



## Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party Newsletter – July 2026

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

### **1. Lodge Initiative – Strategic Review and Strategic Plan**



Working with an external consultant firm (the Centre for Organizational Effectiveness, in London), our strategic planning efforts continue in order to establish our Lodge “roadmap” for the coming years in the form of a written strategic plan

document.

The next phase of the Strategic Planning process involves seeking resident, family and staff feedback on The Lodge’s Mission, Vision and Values (which form part of a written strategic plan), and on a new Lodge logo. An on-line survey will be sent out shortly to everyone with a survey completion date of July 15<sup>th</sup>. And, a special meeting of The Lodge’s Residents’ Council will be convened on July 20<sup>th</sup> in order to provide an in-person opportunity for residents to provide input.

### **2. July Special Events**



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.

Our upcoming events for July include:

- Sat., July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Music with Don Cantwell, the Acoustic Traveler (in the Rose Room)
- Wed., July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Mel and Rich entertain (in the Rose Room)
- Fri., July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Music with Mike Meacher (in the Rose Room)

- Mon., July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – The Olde Tyme Heritage Band performs (in the Rose Room)
- Fri., July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Music with Maria Brottrell (in the Rose Room)
- Wed., July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Happy Hour with Randy Grey (in the Rose Room)

### **3. Lodge Improvements Implemented**



As part of adhering to our provincial long-term care homes legislation, we communicate initiatives we implement aimed at improving our care, services, programs, goods/products and/or accommodations. To that end, improvements made since last month's newsletter include:

- Electronic monthly mailings have commenced for both the Co-payment statement and Trust Account statement that we send out (getting these out to families/residents sooner, and avoiding the excessive paper of hardcopy mailings)

### **4. 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). Note that, if clothing enters our laundry system without first having a resident's name affixed, it may not be possible to trace unlabelled clothing back to the applicable resident.

For inquiries regarding missing clothing and the like, please contact Jeff Turnbull, Lodge Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or, via email: [jturnbull@middlesex.ca](mailto:jturnbull@middlesex.ca)).

## 5. 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.

## 6. 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](mailto: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>.

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