

**Resident, Family, Friend and Responsible Party** **Newsletter – Oct. ‘19**

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

1. **Provincial Wettlaufer Inquiry**



The final Report and Recommendations of the Long Term Care Homes Public Inquiry (“Wettlaufer Inquiry”) has been released.

As you will recall, the Inquiry was established to examine the events that allowed Elizabeth Wettlaufer to harm and kill residents in long term care homes. The Report and Recommendations are aimed at minimizing such tragedies from occurring again.

Here are some key recommendations from the provincial Report:

* The Government of Ontario should ensure that a strategic plan is in place to build awareness of the health-care serial killer phenomenon;
* The Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (“The Ministry”) should create new, permanent funding for long-term care homes for training, education, and professional development for those caring for residents;
* The Ministry should expand the parameters of the funding it gives homes for nursing and personal care to allow them to spend it on a broader spectrum of staff, including pharmacists and pharmacy technicians;
* The Ministry should create a three-year program under which homes can apply for grants of $50,000 to $200,000, based on their size, to improve visibility and tracking of medication; and
* The Ministry should conduct a study to determine adequate levels of registered nursing staff in long term care homes and table the findings by July 31, 2020. If the study shows a need for additional staffing to ensure residents’ safety, provincial long term care homes should receive more government funding.

In response to the release of the Wettlaufer Report, the Minister of Long Term Care stated that the [**provincial government plans to review the Inquiry recommendations**](http://advantageontario.informz.ca/z/cjUucD9taT0xMTA5NTcyJnA9MSZ1PTkwMDAxMTc4NCZsaT0xNTM1MTQwNw/index.html) and is committed to make changes.

The extensive Report is available on the provincial Inquiry website: <https://longtermcareinquiry.ca>.

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 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 October (in the Rose Room, unless otherwise indicated):

1. Saturday, October 5th, 1:30pm – Joel Horvath entertains
2. Wednesday, October 9th, 2:00pm – Octoberfest with Tony Nother
3. Wednesday, October 16th, 9:00am to 3:00pm – Geri-Fashions Clothing Sale
4. Friday, October 18th, 2:00pm – Music with Keri
5. Friday, October 25th, 2:00pm – Happy Hour with Jeremy Smith
6. Thursday, October 31st, 2:00pm – Halloween Party with The Goldies

**3. 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, October 7, 2019, at 6:30pm in the (second floor) Conference Room (note evening time).

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.

**4. Labelling of New Resident Clothing - Reminder of New Process**



This is a reminder that we now have a new process to affix name labels to new resident clothing, effective July 15th.

Instead of bringing new clothing requiring labelling to the applicable resident home area, families/residents will now take such clothing to the New Clothing Drop-off Bin, near the front entrance. There, families/residents will find instructions to initiate labelling.

For regular readers of our newsletter, you will note we often include mention of how new resident clothing ends up in our laundry system before we affix a resident name label to the clothing. Without a resident name on laundered clothing, it becomes difficult, if not impossible, to trace such clothing back to its rightful owner.

The new process has already proven to be effective in that far fewer articles of clothing are ending up in our laundry system without a resident name affixed.

Should you have any questions on this, please contact me (Brent Kerwin, Administrator) at 519-245-2520, ext. 6222.

**5. 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>

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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