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Mission Statement Our Mission is to provide holistic health care in a home environment located within an internal neighbourhood design that promotes a caring community, with emphasis on optimal health and life purpose for each resident



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## Message from BRYCE MCBAIN

Residents, Families, and Team Members,

We gave thanks to our volunteers for making a difference at The Village of Riverside Glen during National Volunteer Week in April. We appreciate the kindness and the support that our volunteers provide in our village. We honoured Diana Perrotta with our Barb Schlegel award, an award that was created in Barb Schlegel's honour to recognize the exceptional contributions a volunteer makes in our village every day. Diana has made a significant impact on our LTC-Arthur neighbourhood where she supports our resident dining experience. She is seen as a valued member of our community by residents, families, and team members.

Mental Health Awareness Week is May 13th – 19th. Please make time for self-care as much as you care about others in your community. Let us know if or how we may support you.

Please also plan to join me in recognizing our compassionate, committed, and caring team members on Caregiver's Week, May 13th-19th. Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm (weather permitting) we invite everyone to participate in our Caregivers' Carnival in our rear parking lot behind our Long-Term Care Erin Neighbourhood to celebrate all caregivers.

THANK YOU, caregivers, for your dedication to caring for and serving our residents at The Village of Riverside Glen.

We hope that our readers enjoy our May newsletter.

Sincerely,

Bryce

**General Manager** 

## Chaplain's Corner

To: Residents, Families, Team Members

Daily we are bombarded with phone calls from strangers asking us, "How are you?" How bizarre is that! Does a stranger care how I am. Then how about the same question being asked by people we know as they hurry by us. "How are you?" I recently read an article in the Christian Reformed magazine on this topic, which made me think, how many times do I engage people with this question, as I, too, rush past them.

Flippant greeting disorder; it's not a clinical disorder, but coined by a retired minister and mental health counsellor. Let me quote him (Ken Nydam): "Flippant greeting disorder is not only a people-care mistake unthinkingly practiced in our culture. It also makes no sense. "How are you?" does not by any stretch of the imagination mean the same as "Hello". When I challenge people to refrain from using this question...they usually are surprised at how automatic it has become. Flippant greeting disorder desensitizes us to the value of this tool for connecting to hurting people. Saying "How are you?" has become a meaningless gesture." He then suggests some actions to stop it: don't ask the question and don't answer the question or answer it truthfully (try that, especially if you are having a bad day and would love to tell someone how you REALLY are—it might cure them from ever asking you again!!) On the positive sidemodel more appropriate greetings: "Good Morning", "Hope you have a nice day", "Nice to see you today." Maybe we can restore our true connections by truly greeting each other. "How are you?" should only be asked when we really care about the answer and we have the time to listen to the response. I challenge myself with these thoughts and I challenge you.

Blessings to you, Rev. Brenda Woodall

#### In Memoriam

The Board of Directors, Management, Team Members and Residents were saddened by the passing of:

Betty C

Lawrence L

Verna M



## Riverside Glen welcomes new residents



Welcome

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Bem-Vindo

## Witajcie

Bienvenue Karibuni

> — The Village of — VERSIDE GLE

#### Retirement

Marilyn S

Kenneth D

Ivan P

Vera S

Long Term Care

Wayne P

Benvenuto

Mary M

Margaret C

Connie A

Robert S

#### June 2024

## RESEARCH MATTERS

#### RIA FEATURE

#### Expert tips on medication management

As we age, we often have to take more medications, making it more complex to manage how and when to take them. <u>Tejal Patel</u>, pharmacist and Schlegel Specialist in Medication Management and Aging, aims to make managing medications easier and safer for older adults. Here, we share advice based on Patel's research to help you and your loved ones.

#### Keeping track of your medications

- Keep an updated list of your medications. This includes prescription medications, over-thecounter drugs, vitamins, and natural health products.
- Make sure to update this list whenever there is a change, such as starting a new medication, stopping a medication, or changing the dose.
- Keep a note of any allergic reactions or side effects you experience.

#### Talk to your pharmacist if you have difficulty...

- opening bottles or blister packs.
- swallowing pills.
- reading medication labels.
- understanding instructions.
- organizing your pills.

Your pharmacist can offer helpful solutions and personalized advice to help manage any of these challenges and more.



Questions to ask when you're prescribed a new medication

- Does it interfere with anything I am taking right now?
- What side effects should I look for?
- What should I expect from it and by when?
- What time of day should I take it?
- Should the medication be taken with food?
- How should I stop taking it?
- Do I need refills?
- How many times should I take it in a day?
- What should I do if I experience side effects?
- Is there a food or supplement I should not take it with?
- What should I do if I forget to take a dose?
- Is there anything I should or should not do while taking the medicine (for example, driving)?

For more information about medication management and other helpful content to enhance your life, subscribe to updates from the RIA at <u>www.the-ria.ca/enews.</u>



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## PHOTO REVIEW OF MAY



## COMING UP IN MAY

Saturday June 1

Wednesday June 12

Sunday, June 16th

Thursday, June 20th

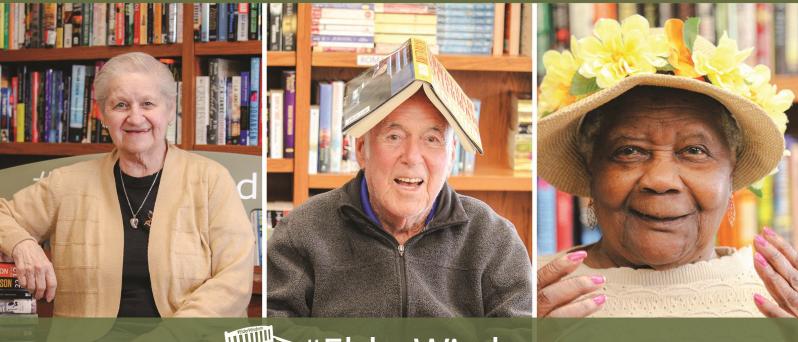
Monday, June 24

Grandbend Motor Track Outing Drag Bingo night Father's Day Festivies Indigenous Drumming Elder Wisdom Library Event

#### Vendors

Patricia's Creations Boutique Monday, June 3rd: 10-2 Mainstreet RH Cameron Cards Thursday, June 13th: 10-2 Mainstreet RH Cathy's Scarves and Gifts Friday, June 28th 10-2 Mainstreet RH

## Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS



## #ElderWisdom

Our residents inspire us every day; they share their lives and life stories with us, and in their spirit, we are reminded that time offers the gift of wisdom and experience.

Across the province throughout June, residents and team members will bring the #ElderWisdom Green Benches into their local communities to spend a day in conversation with their neighbours.

In doing so, we hope our communities cherish the gifts older adults offer and with each conversation, we help push past the sense of ageism that still permeates many aspects of our society.

# *Join the* **CONVERSATION**

Foster intergenerational connections and celebrate the wisdom of the elder in your community during Senior's Month this June.

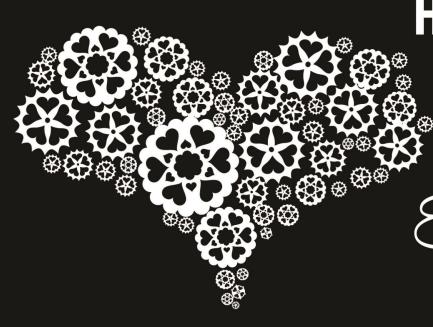
#### **Our participating cities!**

Windsor	Guelph	Brampton
London	Hamilton	Etobicoke
Kitchener	Burlington	Whitby
Waterloo	Mississauga	Barrie

For dates, times, locations and more information visit **elderwisdom.ca** 

#### "Stories are the BRIDGES between GENERATIONS"

## Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS



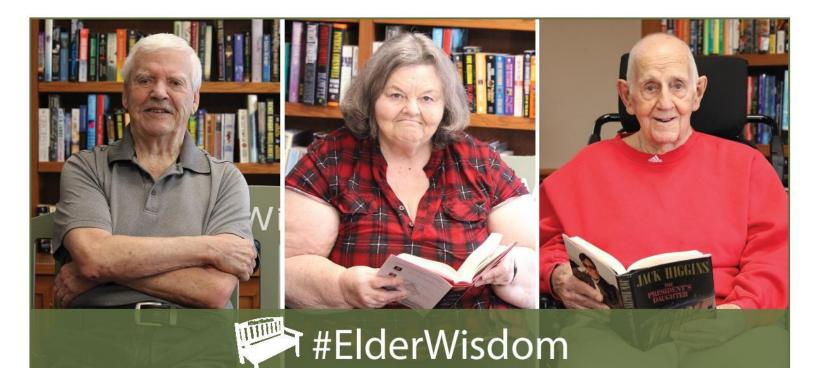
## Honour diversity in Village Life

Embraced, just as I am.

Just as we strive to be sure older adults truly feel included in our communities, we recognize Pride Month in June and look ahead to National Indigenous Peoples Day, where we recognize and celebrate the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Indigenous peoples of Canada. We will continue to strive to be sure our Villages are inclusive of everyone, no matter their heritage, age, nor whom they choose to love. We remain committed to doing all we can to honour our diversity, inclusive of all, and this month we are reminded just how important each of these conversations is.

The more we seek to learn, the more accepting we will become as a collective force for good in the world.





# *Join the* **CONVERSATION**

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Come and sit on the bench and enjoy an insightful conversation with a senior.

Have a

seat,

Share online Use #ElderWisdom on social media to link your message about senior empowerment and wisdom to the greater conversation across the globe.

## Monday, June 24th

1pm - 4pm Guelph Public Library Main Branch

100 Norfolk Street, Guleph ON

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@ Schlegel Villages

## JOW US Wednesday, June 12

as we celebrate Pride Day across Schlegel Villages as part of Pride Month with the goal to 'Honour Diversity in Village Life'.

Let's honour our residents, team members, volunteers and community partners across the organization.

SCHLEGEL VILLAGES

Event listings

**Pride Parade** Join us as we celebrate everyone's individuality with pride! We will have great music and cold treats!

#### 2:15pm | LTC Parking Lot

Drag Queen Bingo Come play a game of bingo hosred by two wonderful Drag Queens!

#### 7pm | Retirement Dining Room

Wear Your Pride Colours! All residents, team and visitors are invited to show your support and pride in rainbow clothing and accessories!

All Day | Anywhere





#### Happy June from the PAL team! June is Alzheimer's Awareness month!

In honour of Alzheimer's Awareness month we are focusing on various brain and physical activities.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Alzheimer's is the most common neurodegenerative disease
- Research suggests that mild

   moderate activity helps
   reduce symptoms of
   Alzheimer's disease
- Brain challenging activities are designed to improve reasoning, memory, planning, and attention

## **ACTIVITIES TO TRYI**

#### **Brain Activities**

- 1. Puzzles & Crosswords
- 2. Reading
- 3. Meditation
- 4. Board games

#### **Physical Activities**

- 1. Walking
- 2. Dance
- 3. Strengthening exercise
- 4. Yoga

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

→ Giving your brain a challenge forces it to engage in rarely used or new mental pathways, minimizing the risk of cognitive decline

→ Physical activity helps maximize brain function and reduce risk of dementia

Your PAL Team Adrianne, Emily, Melissa & Mary



## **DO YOU HAVE ANY EXTRA YARN?**

Our Yarn Clubs are asking for new or gently used yarn donations. All donations can be dropped off at either Main Entrance for Recreation Supervisor, Karleigh Herd, ext. 620 or Director of Recreation, Kadri Phillips, ext. 811



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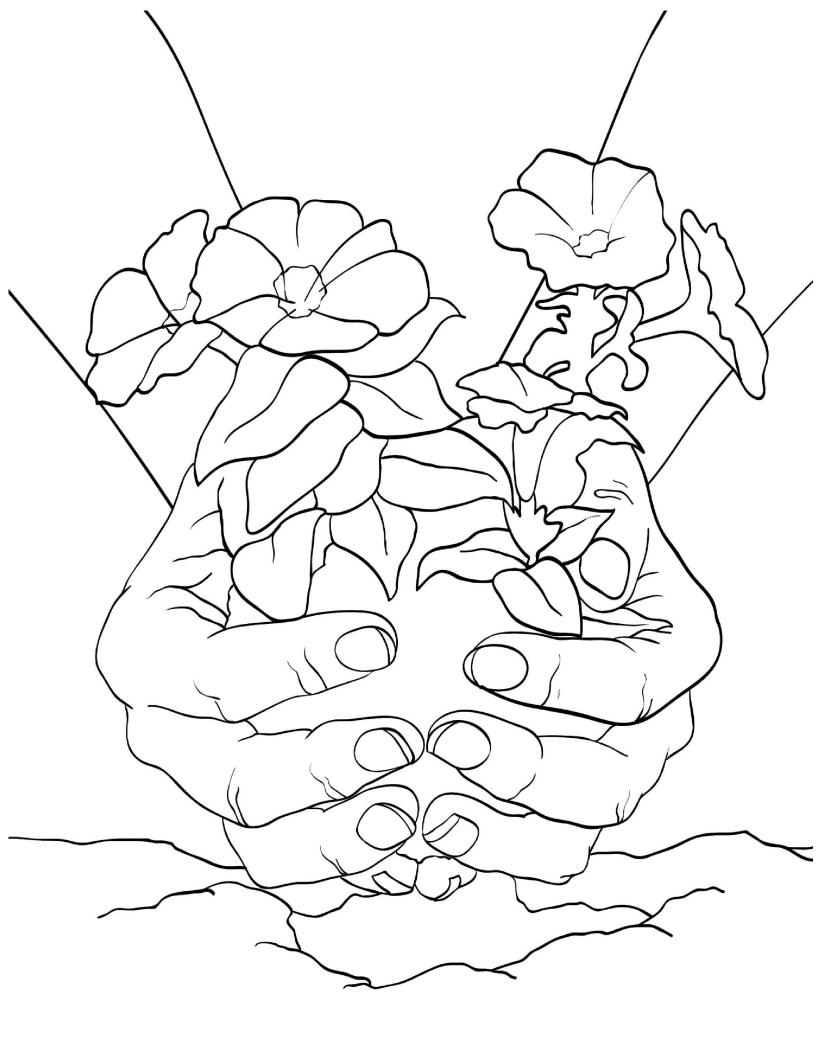
For more information or to book an appointment at The Village of Riverside Glen, please call

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## Happ Birthday

#### **Resident Birthdays**

#### Team Member Birthdays

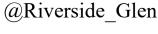
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#### **Birthday Celebrations**

**Retirement Birthday Party** Tuesday, June 18th @ 2:00pm in the café with Aidan Purnell

Long Term Care Birthday Party Friday, June 7th @ 2:00pm in the café with Leavin' Tracks

## The Village of Riverside Glen Directory

#### Phone 519.822.5272

#### **Retirement Home**

Bryce McBain, General Manager	Ext. 815
Lynn Lake, Assistant General Manager RH	Ext. 761
Michelle Mayhew, Director of Wellness	Ext. 812
Sherri Henderson, Assistant Director of Wellness	Ext. 8667
Dylan Pust, Egerton Neighbourhood Coordinator	Ext. 836
Madalyn MacIntyre, Emma's Neighbourhood Coordinator	Ext. 807
Karleigh Herd, Williamsburg Neighbourhood Coordinator	Ext. 893
Shaleena Campbell, Director of Hospitality and Food Services	Ext 840
Dayna Brinton, Recreation Supervisor RH	Ext. 620
Adrianne White, Director of Program of Active Living	Ext. 826
Melissa Gareri, PAL Coordinator RH	Ext. 821
Tammy Smith, Director of Environmental Services	Ext. 804
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Karen Murray, Director of Lifestyle Options	Ext. 759
Jaycel Nabua. Director of Lifestyle Options	Ext. 865
Brittany Burton, Volunteer and Student Services Coordinator	Ext. 863
Brenda Woodall and Eileen Harbottle, Spiritual Care Providers	Ext. 871
Sue Rice, Hair Salon RH	Ext. 816
Jen Jimenez, Administrative Coordinator	Ext. 805
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Puneet Gill, Assistant Director of nursing Care	Ext. 848
Cheyanne Boyce, Assistant Director of Nursing Care	Ext. 780
Cheryl Ridler, Director of Quality and Innovation	Ext. 798
Jenny Kardash, Nurse Practitioner	Ext. 853
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Angela Keller, Erin/Arthur Neighbourhood Coordinator	Ext. 834
Amy Hasson, Food Services Manager	Ext. 873
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