# THE VILLAGER

#### December 2024 Newsletter

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Our Mission is to provide holistic heath 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.



### Message from Assistant General Manager

Dear Residents and Family Members,

As the year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on the incredible journey we've shared. This year has been one of growth, change, and togetherness for our EM family. We've welcomed many new residents who now call this wonderful place home, enriching our community with their presence. At the same time, we've said goodbye to cherished friends whose memories, wisdom, and laughter continue to linger in the heart of our

village, reminding us of the bonds that make this community so special.

It's truly inspiring to witness the sense of ownership and pride our residents take in shaping their home. From resident-run activities and discussion groups to vibrant men's and women's clubs, knitting and crochet circles, and our always-anticipated happy hours, the energy and camaraderie here are unmatched. Each of our resident contributes in a unique way to making this village thrive, and for that, we are so grateful.

Residents' collaboration with our team has not only enhanced our home but has also strengthened the bonds that define us as a family. Together, we've created a community filled with joy, purpose, and connection—a true reflection of the EM spirit.

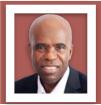
As the holiday season approaches, we're thrilled to invite you and your loved ones to our **Christmas Cocktail Social** on **Thursday, December 5th, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. This event is our way of celebrating the festive spirit with all of you, and we hope you'll join us for an afternoon of laughter, delicious treats, and holiday cheer.

In the spirit of giving, we are also supporting our local food bank with a cash donation drive throughout December. If you'd like to participate, contributions can be made at the admin desk. Your generosity will bring joy to those less fortunate and embody the true essence of this season.

As we look to the new year, I am filled with gratitude for each one of you. Thank you for your kindness, your participation, and the love you pour into this community. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in the year ahead.

Wishing you a joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year!





### Spiritual Care

#### Hope Dawns: A Child is Born

It was one minute to midnight when I met my son for the first time. He came into the world with no fuss, no muss. One would think that the occasion of a birth qualified for, if not wonderment, some excitement, crying and screaming, but as far as my first child was concerned, his entrance into the world barely budged the yawn needle.

The advancing years rolled away and revealed a temperament and personality that matched his nonchalant entry into the world; he is calm, relaxed, and unperturbed by the events that drive

everyone else crazy.

I did not think my newly arrived son was fully human until he did something very human – he stretched and yawned on his way home from the hospital! Although it took an infant stretch and a yawn to make me realize my son was more than just a baby, I did have hope he would be a great person who would impact the world positively and meaningfully.

Christmas reminds us of Jesus' birth – the hope of mankind. He was born in lowly circumstances, definitely below my son's. But he was a mover and shaker as a boy and a man. Like my son, he was kind, compassionate, helpful and supportive of those who were sad and suffering. Eventually, he gave his life for mankind's redemption.

Although Christmas is about the birth of Jesus, I wish to redirect the spotlight on your birth. It must have been Christmas for your parents when you saw the light of day for the first time. And they had high hopes for you. And like Jesus, you did not fail them.

By your work, sacrifice and devotion, you made Canada and the world a better place. You've had a distinguished, celebrated, exemplary and monumental career. You were the best moms and dads in the world. You were leaders in the community, school, political organizations and places of worship. You travelled the world for work and pleasure. You founded businesses and charities. You were artists and engineers, scholars and warriors.

When you were born, the angels, unseen and unheard, proclaimed to the universe: "For to us a child is born, to us a son or a daughter is given, and the government will be on their shoulders." And the invisible realm came, bowed by your birth bed, and celebrated your birth.

This Christmas, as you highlight the hope and promise that Jesus' birth represents, think about this one otherworldly idea: Heaven is also relishing your birth and ministry in this lifetime. So, as you celebrate the birth of Jesus, remember to commemorate and make merry that you were born. After all, your birth was only 1 in 400 trillion! Believe it or not. You are a miracle!

Merry Christmas, when it comes.

#### THE VILLAGE OF ERIN MEADOWS





### Athlete of the Month

The PAL team is thrilled to award Geraldine O'Reily with Athlete of the Month! Through adversity, Geraldine has shown a willingness to improve her abilities and reach her goals. Geraldine in currently active on our strength and range of motion program, and never refuses to exercise!

During her time on our program, Geraldine has achieved great success! She doubled the number of sit to stand repetitions she could perform. This outsanding progress reflects her hard work and dedication, showcasing a significant boost in her strength and overall physical abilities. We are happy to award Geraldine for all her hard work and dedication. Keep it up!

#### From,

The PAL Team – Edward, Alim, Sujata, Chaya, Harneet and Muhammad



### Stretching Benefits Physical & Mental

Exercise isn't only strength and cardio focused, it's important to remember flexibility and stretching!! Stretching helps keep our muscles flexible and healthy to make sure they don't shorten and become tight. A shortened muscle may lead to an increased risk of injury if the muscle is used for strenuous activity and hasn't been lengthened in some time.



#### How long should I hold my stretch for?

Stretching doesn't have to take long and even in a short time can provide great benefits! Stretches can be held for 30 seconds for a round or two and this will help loosen up those muscles.



#### The Benefits

Stretching doesn't only help loosen our muscles, it also helps increase blood circulation thoughout the body to assist in recovery for movement which in turn helps to increase relaxation and provide stress relief! Taking even just a 30 second break to do some light stretches will help give your mind a break and your body a boost!



### Wishing you a Happy Birthday! <sub>LTC</sub>

Meadowvale	Sheridan				
Francis G December 21	Cecilia R December 6				
<b>Dundas</b>	<b>Trafalgar</b>				
Carol J December 14	Ewa L December 24				
<i>Derry</i> Maria R December 1	Howland				
Alma C December 8 Raoul B December 25 Anne F December 28	Mary B December 2nd Roshan B December 31				
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Birthday Bash with Vili Thursday, December 26 2 PM Main Street

# LTC Events @ a Glance

Sunday Social with Jeff Kahl	Sunday, December 1, 2 PM			
Christmas Cocktail Party	Thursday, December 5, 2 to 4			
Christmas Shopping Trip	Tuesday, December 3, 1-4 PM			
Christmas Pub Night	Friday, December 6, 6:30 PM			
Golden Oldies	Saturday, December 14, 2 PM			
Sunday Social with Tristan	Sunday, December 15, 2 PM			
Christmas Light Trip	Monday, December 23 6-8 PM			
Birthday Bash with Vili	Thursday, December 26, 2 PM			
New Year Bash	Tuesday, December 31, 2 PM			

Residents Council Meeting Wednesday, December 11, 2 PM in the Community Centre

Family Council Meeting, Saturday, December 7, 10 AM in the Council Chamber



## Volunteer Central

Norelle Cuevas Volunteer & Student Coordinator

Our annual Christmas Bazaar was a great success and we couldn't have done it without the support and assistance of our dedicated volunteers. Thank you to our volunteers who joined us on the day and to the volunteers who dedicated their time to help with all the different projects leading up to the Bazaar. We want to express our sincerest gratitude for all your participation. Your presence contributed immensely to the event's success. Looking forward to collaborating and working with you all in 2025!



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### LTC

















### LTC & RH

### **Remembrance Day**



























### LTC & RH

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**Christmas Shopping** 

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## Erin Mills Town Centre

Long Term Care Tuesday, December the 3rd 1–4 pm Please Sign Up in the Recreation Office



# Christmas Light Trip

Long Term Care Monday, December 18 6 to 8 pm Limited Space Please Sign up with the Recreation Team

## Program for Active Living

### Month of December

In honor of festive season, let the Christmas spirt make your workouts fun joyful. Dance to holiday music, to boost your confidence, stretch by the Christmas tree to build up your endurance and core strength, let each exercise keep you happy, strong and full of holiday cheers.



*Month of celebrations, reflections & new beginnings* 

RH

This Christmas season, we're bringing the joy of the holidays and the benefits of exercise together in a fun and festive way! Join us on December 16th from 3:00 to 3:30 PM for a special Christmas-themed exercise class that's designed to get you moving, smiling, and feeling great. Whether you're looking to stay active during the holidays, relieve a bit of stress, or simply soak in the holiday spirit, this class is perfect for everyone. Picture yourself doing "jingle bell squats" or stretching like a reindeer, all while surrounded by cheerful Christmas music and a lively community.

It's a quick 30 minutes that will leave you energized, uplifted, and ready to enjoy the season even more. Dress up in your favourite holiday gear Santa hats, reindeer antlers, or your best Christmas sweater and join us for a celebration that's all about health, happiness, and holiday cheer. Don't miss out it's the perfect gift to give yourself this Christmas!



	Gerry Steyn	Douglas Russell
	Lila Lalbeharry	Hope McFarlane
	Jean Guiry	Noella Kelly
6	Virginia Downing	Doris Noonan
N	Joan Dunstall	Jacqueline Bobak
	Elizabeth Secker	James Barrie
	Lorna Simpson	Clemencia Interior
	Ann Klassen	Ruth Stout
	Bev Saynor	Zahera Tello
	Luigi Frattolin	Farouk Alyassin
- Charles	Ceittina Rietta	Ilse Zieger
	Angela Risi	Barbara Peters
	Anne Enns	Farhan Hameed
0	Gloria Herzog	Linda James
	Rose Tepsich	Bryan Bent
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Birthday Celebration Friday, December 27th, 2:30 pm Main Street



#### **Entertainment:**

**Golden Oldies** Saturday, December 14th - 3:30 pm

Christmas Carols with Clive, Pat & Darren Sunday, December 15th - 2:30 pm Main Street

> Musica Children's Chorus Monday, December 16th - 2:30 pm Main Street

Team Members Christmas Carols Monday, December 23rd - 2:30 pm Main Street

A Merry Little Christmas Virtual Orchestra Thursday, December 26th - 2:30 pm Town Hall

> Birthday Celebration Friday, December 27th - 2:30 pm Main Street

#### **Outings:**

Living Arts Centre Outing Saturday, December 7th, 6:30 pm

Christmas Light Tour & Mandarin Outing Thursday, December 12th, 5:00 pm

> Christmas Light Tour (Emmas & Egerton) Friday, December 13th, 6:00 pm

Posters with the grocery schedules for van drop-off and pick-up will be posted.

#### **December Bulletin:**

**Food Forum** Wednesday, December 4th - 10:00 am Town Hall

Christmas Cocktail Social Thursday, December 5th - 2:00 pm Main Street/Town Hall/Café/Social Club

Ice Cream Social Friday, December 6th - 2:30 pm Café

**Residents' Council Meeting** Tuesday, December 10th - 10:30 am Town Hall

Ladies Breakfast Thursday, December 12th - 9:15 am The Ruby

New Residents Welcome Committee Tuesday, December 17th - 10:00 am School House

Twas the Night Before Christmas Reading & Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long Tuesday, December 24th - 3:30 pm Café

#### Vendors on Main Street:

Nelly's Comfort Shoes, December 4th, Wednesday Bella Boutique, December 7th, Saturday Cathy's Scarves, December 11th, Saturday Tickled Pink Jewellery, December 14th, Saturday Traditions Alive, December 18th, Wednesday

### RH

Filipino Day

















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#### Annual Christmas Bazaar



























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Tea Room























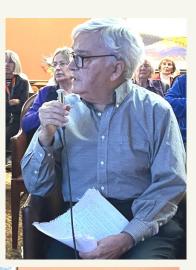


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### "All About Me"

"All About Me" is a resident run program where they are encouraged to share one of their life experiences.













# **CHRISTMAS** WORD SEARCH

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# **Erin Meadows Long Term Care Directory**

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Pharmacy & General Store		8128	
Hair Salon		8130	





2930 Erin Centre Blvd., Mississauga (Winston Churchill at Erin Centre)



For more information call 905 569 7155 ext. 8098 & 8099 Christina, Masud & Ashleigh





# The Village of Erin Meadows offers a full continuum of care:

#### AILSA CRAIG – Independent Living

- full kitchen (stove, dishwasher, microwave, full size fridge)
- in suite washer and dryer
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- meal plans and or care services can be added
- starting at \$5,166/month (2nd occupant add \$500)

#### BECKER – Retirement Apartments

- kitchenette (with full size fridge and microwave)
- lunch and dinner daily
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- in suite washer and dryer
- breakfast and or care services can be added
- starting at \$3,991/month (2nd occupant add \$950)

#### WILLIAMSBURG – Full Service Retirement

- three meals daily
- medication administration
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$5,165/month (2nd occupant add \$1,250)

#### EGERTON – Assisted Care

- three meals daily
- medication administration
- support with personal care and activities of daily living
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$6,325/month (2nd occupant add \$2,035)

#### EMMA'S – Memory Care

- safe, secure neighbourhood designed to support residents living with dementia
- three meals daily
- medication administration
- support with personal care and activities of daily living
- daily bed making
- weekly housekeeping with linen laundry wash/change
- weekly assisted bath or shower
- extra care and support can be added
- starting at \$6,580/month (2nd occupant add \$2,172)

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### Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS

With the wintry days of December descending upon us, we celebrate the diversity of life within our Villages and the meaningful traditions that unite us in peace and joy during the festive season.

Whether it's the warmth of Christmas, the dedication of Hanukkah, the reflection of Kwanzaa, the triumph of light during Diwali that has already been celebrated, or the spiritual journeys of other traditions, this season offers us a time to come together in gratitude, kindness, and hope. As we consider our diversity, we reflect on the evolution of faith within the Villages, recognizing that the concept of Chaplaincy in our Villages has grown into a more encompassing notion of Spiritual Care, led now by our Spiritual Care Leads.

May this festive season bring you light, love, and harmony, wherever you are, and may the shared values of compassion and goodwill inspire a bright and hopeful year ahead as we learn more about our neighbours and the traditions that guide them.



### **Interested in more?**

Sign up for our monthly newsletter where we share stories and news about Village Life!



# Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS

# Mission-driven GROWTH

Since The Village of Winston Park first opened 30+ years ago in Kitchener, Schlegel Villages has carefully considered its pattern of growth in order to bring its social model of living to more communities across the province. After an extremely busy 2024, our family of 18 Villages on its way through another exciting period of growth.



After extensive renovations, Winston Park's grand reopening in the fall of 2024 was a time to celebrate the culmination of efforts that led to a state-of-the-art, 288-bed Long-Term Care (LTC) community on the footprint of the Village that launched the Schlegel Villages organization as it is known to this day.



The Village of Ridgeview Court, Milton

Construction is moving along nicely at four new Villages, and though timelines with projects like these can be affected by many variables, we are excited to welcome new residents to:

- The Village of Ridgeview Court, Milton (end of 2025)
- The Village of Millers Creek, Ajax (spring of 2026)
- The Village of Riverbank Terrace, Ottawa (late 2026)
- The Village of Stouffer Mills, Stouffville

We also have exciting plans announced in Hamilton, with a new 512-bed LTC Village to be partnered with Mohawk College and Supportive Housing provider, Indwell, rounding out an exciting new community there.

In early 2026, we expect to break ground in Barrie, Oakville and Richmond Hill as well, marking the beginning of what we know will be a busy and exciting New Year!



### RESEARCH MATTERS

#### **RIA FEATURE**

### Using Nutrition to Improve Bone Health

Did you know that over 80 per cent of all fractures in people over the age of 50 are caused by osteoporosis?

It's important to consume enough calcium and vitamin D each day to maintain bone health, and to include protein at every meal to build and repair muscles and bones.

Check out these easy tips to improve your bone health from Lora Giangregorio, PhD, Schlegel Research Chair in Mobility and Aging, and Heather Keller, RD, PhD, Schlegel Research Chair in Nutrition and Aging, that you can incorporate into your life.

#### Protein at every meal and snack

Aim for ~20-30 grams at breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Or, eat small amounts of protein more often. 20 grams of protein are equivalent to three eggs, or half a cup of peanuts.

#### Get calcium through foods

It is better to get calcium through your diet - only take a supplement if you cannot get enough. Cow, almond, or soy milk, yogurt, cheese, white beans and almonds are high in calcium.

#### Ask your healthcare provider about Vitamin D

Adults over the age of 50 should take a daily supplement containing 400 IU (10  $\mu$ g) of vitamin D



because there are few food sources that contain enough of this essential vitamin. Some people may need more – talk to your doctor or nurse practitioner about how much vitamin D you need.

#### Manage your weight

Avoid unintended weight loss. When you lose weight, you can lose muscle and bone. Weigh yourself at least monthly to monitor your weight.

If you are losing weight, or don't have much of an appetite, there are several evidence-based tips that can help: You can eat small amounts and more frequent meals or snacks; instead of water or tea, drink fluids with protein and calories like milk or high-protein drinks; eat foods higher in nutrients and calories like avocado, nuts or nut butter, or cheese.

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