

Maple View Lodge Newsletter March 2023

RESIDENT SERVICES:

Program/Support Department

We would like to congratulate Amy Keating on her new position as Maple View Lodges' Hairdresser. You may recognize Amy as she was previously one of our friendly door screeners. Amy comes to us with many years of experience in the hairdressing industry and in addition Amy holds a PSW certificate. Her combined skill set supports our residents in a high quality, person centered salon experience. Amy has taken great initiative in the salon already recommending new products and making it the perfect space for our residents to feel and look their best. Welcome Amy and we are so glad to see you making a difference and putting many smiles on the faces of our residents.





Recreation

The Recreation department is gearing up for a very lucky March! We have many St. Patrick's Day themed activities lined up including decorating, crafts, lots of music, as well as a themed social. This month we are ready to take flight with an arm chair travel to Ireland!

Fingers are crossed with hope for some beautiful spring weather for residents to enjoy the sunrooms while we share stories for the Ides of March and make Spring birdfeeders. The Athens museum is scheduled to come and share a presentation about spring chores.

Our volunteer club is meeting this month to make soap to donate to the Leeds and Grenville Interval House. The team is busy arranging a pen pal program this month supporting residents to connect with a local elementary school.

With the first day of spring quickly approaching, we are planning our spring seeding with the gardening club with flower arranging scheduled to occur later in the month.

VOLUNTEERS:

Maple View Lodge Auxiliary

Maple View Lodge Auxiliary wishes the Residents, their Families and the Staff at Maple View Lodge a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023 at the Joshua Bates Centre, in Athens at 1:30 pm.

New members welcome. For Auxiliary information contact: Freda Schaafsma at 613-924-9036 or Susan Blancher at 613-924-9626.

FAMILY SUPPORT/SOCIAL SUPPORT:

MVL Family Council

We are pleased to share with all of our family members that our Family Council has officially established an e-mail:

MVLFamilyCouncil@outlook.com. This e-mail is for family members to



reach out to any of our existing family council members to ask questions, talk in confidence or share ideas that you wish for the council to discuss, that would positively benefit Maple View Lodge residents. We trust this method of communication will enhance the connectivity of our family members.

Caregivers Support Group – Alzheimer’s Society

Join us for one of our on-line or support groups. Groups are confidential environments for Caregivers to share and learn.

We also offer in person groups in the Leeds Grenville area, education sessions, and we can meet one-to-one with an appointment.

Alzheimer Society meetings are virtual the first Friday of each month from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm on Zoom. In person groups are held in Brockville the second Thursday of each month 10:30 am – noon at the Alzheimer Society Offices. For more information, please contact Catherine Maskell, Education and Support Coordinator at 1-866-576-8556 ext. 104.

SUPPORT SERVICES:

Dietary Department

Recipe share: does your loved one have a favorite recipe, send it our way for our new spring/summer menu. Please forward any suggestions by March 15, 2023 to MVL Administrative Services via central office mailbox or email MVLadminservices@uclg.on.ca.

Housekeeping

Maple View Lodge does not permit personal humidifiers in the home for infection control reasons. The homes building automation system is tied in with our humidifiers to ensure the home is within Ministry recommended comfort levels.

NURSING:

If you or anyone you have been in contact with, develops COVID, flu like, cold or gastrointestinal symptoms, and you have visited a resident with the previous 48 hours please contact the RN. Please continue to self screen



before coming to the Home.

The RN cell number is: **613-802-0513**. Please keep in mind the RN cell contact is for **URGENT** matters, and follow up calls. For non-urgent matters, please call the RN office at **613-924-2696 ext. 6011**. To speak with the RPN: Brookside **ext. 6101** and Meadowview **ext. 6201**.

Employee Welcome

We are happy to announce that we have a new RN joining our MVL team! Julie comes to us with solid experience in long-term care and is a delight to work with. Welcome Julie!

Palliative Care Team

The Maple View Lodge palliative care team has begun an initiative that you may notice as you enter the Home. A set of three flameless candles will at specific times be located at the main entrance and on each resident neighbourhood. These candles, called 'the light of compassion' will be set out when one of our beloved Maple View Lodge residents becomes palliative and is at end of life. The goal of this initiative is to pay respect to the resident and their family at a difficult time of transition. We respectfully request that if you notice the candles lit to please speak softly and with compassion as we strive for a calm and supportive environment.

REDEVELOPMENT:

The redevelopment project continues to be on schedule. Activities to support the project continue with a focus on Corporate Service integration and Model of Care Planning. Model of Care planning involves stakeholders from all MVL departments working together in support of best practices in resident centered care. We will be implementing, testing and trialing improvements ongoing as we ready for care delivery in a much larger and future focused Home environment.

Stay tuned for Fundraising announcements with the recent Council approval of a policy that will guide the fundraising efforts for the new Home.