can track our progress.

If you have a friend or co-worker that might be interested in exploring the options for downtown living at The Merc, please direct them to the website or have them contact Cindy Dingeldein at 513-607-9860 or cindy@hamiltonmercantilelofts.com

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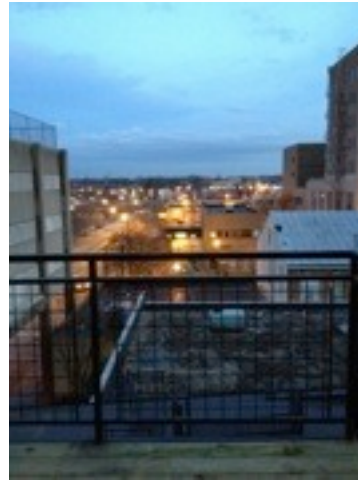


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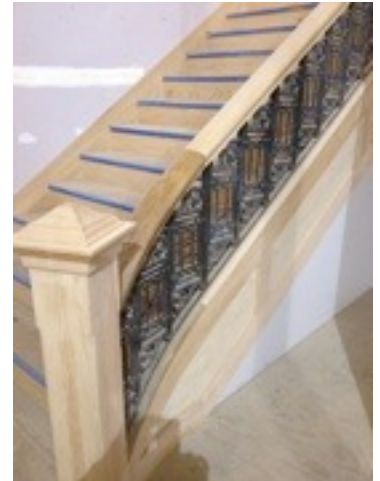
Art Off Symmes is a great place to stop in for a quick gift or a home decor item for your apartment. The eclectic gallery represents American artists with a variety of items such as jewelry, clothing, pottery, fine art and glass and is a great opportunity to "shop local" and support our downtown efforts.

There are gifts for everyone from infants to adults in a wide range of prices.

Managed by a Merc resident, Preston Armstead, Art Off Symmes is offering residential tenants of The Historic Mercantile Lofts 10% off your next purchase. Hope to see you at Art Off Symmes!



Twilight in Downtown Hamilton
View from new L of 211 balcony.



Atrium Grand Staircase detail
Historic railing and new woodwork.



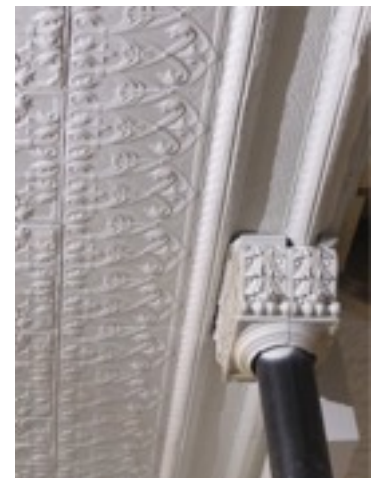
Atrium Grand Staircase & balcony
Staircase to 3rd floor from atrium



Atrium Skylight at dusk
Waiting to install the railings



Color scheme for common areas
Historic carpet and paint scheme



Tin Ceiling Detail
Historic tin ceilings add interest