

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Dec. ‘23**

Dear Strathmere Lodge residents, family members, friends/responsible parties:

1. **Annual Resident/Family Satisfaction Survey**



Thank you to residents/families who have already completed/submitted The Lodge’s annual satisfaction survey, contained in last month’s mailing.

For those who have yet to complete/submit our survey, we hope to hear from you by December 11th.

Please contact Brent Kerwin, Administrator (519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via

email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca) with any questions about the annual survey.

Results of the survey will be communicated in early 2024.

1. **Province Re-introduces Masking for Long Term Care Homes**

Effective November 7th, the province re-introduced masking for long term care homes, given current COVID and other respiratory virus activity in the province.

The province intends to revisit the need for masking once respiratory virus circulation subsides.

Visitors/family members are asked to don masks, available at the front entrance (at Sign-in Book), and to confine close contact to the applicable resident being visited only.

1. **Next Family Council Meeting**



This group of involved and caring friends and family members meets on a regular basis to share information and discuss common issues. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

All family and friends of residents of Strathmere Lodge are welcome to attend. No pre-registration is necessary.

For more information, please contact Kristie Ouellette, Resident/Family Liaison (519-245-2520, ext. 6223, or kouellette@middlesex.ca).

Minutes of the most recent Family Council meeting are posted on the family information board in the Rose Room (near the Chapel), and previous minutes are available for review at our Reception desk.

1. **Recreation Calendar**

Please pick up and check out our monthly Recreation calendar (given to every individual resident, in addition to being available in each Resident Home Area, and on our [web page](https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care/recreation) at: https://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care/recreation) for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend.

Special Events in December:

1. December 13 – Please join us for our Resident/Family Photo Shoot and Open House. Enjoy Christmas goodies and get a Christmas photo taken with your loved one. Everyone welcome;
2. December 19 - Our Annual Christmas Parade starts at 2pm, in the Rose Room. All residents/families welcome; and
3. December 24 - Christmas Eve entertainment with Randy Grey, from 2-3pm in the Rose Room.
4. **Resident Clothing Closet and Drawers**



Our Lodge clothes laundering process results in quick turnaround times, which minimizes the need to have/store large volumes of clothing in the provided closet and drawers.

Given that our closets and drawers have finite space, we ask families to rotate clothing in/out as the seasons change, in order to avoid large volumes of clothing in the closet and drawers, which can lead to disorganization.

We appreciate families’ assistance in reviewing clothing in order to ensure that clothing is kept organized and easily accessible.

1. **Labelling of Residents’ Clothing**



To prevent missing clothing … This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before a resident begins to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes/slippers and personal blankets/throws). Please ensure that you use the Clothing Bin near the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling, after inventorying the clothing items on the form provided at the bin (further instructions are provided at the clothing bin).

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or, via email: jfournier@middlesex.ca).

1. **Labelling of Other Personal Resident Items**

Apart from clothes labelling noted above, residents/families are encouraged to label other personal resident effects (including new items brought to The Lodge from time-to-time), notably items that are more portable in nature, such as TV remote controls.

1. **Merry Christmas / Happy Holidays**



Hoping that you are all able to connect with loved ones in meaningful ways, while enjoying a safe Christmas/holiday season.

1. **In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact Brent Kerwin, Administrator, 519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or via

email at: bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

Please share a copy of this newsletter with other family members and friends, or direct them to our [web page](http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care): <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>.

Hardcopies of our newsletter are also maintained at our Public Information Board near Reception. Copies of older newsletter editions are compiled in binders at our Reception desk, and are available for your review.

**Brent Kerwin,** Administrator