

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Aug. ‘24**

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

1. **Resident Whereabouts**



We have noticed an uptick at The Lodge of residents leaving the premises unbeknownst to us.

Out of concern for resident safety, we want to be able to account for resident whereabouts at all times.

Families/residents are asked to access the Sign-out Binder maintained in each resident home area whenever leaving the premises.

Please ask Lodge staff for further information about the sign-out procedure, as applicable.

1. **Administrative Documents on File with The Lodge**



Consistent with Strathmere Lodge’s provincial long term care home legislative requirements, you are invited to review/amend the written agreement material we have on file, further to the documents that you signed on admission. This includes the agreement that you signed authorizing us to charge fees for services not covered by the province (e.g., hairdresser, foot care, etc.). Please contact the Lodge Business Office (ext. 6221), if you wish to review/amend such documents.

No action is required on your part, if you do not feel the need to respond to the above.

Also, please note that if you have updated Power of Attorney (POA) documents, please present such to the Business Office (main entrance).

1. **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 Brent Kerwin, Administrator, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6222 (or, via email: bkerwin@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. **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