

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

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

1. **Lodge Roof Replacement Project**



Strathmere Lodge was re-built at its current site in 2006, making the facility 18 years old now.

Just like aspects of our residential homes need refurbishing from time to time, so too does The Lodge’s roof now.

The Lodge’s roof is being replace. This roof replacement project is a major undertaking. It amounts to re-shingling the entire roof (over 50,000 square feet). Work will begin during the first week of September, and take two (2) months to complete.

With Lodge residents’ comfort and safety top of mind, the roof replacement will be done with minimal disruption. The Lodge has a concrete roof with six (6) inches of insulation, so residents will not experience noise as the outer layer of the roof is removed and replaced. In addition, Zero/Low Odour adhesives will be used to put down the outer roofing layer, minimizing any smells entering the building.

A crew of nine (9) roofing contractor staff will be working on the project, which will generally be done Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm. Rarely will the roofing contractor staff need to be inside the facility.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact Jeff Turnbull, Lodge Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or via email at jturnbull@middlesex.ca).

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, September 19 at 1:00pm in the Chapel.

Bill Denning from Denning’s Funeral Home will be at the September meeting to speak on the topic of Grief.

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 and Family Liaison (519-245-2520, ext. 6223, or via email at kouellette@middlesex.ca).

Minutes of the most recent 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. **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