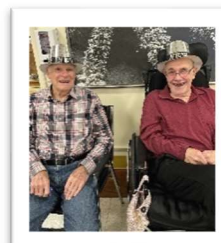


THE North Lambton LODGE in Forest, Ontario

NORTH LAMBTON LODGE | QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

39 Morris Street, Forest, Ontario

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A Note From the Administrator

2023 was another great year at the Lodge. We have many projects scheduled for 2024, starting with the new flooring on Oak Court that was recently completed. The next construction project is the Pine Servery and will be scheduled for later in February.

January is Alzheimer's Awareness Month and Alzheimer Societies across Canada, including the Alzheimer Society of Sarnia-Lambton are on a mission to educate people about brain health and dementia awareness. To learn more, check out their website at www.alzheimer.ca/sarnialambton.

February is Therapeutic Recreation Awareness Month and this year's theme is *Connection, Celebration, and Continued Education*. The Recreation and Leisure Staff at the Lodge work hard to offer fun, engaging and meaningful activities. We recognize and appreciate their creativity and the joy they bring with everything they do. We also look forward to Valentine's Day on February 14 with entertainment for everyone to enjoy!

Emergency Alerts

The County of Lambton uses Sarnia-Lambton Alerts, powered by the Everbridge platform, to send public safety advisories in times of emergency. This system is also used to contact families/representatives of Elders and staff when there is an outbreak at one of the County Homes. Sarnia-Lambton Alerts allows the County to dispatch a message to recipients by phone call, text message, email, and/or app alert. These alerts provide basic information and do not require a response. More detailed information will be provided by telephone or email from the Lodge, and you are always welcome to call the Lodge with any questions.



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“We believe in compassionate care, service excellence, dignity and choice and accountability. We want the best care possible while being good stewards of public money. As people caring for people our services are provided by the community in the community for the community”

- Jane Joris, General Manager

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 28	Sundaes on Sunday	Feb 20	Library Art Program
Jan 31	Entertainment with Randy Gray	Feb 27	Entertainment with Blast from the Past
Feb 6	Vic & The Campfire Band	Mar 5	Vic & The Campfire Band
Feb 14	Valentines Party with Entertainment by Connie Furtney	Mar 14	Entertainment with Randy Gray
Feb 17	Pub with Entertainment by Bob Barnett	Mar 15	Ice Cream Appreciation Day
		Mar 17	Entertainment with Blast from the Past
		Mar 19	Library Art Program
		Mar 23	Pub with Entertainment by Bob Barnett



Nursing News

We have fully implemented our Jubo Health Vital Link machine, utilized to obtain vital signs, and automatically upload into the Elders' charts. Next up is the implementation of a new Elder assessment tool referred to as the Registered Nursing Association of Ontario (RNAO) Clinical Pathways. These assessments will go live at the end of January.

Students

You may have noticed a few new faces around the Lodge, helping on the Neighbourhoods. We are excited to have Practical Nursing students in their 2nd year and Bachelor of Science Nursing (BScN) students in their 4th year with us to complete their clinical and consolidating hours. We also have a Recreation student with us every Friday.

Infection, Prevention and Control (IPAC) Updates

Arexvy, the new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine became available to Elders late in Fall 2023. RSV is a common respiratory virus that is a major cause of illness among Ontarians causing infection of a person's respiratory system. All eligible persons are encouraged to receive vaccines to decrease the risk of severe symptoms related to illness, as well as to decrease the risk of virus transmission to others. IPAC Lead Rebecca Helsel is available to discuss any questions or concerns regarding Elders' vaccines and infection prevention.

We Need You!

The Lodge is currently looking for coffee volunteers for Monday, Saturday and Sunday mornings.

No experience required. For more information, please call 519-786-2151 x 5710 or email

volunteer@county-lambton.on.ca



Questions? Comments? Suggestions? Contact Laura Smits, Confidential Secretary

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