

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Mar. ‘20**

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

1. **Provincial Funding Changes to Pharmacies Serving Long Term Care Homes**



Long term care homes in the province (numbering 630) like Strathmere Lodge contract the services of pharmacies in the business of serving long term care homes, who then supply/deliver the medications needed by long term care home residents.

Medical Pharmacies is the pharmacy organization contracted by The Lodge. Medical Pharmacies is a major supplier of pharmacy services to long term care homes. As part of our service from Medical Pharmacies, The Lodge has regular access to a Pharmacist, whose expertise we consult as to needed medications for our residents.

In the past, our Pharmacist has been on site for Annual Care Conference meetings with families/residents, but due to significant provincial funding reductions to long term care home pharmacy providers, such pharmacy providers have had to reduce the on-site presence of their Pharmacists.

What this means at The Lodge is that our Pharmacist will no longer be a regular attendee at Annual Care Conference meetings with families/residents. We will still have information about resident medications at care conference meetings, but if additional medication information is required from the Pharmacist, The Lodge will work with Medical Pharmacies and the pharmacist in order to provide such information to families/residents as soon as possible after an annual care conference meeting.

1. **Recreation Calendar / Important 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 March (in the Rose Room, unless otherwise indicated):

1. Wednesday, Mar. 4th, 2:00pm – Uptown Dixieland Jazz Band entertains
2. Tuesday, Mar. 10th, 6:45pm – Annual Fireman’s Bingo
3. Tuesday, Mar. 17th, 2:00pm – St. Patrick’s Day Party with The Goldies
4. Saturday, Mar. 21st, 1:30pm – Leaving Tracks entertains
5. Monday, Mar. 23rd, 2:00pm – Music with The Finlays
6. Friday, March 27th, 2:00pm – Happy Hour with Dan Skeltcher
7. **Next Family Council Meeting**



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, March 2, 2020 at 1:00pm in the Chapel (note earlier time and meeting location change).

We will have a guest speaker for this meeting, who is Mr. David Small, Mental Health Educator from the Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex. Mr. Small will be speaking about Mental Health and the Elderly.

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 Family Council 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.

1. **Labelling of Residents’ Clothing**



This is a reminder that new clothing needs to be labelled with the resident’s name before residents begin to wear it (this also includes items such as shoes and personal blankets/throws). Please use the Clothing Bin at the main entrance to deposit clothing requiring labelling (instructions are provided at the Clothing Bin).

Recently, the following items circumvented our clothing bin (if you believe anything belongs to you, please contact John Fournier, Environmental Services Manager, at 519-245-2520, ext. 6244, or via email at jfournier@middlesex.ca):

|  | **Clothing Item Description** | **Applicable Resident Home Area** |
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| 1 | Pants (gray, size XXL, Brand = Original) | Hickory Woods |
| 2 | Camisole Undergarment (white) | Hickory Woods |
| 3 | Woman’s T-shirt (gray, size Small, Brand = Arroll-Bed) | Hickory Woods |
| 4 | Woman’s Top (leopard print, size PM/M Petite, Brand = TanJay) | Syndenham Meadows |
| 5 | Blue Elbow Protector | Syndenham Meadows |
| 6 | Blouse (pink, button front, size 18) | Syndenham Meadows |
| 7 | Slip Undergarment (cream colour, nylon material, size M, Brand = Pink Lady) | Parkview Place |
| 8 | Shirt (black/gray, polyester material, size L, “Punisher” graphic, Brand = Marvel) | Unidentifiable |
| 9 | Pants (blue, rayon material, size L, Brand = N.W.D.) | Unidentifiable |
| 10 | Button-Down Shirt (blue and white stripes, cotton material, size L, Brand = Bill Blass) | Unidentifiable |
| 11 | Sweater (gray/white/black, zipper front, cotton/acrylic material, size L, Brand = Mountain Ridge) | Unidentifiable |
| 12 | Sweater (charcoal/blue, acrylic material, size L, Brand = Van Heusen) | Unidentifiable |
| 13 | Blanket (black) | Unidentifiable |
| 14 | Blanket (light brown) | Unidentifiable |
| 15 | Fitted Sheet (white) | Unidentifiable |
| 16 | Throw Blanket (brown and cream) | Unidentifiable |
| 17 | Blanket (brown, large size) | Unidentifiable |

1. **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 [web page](http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care): http://www.middlesex.ca/departments/long-term-care

Electronic back copies of our newsletter can be found on our 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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