

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Feb. ‘18**

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

1. **New Telephone System**

Those of you who have phoned The Lodge recently would have noticed some difference in our phone system.

We have replaced our telephone system technology, and have given callers the option of speaking with a “live operator” or entering their desired phone extension number for faster connection to their desired party.

With the new phone system, all existing phone extension numbers have been slightly augmented by adding a “6” in front of the existing number (i.e., we have gone from three-digit phone extension numbers to four-digit phone extension numbers).

If you have any feedback about our new phone system, please let me know (519-245-2520, ext. 6222, or bkerwin@middlesex.ca).

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**2. Recreation Calendar**

Please do not forget to pick up and check out our monthly Recreation calendar (available in each Resident Home Area, and also posted on our County web page) for events that you may find of interest and would like to attend.

Our upcoming Special Events for February (in the Rose Room):

1. Saturday, February 3rd at 1:30pm - Joel Horvath entertains
2. Friday, February 9th at 2:00pm - Music with Fair Sky
3. Wednesday, February 14th at 2:00pm - Valentine’s Day Tea with Randy Gray
4. Friday, February 23rd at 2:00pm - Happy Hour with Jentleman Jim
5. Wednesday, February 28th at 2:00pm - Dan Skeltcher entertains

**3. Eye Care**

The Lodge facilitates periodic visits from Dr. J. McGugan, Optometrist, for residents needing an eye exam, eye glass adjustments, etc.

Dr. McGugan will be visiting The Lodge next in March.

For further information, or to register for an appointment with Dr. McGugan, please contact Deb Wilson at The Lodge (519-245-2520, ext. 6232).

**4. Seeking Volunteers**

We are looking for male volunteers to spend time with some of our male residents at Strathmere Lodge.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please contact Marcy Welch (519-245-2520, ext. 6226, or mwelch@middlesex.ca).

**5. Family Council**



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 Monday, February 5, 2018, at 1:30pm in the Conference Room upstairs.

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

For more information, please contact Marcy Welch (519-245-2520, ext. 6226, or mwelch@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.

**6. Inclement Weather - Reminder**



Everyone is reminded to take extra care in inclement weather – snow and ice.

Strathmere Lodge contracts with a snow removal company to plow and/or salt our walkways, parking lots and driveway areas, and our Maintenance personnel also maintain our walkways (shovel and salt).

**7. New Clothing - Reminder**



This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before residents begin to wear it.

One of the ways clothing will go missing is if a resident wears new clothing before it gets labelled. In this case, if new clothing gets into our laundry system without a resident name on it, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to trace it back to its rightful owner.

**8. In Conclusion ….**



Please let me know if you would like to see certain issues addressed in future newsletter editions (contact me at 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 website: <http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care>

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our County web page. Hard copies are compiled in binders at both our Reception desk and the staff lounge, and are available for your review.

You can find additional copies of this newsletter edition on our Public Information Board in the main lobby (near the Chapel).

**Brent Kerwin,**

Administrator

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