

**Robicheau, Vanessa**

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Hi Vanessa (and committee)

I have been a twenty nine year resident of Thorndale Crescent, and moved to Dundas only six months ago. During the last fifteen years I have had lots of opportunity to observe the rental housing realities around McMaster . There have been some wonderful opportunities for interaction with students, and a few less pleasant ones. But my main concern is for the quality of housing for the students, and the impact this has on their sense of a community. Some landlords do a good job and give the students a satisfactory place to live, but not all. When a house is purchased for student housing, it is often chopped up into very small rooms, sometimes without a common gathering place, so that the only place to meet is out on the lawn. This causes problems for the students and their neighbours. It really is unbelievable that this process of renting is unregulated. Clearly the approach of enforcing current standards on a complaint basis has never worked in this area. It is time to take a big step into the future and make some rules and enforce them.

best wishes  
don woodside