



NORTH LAMBTON LODGE | QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

39 Morris Street, Forest, Ontario

Welcome Fall!



A Note From the Administrator

The Elders at The Lodge welcomed the fall season by helping decorate the front entrance in time for the Forest Fall Fair. A group took a trip over to enjoy the famous turkey burgers and delicious pies before wandering through the exhibits. Then it was off to watch the parade and go on a few rides.

We are happy to once again host co-operative education students from North Lambton Secondary School. We have three students this term, Paisley and Olivia are with Recreation & Nursing and Lilly is with the Dietary Department.

Each summer we work with the Elders to complete the Annual Feedback Survey. The survey question "I can express my opinion without fear of consequence" did not score as high as many of the other questions. We are reviewing this with staff and at Residents' and Family Council in October to learn more.

Although a few months away, we have chosen a date for the Elder & Family Christmas Dinner - Sunday, Dec. 15 at 5:00pm. Each Elder can invite three guests. Ticket information will be available in November.

Lastly, as we enter the fall season, we see an increase in Influenza and COVID illness. Immunizations, including Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) will be offered to all Elders in the Home once available from Lambton Public Health. It is anticipated that Community clinics will be available for the general public starting the end of October. We want to do what we can to limit the spread of illness and help keep everyone who lives, works and visits The Lodge safe.



We honour and nurture the dignity of each person

"We believe ageing well starts with living well. Excellence in care, respect for individuality, and accountability drive us. We provide the highest quality of care while staying deeply connected to our community. Compassion and dignity are our lived reality."

- Michael Gorgey, General Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 01 Entertainment with Leavin Tracks

Oct 07 Fall Colour Tour

Oct 08 Casino Bus Trip

Oct 09 Legion Bus Trip

Oct 19 Fall Colour Tour

Oct 21 Tea with NLL Auxiliary

Oct 24 Entertainment with The Newtimers

Oct 27 Bluewater Chorus Group

Oct 28 Pumpkin Carving

Oct 31 Halloween Party with Blast From The Past

Nov 11 Remembrance Day Service, Bus to Cenotaph

Nov 14 Entertainment with Blast From The Past

Nov 21 Entertainment with Randy Gray

Nov 30 Santa Claus Parade Bus Trip

Dec 11 Entertainment with James Skarnikat

Dec 19 Christmas Party hosted by NLL Auxiliary

Dec 20 Entertainment with The Newtimers

Dec 26 Christmas Light Tour

Dec 31 New Years Eve Party with Blast From the Past



Gloria from Pine Lane is seen here teaching a few staff how to crochet. Gloria is part of a group of Elders who meet on Mondays to crochet and knit.

Special Thanks to The Lodge Auxiliary

The Auxiliary provided financial support for several special events over the past few months, including an afternoon with "Elvis", a pottery workshop, an outing to the Huron Country Playhouse and a sailing on the "Duc D'Orleans" in Sarnia. Over \$14,000 was spent for the purchase of outdoor table and chair sets, and funds were also provided to assist with some landscaping projects.

The Auxiliary will once again be holding their raffle, raising funds to support their objective of providing some extra enjoyment and comfort to the Elders at North Lambton Lodge. When available, be sure to purchase your tickets for a chance to win!



Infection Prevention and Control

As anticipated with the arrival of fall, Lambton Public Health is seeing a rise in illness from respiratory viruses in the community. In response, all visitors to North Lambton Lodge continue to be required to complete the following:

Self-Screening: If you have new/worsening signs/symptoms of infection please do not visit the Home, take the time needed to recover. The Lodge remains a mask friendly space, and you are encouraged to wear a supplied face mask if you choose.

Hand Hygiene: This continues to be the most effective way to break the chain of transmission. Every visitor is required to clean their hands at entry to the Home, as well as frequently throughout their time in the building.

Accushield: Signing in AND out with each visit is required. This identifies you to Elders and staff and permits tracking for infection control purposes. It also provides a current list of people inside the building should an emergency arise. Please contact any staff member if you are unsure of how to use this device. **PPE:** If you are required to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) for your visit, signage will be posted, and PPE will be provided. Staff can assist you upon request.

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