

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – June 2025**

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

1. **Provincial Co-payment Rate Reduction for Basic (Shared) Rooms**



Those who are receiving the monthly co-payment rate reduction (i.e., those residents in a shared (“Basic”) room with a lower income as defined by the province) must apply for the rate reduction annually. Please send us a copy of your 2024 Notice of Assessment (NOA) from Canada Revenue Agency as soon as possible after income tax filing, in order to be re-assessed for continued rate reduction eligibility this year. To avoid being charged the full Basic rate, NOAs are required prior to July 1st of every year.

Those currently paying the full cost of a basic room may wish to submit the NOA noted above, in order to see if a provincial subsidy is warranted for this year (e.g., this may be the case if a resident’s income dropped in 2024 versus 2023).

For clarification and/or additional information, please contact Augustine Caines, Office Supervisor (519-245-2520, ext. 6246, or via email at: acaines@middlesex.ca).

1. **Provincial Notice of Co-payment Rate Increase**

Related to the above, the province has implemented an annual co-payment rate increase of 2.4% effective July 1, 2025. This increase pertains to both Basic and Private rooms.

A copy of the provincial notice of rate increase accompanies this newsletter.

Please contact Augustine Caines, Office Supervisor (519-245-2520, ext. 6246, or via email at: acaines@middlesex.ca), if you have any questions on the monthly co-payment amount.

1. **Lodge Improvements**



As part of adhering to our provincial long term care homes legislation, we communicate improvements made to our care, services, programs, goods and accommodations. To that end, improvements made since our last newsletter improvement report include:

* New commercial fridge for residents who live upstairs (Arbour Glen and Parkview Place); and
* New TV for the rejuvenated “Calming Room” on the Bear Creek resident home area (courtesy of Lodge’s Ladies’ Auxiliary donation).
1. **June 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 June include:

* June 20th – Music with Marie Brottrell (2pm in the Rose Room)
* June 23rd – “Leaving Tracks” entertains (2pm in the Rose Room)
* June 25th – Strawberry Social with Jeremy Smith (2pm, outdoors weather permitting)
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 Jeff Turnbull, Lodge Environmental Services Manager, at (519) 245-2520, ext. 6244 (or, via email: jturnbull@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