#### July 2025

# HAPPENINGS AT HOME

Residents, Staff and Family

### **Celebrating July**

- Canada Day
- Safety Talk

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- **Employee Spotlight**
- **GPA** Training
- 📍 Day & Stay Program
- Volunteer Spotlight
- Skylight Café
- Risk Update
- New JNH Building Update
- Family Council
- Strawberry Social



Canada Day is an opportunity to celebrate our beautiful country. The entire country may be celebrating a bit differently this year, but it is important more than ever to share our national pride.

#### Happy Canada Day Everyone!

# Safety Talk



# **Employee Spotlight**



Mitzie joined our Housekeeping Team in 2020 and has established herself as an integral part of the Support Services Team. Colleagues have commented that she is very helpful, honest, polite and gentle with the Residents. Mitzie is always ready to lend a helping hand. When needed she steps up and helps the staff on the resident home area assisting to redirect residents, and porter when nursing is short.

Mitzie tries to approach things with a positive attitude and she will always bring a smile to everyone's face.

**Congratulations Mitzie!** 

## **GPA** Training

Nurse Practise meeting – July 7<sup>th</sup> 2025 Monday in Boardroom GPA education on - July 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 Wednesday in GELA Classroom PSW practise meeting - July 30<sup>th</sup> 2025 Wednesday in Boardroom

# Day & Stay Program



It's already July! Even though we are still under construction, we are thankful to have a portion of our garden back to sit out and enjoy. To beautify our space, the clients have planted flowers and we are getting a number of compliments on how beautiful they are. Thanks to all the staff and clients who diligently give them a drink every day.





Our small vegetable garden is growing quickly and thank you to our wonderful clients for watering and weeding! Clients and staff enjoy sitting out, singing songs and enjoying the sun!

The July calendar is filled with great activities. The Day

Program is going to enjoy International Villages week featuring Africa Day by going on a Safari Bingo trip, Hungary Day by doing some Dancing Around the World and Scotland Day promises to bring some great activities, making a flag and making some Shortbread Cookies.

Other Theme Days include Titanic Day, Peach Day and Beach Day. Lots of fun, learning something new, socialization and laughs.

The Day and Stay will be welcoming summer students again this year. Welcome to Abbie and Hemant-we are very happy to have you join our team!! We are all thankful for the extra help and attention they bring to the Program.



Wishing everyone a HAPPY CANADA DAY!!!





We would like to take a moment to recognize Shannon and all the meaningful work he does here at the Home. Shannon comes in each Wednesday to assist with lessons in worship and euchre. He shares a special gift with welcoming each resident he comes in contact with and sharing his kindness with all. We are very fortunate that Shannon rejoined us after spending many of years with the SKIP (senior and kids intergenerational program) that we had the honour of partnering with through the years.

# **RESIDENT SURVEY:**

PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR OUR

> ANNUAL RESIDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

**HAPPENING IN AUGUST** 

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# **SKYLIGHT CAFÉ**

- DUTIES SERVING CUSTOMERS / RESIDENTS
  - KEEPING CAFÉ CLEAN
  - OPERATE CASH REGISTER
- SHIFTS 3HR SHIFTS 9-12 OR 12-3
  - CAN DO 1 WEEK SCHEDULE OR 2
    MONTH
  - FILL IN FOR VOLUNTEER VACATIONS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED REACH OUT TO KARLI!

519-756-2920 X 4241

#### 🥟 Measles Update — Brantford, Ontario

• Outbreak & Exposure Sites

Grand Erie Public Health has confirmed multiple measles exposures locally, including Brantford General Hospital (ER & Labour & Delivery), Conklin Medical Centre, TK Liquidation, and Starbucks on Colborne St W. Exposure periods were in late May and early June—monitor until mid-June if vulnerable.

• Province-wide Situation Ontario has recorded 2,115 measles cases (confirmed + probable) between January 1 and June 10, 2025. Of these:

- $\circ$  ~7% required hospitalization (mostly children)
- $\circ \quad 0.4\% \ had \ ICU \ stays$
- There was one infant death—a congenital case
- o All 2,009 cases in Ontario are linked to the current outbreak
- Recommendations for LTC Settings
  - *Vaccination:* Confirm two MMR doses for all staff/residents, especially infants and pregnant individuals.
  - Awareness: Be alert for symptoms up to 21 days following possible exposure.
  - *Reporting:* Any febrile rash should be immediately reported to public health.

#### **West Nile Virus (WNV)**

#### • Seasonal Surveillance

Ontario's Vector-Borne Disease Tool is updated weekly during mosquito season (May–October) and tracks human WNV cases, positive mosquito pools, and tick-related diseases

- Prevention & Risk Management
  - Use DEET/Picaridin repellents during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active <u>hkpr.on.ca</u>.
  - Eliminate standing water (e.g., planters, bird baths).
  - Install/repair screens on windows and doors.

#### Local Context

While Brant County hasn't recently reported local human WNV cases, benchmarking against provincial surveillance and applying general prevention protocols is advisable.

#### 늘 Ticks & Tick-Borne Illnesses

• Local Tracking

The Brant County Health Unit maintains an interactive tick map showing tick sightings and Lyme risk zones

• Lyme Disease Guidance

Ontario's outdoor health resources emphasize: Wearing protective clothing in grassy or wooded areas Conducting daily tick checks Prompt removal of ticks reduces infection risk



Attention Residents and POA's

Our new building is starting to take shape! The building when completed will house 40 residents over two floors. If you are interested in how things are progressing, please be sure to stop by our updated construction information board in the Skylight Café. Here you will see the architect's inspirational pictures of what the new private rooms on the home area will look like.

Thank you to all who participated by voting to choose the name for our two new home areas. There has been lots of discussion about the names. The names chosen were Maple Grove and Tulip Lane

If you are interested in having your name (resident's name) added to the 40 new home area wait list, please reach out to Tina Partington RSW, Resident Relations Coordinator at extension 4255 or Karli Cass, Director of Programs at extension 4241.

Please note the new resident rooms are all private rooms. Once occupancy is gained, we will be sharing information on how you can book a tour.



#### Share your ideas to

#### Help Enrich the Lives of our Loved One's

For more information contact:

Karli Cass at 519-756-2920 ext 4241

#### FAMILY FORUM

#### WHO ARE WE

- The John Noble Home Family Forum consists of family members of residents.
- We function as a support group and a bridge between families and John Noble Home.
- The Forum provides peer support, shares ideas, and collaborates for residents' wellbeing.
- We offer suggestions to staff to improve services and activities for residents and their families.
- We meet once a month\* for approx. 1.5 hours in a relaxing and friendly atmosphere. \**See meeting notice on each floor for time and location.*

# **Strawberry Social**

Special thanks to <u>Sam's Place Farm Market</u> for their generous donation of strawberries for our Annual Strawberry Social. Residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed their strawberries.

