

## Message from the Administrator

Dear Grandview Lodge Residents & Families,

We trust this newsletter reaches you in high spirits as we step into the festive month of December. Grandview Lodge is aglow with holiday cheer, adorned with twinkling lights and festive decorations. Here's a sneak peek into the festive happenings in our cozy haven.

Our halls are decorated, creating a merry and bright atmosphere! Join us for a series of festive celebrations all through the month, including tree decorating, family gatherings, and joyous carol sing-alongs—something to suit every preference. Our Christmas Galas commence on December 11th for Bridge View and Hill View, followed by December 13th for Creek View and Marsh View. These impressive events will unfold in our beautifully decorated Auditorium, offering a perfect setting for celebrating with your loved ones.

For those seeking a more intimate gathering, consider booking one of our rooms for your festive get-together. Reach out to Jodi Walsh, Resident Service Clerk, who will be more than happy to assist you in securing the ideal space for your event. Jodi can be contacted at jwalsh@haldimandcounty.on.ca or extension 2221.

The vibrant atmosphere, enhanced by decorations and lights, and the growing presence of people contribute to the heightened activity within our home. It's crucial to recognize that each individual reacts differently to such stimuli. With the passage of time, our responses to situations may change, transforming someone who was once a quiet observer into the center of festivities or prompting another to find comfort in a softly illuminated space. We understand the importance of celebrating the holidays in a way that holds personal meaning for you. Please let us know how we can assist you in maximizing the joy of this season. Your preferences matter to us, and we're here to support you in creating meaningful holiday memories.

While we're enthusiastic about the collective celebrations this season, we'd like to gently remind everyone that masks are presently mandated according to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. We encourage your participation in the festivities, but please remember to keep your mask on at all times when in communal spaces with other residents and staff. If you're in a private setting with your loved ones and wish to temporarily remove your mask for a meal or to enjoy festive treats, feel free to do so. However, it's imperative to wear your mask in open spaces where other residents and staff are present. Your cooperation ensures a safe and enjoyable celebration for all.

Wishing you a December filled with love, laughter, and unforgettable moments. From our Grandview Lodge family to yours, may your holiday season be merry and bright!

Amy Moore Administrator ext. 2224 <u>amoore@haldimandcounty.on.ca</u>

## Nursing and Personal Care Services:

This December as we gather with family and friends to celebrate the holiday season and spend more time indoors let's turn our attention to the risks of our loved ones developing pressure injuries.

## Assessment

- PSWs assess skin on bath/shower days, during AM/HS care, and as opportunity arises that they are able to see the resident's skin.
- The RPN/RN will perform admission, quarterly, and annual Braden scale assessment and fluid/nutrition screening, and flag and significant changes to be addressed by the NP/MD or dietician.

## Planning

- Care plans are individually created for each resident to ensure highest level of specificity.
- Prevention should always be the #1 goal of all residents' care plans.
- The RPN/RN should consult with NP/MD when there is concern about the treatment of any pressure injury.

## **Risk Factors**

- Unmanaged Incontinence
- Limited mobility
- Malnutrition & Dehydration
- Cognitive Impairment
- Medical Co-morbidities
- Decreased Sensation of pain & pressure

## Evaluation

• Admission, quarterly, and annual Braden scale assessments to predict pressure injury risk.

## Debbie Marks, RN, Director of Nursing ext. 2234 Charlotte Hutchinson, RN, Associate Director of Nursing, ext. 2226

## **Infection Prevention & Control**

This is a friendly reminder to all visitors, essential caregivers, volunteers and staff members that **masks must be more within all communal areas of Grandview Lodge.** 

Masks are available on-site next to the visitor sign-in book. Visitors are required to sanitize their hands and put on a mask prior to entering Resident Home Areas or common spaces within the building.

If you are feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you reschedule your visit at Grandview for a later date when you're feeling better.

We thank you in advance for your support in protecting your loved ones by minimizing risk of transmission within the home and by abiding by the Universal Masking Mandate until further notice.

Taylor Reichheld, IPAC Coordinator, ext. 2229 <u>treichheld@haldimandcounty.on.ca</u>





MASKS ARE REQUIRED



PLEASE USE BEFORE ENTERING

## Facility Operations

I would like to remind all visitors and staff to refrain from parking in fire routes. The snowplows and crews require access to clear snow and salt during the winter months. If you should happen to notice any hazardous conditions in the parking lot due to inclement weather, please report it to the Maintenance Department. For any questions or concerns related to the Maintenance Department, please feel free to speak with Steve Durk.

Christmas is the time of year when a lot of people love to decorate for the season and we encourage residents and families to do so. I would just like to remind residents and families that if they are decorating using anything electrical (battery or plug in) they must be CSA approved and inspected by the maintenance department before being operated.

## Steve Durk Supervisor, Facility Operations, ext. 2241

## Dietary, Laundry & Housekeeping

Welcome December!!

While the improvements are still underway for the homes new HVAC System, we are pleased to be getting closer to a completion date.

I am sure everyone has noticed how our Main Hall has been decorated for Christmas and looks absolutely beautiful. Many thanks to the lovely staff members that made the home feel magical and warm this holiday season.

Our clothing label maker was sent out for repairs but is now back on site and the laundry staff have been hard at work catching up with labeling of our resident's clothing.

Thanks again to our housekeeping staff who are continuously making our home sparkle, and not just in December.

We will have a none perishable food drop box that will be located in the front lobby. We will collect for the month of December in order to help families in need have a bright holiday season.

## Kristen VanKuren Supervisor of Dietary, Laundry & Housekeeping, ext. 2237

## Accounts Services Clerk

It is with a mix of emotions that we announce Pam Bonnet's decision to embark on a new chapter with Norview Lodge. Pam has served as the Accounts Clerk at GVL for nearly nine years, playing a crucial role in ensuring the smooth processing of resident admissions and addressing their financial needs. She has been instrumental in maintaining the residents' trust accounts in good standing.



Over the past few years working with Pam, we can attest to her kind, friendly, and outgoing nature. She consistently approaches her work with a positive attitude, always eager to assist residents, staff, and family members with any requirements.

Recognizing that this decision was undoubtedly a challenging one for Pam, we acknowledge and appreciate her lasting impact at GVL. Her final day with us will be next Friday, December 8th, Grandview Lodge expresses sincere thanks to Pam for her unwavering dedication and hard work at Grandview Lodge. She will be remembered with fondness and will be sincerely missed. We wish her the very best in her new role at Norview Lodge.

While we embark on the recruitment process, please connect with Jodi Walsh, Resident Services Clerk for assistance.

## Important Notice: Non-Urgent Patient Transportation:



Date: November 8, 2023 To: Family Health Team, Local Long-term care homes

**RE: Non-Urgent Patient Transportation** 

At this time, Haldimand War Memorial Hospital would like to formally notify you that all patient transportation *unrelated* to the patient's medical needs while in our care at HWMH will be the responsibility of the patient and/or family to pay and possibly even arrange. A brochure will be available in all departments for patients/families that explains the expectations and process to making their own arrangements.

HWMH will always ensure that patients requiring transport to another facility or home will be assessed for the safest and most appropriate cost effective mode of transportation including the appropriate choice of escort based on the patient's condition.

All non-emergency transportation of a patient (such as discharge) to their home, to long-term care or to an appointment **unrelated** to their primary admitting diagnosis, surgery/procedure or emergency visit is the responsibility of the patient/family. The hospital staff are still able to assist in booking the transportation. In all instances, the patient/family and/or POA will be put in touch with the transport company to pay directly. If this is not able to be completed at the time, the patient/family will receive a bill from the hospital.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely, HWMH Nursing Leadership and Finance Department

#### Transportation for Discharge and Appointments:

You are responsible for arranging and paying for the cost of your own transportation home when you are discharged from the hospital, after an emergency visit, appointment or hospital stay. "Home" may be either your place of residence, a retirement home or a long-term care facility (i.e., a nursing home)

You are also responsible for your own transportation arrangements and costs while you are in hospital and need to travel to an appointment that was booked prior to your admission, or is not related to the care you are receiving.

#### Making Your Arrangements:

Please plan your transportation ahead of time with family/friends, taxi or private transportation services as needed and communicate them to a member of your care team. Kindly, the hospital aims for discharges to be completed by 11:00 am.

If family/friends are not available to take you home, or if you require special transportation needs, please make arrangements with one of the following as detailed on the back of this brochure:

#### Taxi

Wheelchair taxi Private transportation services for patients requiring a stretcher.

Please notify your nurse of the final arrangements for your transportation.

#### Transportation to long-term care and other facilities:

When you are to be transported to a long-term care home or other facility, please notify the nurse or unit clerk of your specific transportation arrangements (including time of pick up) at least 24 hours before discharge.

#### Staff assistance in making arrangements:

In some events, transportation may be required more rapidly (for example, going home from the emergency department). In some instances, the hospital staff may assist you in making arrangements. You will be connected with the transport service to make the payment directly. In the event you cannot make these arrangements, you will receive a bill from the hospital.

Emergency medical services (EMS) or private ambulance will be arranged by the hospital when emergency situations arise, when paramedic care is needed or when transportation is required *related* to your hospital visit.

You are required to pay a \$45 copayment fee for being transported by land or air ambulance if you have:

- 1. A valid Ontario Health Card, and
- An emergency life-threatening and urgent situation, or paramedic care is medically necessary.



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Getting more information: Your nurse or unit clerk can help if you have any questions or require further assistance to finalize your transportation arrangements.

## What's Happening in: MARSHVIEW

Over the last couple months, we have been busy having fun in Marshview.

We headed out to get our Pumpkins to add to our fall décor. Everyone had a great time looking at all the different shapes and sizes of the pumpkins.



We have started decorating and crafting for Christmas, we cant wait to celebrate the Holidays.



We also have had 2 new additions to the Marshview Home area, Jenny and Ted. All the residents love having them around and helping care for them.



## **December Resident Feature: Gerry McCarthy**

Gerry was borne April 22nd, 1929 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario to parents John RH and Helen McCarthy. He spent his younger years from 1931 until 1948 growing up in Timmins ON and in the nearby communities of Gold Centre and Schumacher. After completing technical courses in high school, Gerry found employment in the McIntyre Mines in Schumacher.

> In June 1948, Gerry, along with his mother, father and six siblings (Lola, Eldon, Wayne, Ruby, Vance, Clare), pick up and moved to Dunnville ON.

Gerry married Lorraine McCarthy (nee Gordon) of Dunnville in July of 1951 and they have one son,

Rick, who lives with his wife Janet in Dartmouth, NS.

Gerry and Lorraine have spent all of their time together in Dunnville, living on John Street, Concession St and most recently, Forest Street E. Lorraine was the head secretary at the Dunnville High School for many years, whom we lost to cancer in December 2018.

Gerry began his career as a Machinist at Lundy Steel in Dunnville in 1948. He retired from Lundy's in 1980 and went to

work at the new Stelco plant in Nanicoke ON, when, in 1992 he officially retired.

Gerry is a proud, lifelong Firefighter who joined the Dunnville Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD) in 1956 and served as Secretary from 1968-70, and then as

Fire Chief from 1972 to 1989. He retired from active duty in 1989 to become a Senator with the Fire Department. Gerry also served as president of the Niagara District Fire Fighter Association from 1964 to 1965 and later volunteered as the Fire Department Padre.

A life Member of the Royal Canadian

Legion, Dunnville Branch #142, Gerry served on the Executive in various positions, including Vice President many times and most recently as Sports Officer. He was a member of the Dunnville Golf & Country club for nearly 60 years and is still an active member of the Amity Lodge A.F. & A.M. No. 32 G.R.C in

Gerry has two grandchildren and

eight great grandchildren. Granddaughter Christine lives in Chester NS, and Allison lives in Ottawa ON. Gerry's youngest brother Clare McCarthy (82) still lives in Orangeville ON.

An avid golfer and top notch five pin bowler, he also loved to play shuffleboard. A keen sports fan, Gerry can be found in #13 Hill View watching either

curling, car racing, hockey or baseball on his big screen TV. He also enjoys watching the birds come and go from the bird feeder outside his window. If you stop by for a chat, don't be surprised if you're offered to stay for a cold one.











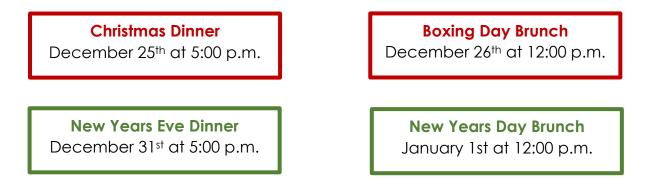




Holiday Happenings

**December 1st:** Tree Lighting & Hot Chocolate Bar, 2 p.m., Lobby December 5<sup>th</sup>: Holiday Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Gathering Room December 6<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Horticulture Program, 10:30 a.m., Auditorium **December 6<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Show with Cameron, 2 p.m., Auditorium December 7th: Cookie Decorating, 2 p.m., Auditorium December 11<sup>th</sup>: HV/BV Christmas Gala, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium **December 12<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Bake Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. December 13th: MV/CV Christmas Gala, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium December 14<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Movie Matinee, 1:30 p.m., Gathering Room **December 15<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Creations all day in the Auditorium **December 17<sup>th</sup>:** Cards and Songs Children from Jubilee Church 10:30 a.m. **December 19<sup>th</sup>:** Funny Festive Sweater Day-all day! Light tour MV/CV **December 20<sup>th</sup>:** Light tour HV/BV **December 21<sup>st</sup>:** Gingerbread house judging-all departments **December 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Carols by the fireside 2 p.m. **December 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Family Christmas Sing-A-Long with Dave Burden, 2 p.m., Aud. **December 29th:** Pajama Day all day **December 31st:** New Years Eve Party with Joan Ballantyne, 10:30 Aud.

# Holiday Meals



\*Please be advised that Residents are **limited to 2 Guests**, as Residents with guests are required to dine in the Resident rooms, due to masking requirements\*

Meal tickets are **\$13.00 per person, per event** and can be purchased at the front desk from Jodi Walsh, Resident Services Clerk.

## You're Invited to GVL's Annual Christmas Galas!

You're invited for some holiday cheer to celebrate this special time of year! All families are welcome to spend a cozy Christmas evening with their loved one!

Christmas Party

> Monday, December 11 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Please RSVP by Monday, December 4th Gayle for Hillview Ext. 2302 Email: gmcdougall@haldimandcounty.on.ca Bev for Bridgeview Ext. 2300 Email: blittle@haldimandcounty.on.ca

905. 774. 7547



You're invited for some holiday cheer to celebrate this special time of year! All families are welcome to spend a cozy Christmas evening with their loved one!

Christmas Party

> Wednesday, December 13 6:30 pm - 8 pm

Please RSVP by Monday, December 4th Megan for Creekview Ext. 2301 Email: mherkimer@haldimandcounty.on.ca Nicole for Marshview Ext. 2303 Email: nleeney@haldimandcounty.on.ca

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CREEKVIEW & MARSHVIEW

# HAPPY SIRTHDAY

Wishing you a wonderful year filled with special moments, good health and happiness!

Patricia Alfieri Meagan Booth Dorothy Hare James Lofstrom Jean McCann Wanda Montgomery Marie O'Hagan Grace Thatcher Linda Vickers





## Twas the Night Before Christmas:

Twas the night before Christmas and all thru the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse. All the stockings were hung by the chimney with care In the hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there. Then what to my wondering eyes should appear, A miniature sleigh and eigth tiny reindeer. A little old driver, so lively and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick. And more rapid than eagles his reindeer all came, As he shouted, "On Dasher" and each reindeer's name. And so up to the housetop the reindeer soon flew, with the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas, too. Down the chimney he came with a leap and a bound He was dressed in all fur and his belly was round. He spoke not a word but went straight to his work, And filled all the stockings and then turned with a jerk. And laying his finger aside of his nose, then giving a nod Up the chimney he rose, but I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight "Merry Christmas to All, and to All a Good Night!"



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#### **Mission Statement:**

"With comfort, compassion and care, Grandview Lodge Community supports a meaningful life for residents."

### Contact us:

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Administrative Assistant	Ext 2223
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Hillview	Ext 2202
Marshview	Ext 2247
	LXI 2201
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Bev Little, BV	Ext 2300
Gayle McDougall, HV	Ext 2302
Megan Herkimer, CV	Ext 2301

## Physicians

Dr. Kamouna

Attending Physician/ Medical Director

Dr. Ezzat

Attending Physician

Upon request, the Director of Nursing may attend Physician appointments held at Grandview Lodge. Please see the registered staff in your home area.

## The following services are available at Grandview Lodge:

TBD

Bobbi-Jo Biggley

Jodi Ainsworth, RPN

Hairdresser & Barber

Physiotherapist

Foot Care

Rosanne Turenne, RDH

Dental Hygienist

For more information regarding the above services or to book transportation for an offsite medical appointment (we have a van, fees apply), please call Jodi Walsh, 905 774-7547, ext. 2221.

