

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.

The Village Chronicle

FEBRUARY 2025

905-666-3156

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Retirement: 3790 Brock Street North

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Directory



Long Term Care residents and Team Members brought in the New Year with a Dance Party.



Birthdays

If you would prefer not to have your birthday displayed in the newsletter or village, please let Recreation know at: extension 8013

Retirement Birthdays

February 1st – Peter Br

February 3rd – Gail Cr

February 3rd – Anne Ha

February 3rd – Ann Gi

February 5th – Ella St

February 5th – Phyllis Bu

February 5th – Olga Me

February 6th – Frederick Zu

February 6th – Patricia Mc

February 8th – Mary Bo

February 8th – Maria De

February 9th – Roy Or

February 10th – Ron Ke

February 10th – Heidi Or

February 11th – Bob Ir

February 12th – Ruth Co

February 12th – John Mi

February 12th – Mary Jane Em

February 13th – Joan Mc

February 14th – Tilly Va

February 16th – Roy Iu

February 17th – Katharina Bu

February 17th – Brenda Mc

February 17th – Lloyd Mo

February 18th – Esther Pu

February 20th – Donna Bo

February 21st – Yvonne Tr

February 23rd – Yvonne Je

February 23rd – Larry Ke

February 24th – Frances Gr

February 26th – Anita Wi

February 27th – Hanna Ne

February 27th – Mary Ar

February 27th – Jackie Al

February 28th – Pauline Re

Long Term Care Birthdays

February 3rd- Doug Su.

February 5th- Thomas Ro.

February 8th- Brenda Ha.

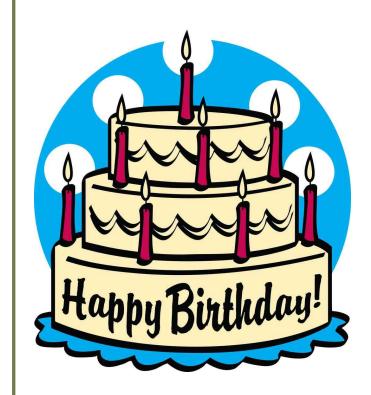
February 9th- Iona Co.

February 11th- Margaret Ba.

February 16th- Frances Eg.

February 22nd- Martin O'M.

February 23rd- Don El.







Barb Schlegel was an inspiring person who lived her life with gratitude, good humour and a serving heart.

Nominate a volunteer

Barb was often described as a 'bright light' who brought much vibrancy and joy to Village Life as well as to the many people she touched. Nominate a volunteer in your Village who has developed an authentic relationship with a resident and/or residents. Someone who volunteers with a serving heart and emulates the essence of the award.

March 1-15

• Grab a nomination ballot

· Fill in nominee's name

• Share examples of how this volunteer demonstrates the essence of the award.

• Submit your ballot at your Village Office.



Thank you for your nomination!



Chapel News SEVENTS

UPCOMING Chapel Events

The Presentation of Christ - February 1

This day commemorates the presentation of the infant Jesus at the Temple, symbolizing his dedication to God. It's a time for Eastern Orthodox Christians to reflect on faith, family, and renewal.

Imbolc – February 1*

Imbolc marks the midpoint between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, celebrating the return of light and the stirrings of new life.

Parinirvana – February 15

Parinirvana, or Nirvana Day, commemorates the Buddha's passing into final Nirvana after his physical death. It's observed through meditation and teachings, reflecting on impermanence and compassion.

The Great Lent – February 24

The Great Lent is a period of fasting, prayer, and repentance, leading up to Easter in the Coptic Orthodox faith. It's a time of spiritual discipline, reflection, and seeking closer communion with God.

Maha Shivaratri - February 26

Maha Shivaratri honors Lord Shiva, celebrating his divine power and significance in Hinduism. Devotees fast, chant, and hold night vigils, dedicating the day to reflection and spiritual growth.

In Memory



We remember...

Margaret B.

Stella W.

Etta G.

Helen A.

Martti L.

David M.

Patrick N.

Shirley H.

The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious – the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science.

Albert Einstein

Next Celebration of Life...
February 12th at 2:30pm in
Town Hall

Poem of the Month Written by: Patricia Bayley



The Elephant In The Room

To see an elephant is great, they're bigger than aunt Alice. She was my favourite sight to see until I saw a palace. The elephant was in the zoo located at the back, the house I slept in, had a yard compared to this, a shack. Its house was extra roomy with space for it to roam It didn't want to leave it because it liked its home. At eight, I saw it, beauty, rough, hide, and trunk to reach It didn't need a knife or spoon to feed itself a peach. It's tiny eyes were staring. It slowly flapped an ear. Oh goodness.! It was mighty. I stood and watched, no fear. Elephants have great memory, you know that I assume. It visits very often when people gather in a room. It has a look upon its face and recognizes me. Attendees talk around us, pretending not to see the truth, embodied, staring out Its power controlled for now. The wait is just beginning for truth will out somehow.

L. Patricia Bayley©

Poetry Appreciation Group ALL WELCOME

The poetry appreciation group is the first Monday of the month at 11am.

Participants are invited to bring a copy of their choice of poem. It can be read aloud by them or a person of their choice for the enjoyment of attendees.

The facilitator of the group will be Patricia Bayley, resident, who will also read some of the poetry she selects.

Classic Poems, Modern Poems, Serious and Funny, and so much more!
You are most welcome to attend and share your favourite poems.

A Message from Food Services

Marie Sawatzky Food Service Manager

EXT. 8004

Love is in the air, and so is the love of truffles.

February is here, and valentines day is around the corner.

The two most popular treats surrounding this time of year is

Strawberries and Chocolate truffles. Why not combine
the two and create something special with the recipe below
and share the love!

White Chocolate Facts

Rich in calcium Contains cocoa butter and milk solids Invented in 1936 Vanilla is added for flavour



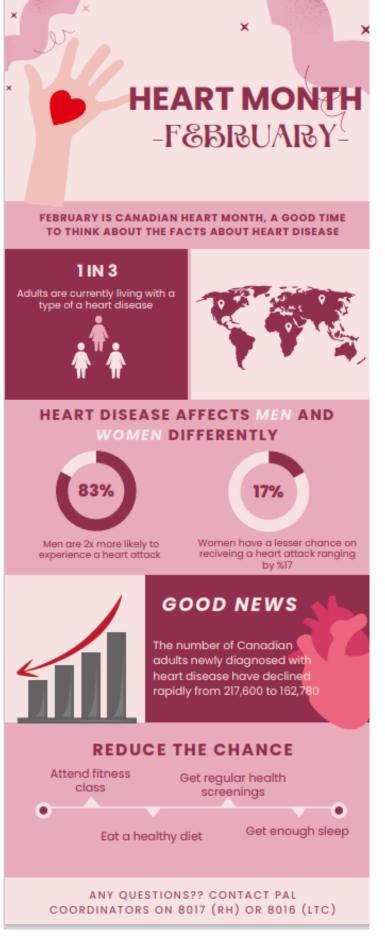
Strawberry Cheesecake Truffles

- 1 and 1/2 cups (150g) graham cracker crumbs (about 10 full sheet graham crackers)
- 4 ounces (113g) full-fat brick cream cheese
- 1/3 cup (40g) confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup (55g) finely diced **strawberries***
- 10 ounces (280g) white chocolate, coarsely chopped*
- optional: 1 drop red or pink food coloring
- 1. Using a handheld mixer, mix the graham cracker crumbs, cream cheese, and confectioners' sugar together until forms a ball, stir in the strawberries.
- 2. Drop balls—about 1.5 2 teaspoons of mixture per truffle—onto a lined baking sheet. Chill in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. During this time, the truffles will "set" making them easier to roll into smooth balls. Roll into smoother balls after they've been refrigerated. Place back into the refrigerator as you melt the chocolate.
- 3. **Coat in chocolate:** Melt the white chocolate in a double boiler or the microwave. If using the microwave: place the chocolate in a medium heat-proof bowl. Melt until completely smooth
- 4. Dip each truffle completely into the chocolate using fork. When lifting the ball out of the chocolate, remember to tap the fork gently on the side of the bowl to allow excess chocolate to drip off. Place balls back onto the baking sheet after you dip each one. Stir food coloring into any leftover white chocolate, then drizzle over truffles. Refrigerate for 30 minutes until set.









Village Life Last Month in Photos











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How to have a healthy heart

February is Heart Month, a time to raise awareness about the importance of heart health.

Heart disease is a leading causes of death in Canada. While family history can play a role, other factors can harm your heart health.

Richard Hughson, Schlegel Research Chair in Vascular Aging and Brain Health, shared simple ways to keep your heart healthy and strong, as well as warning signs to look out for.

What's the most important thing you want older adults to know about their heart health?

Heart health and overall health go hand in hand. Include physical activity and good nutrition every day to keep your heart healthy. A strong heart will help you heal after an injury or illness.

What activities are best for improving heart health?

Walking at least 30 minutes every day. Be sure to include stair climbing, uphill, or faster walking at least 5 days per week. Challenge yourself to do more than you did last week, and if possible, avoid long periods of sitting, immobility, or bed rest.

What warning signs should older adults and care partners look for?

Fatigue or shortness of breath when walking at a speed that used to be comfortable could be a sign of heart trouble. Some problems with heart health,



such as high blood pressure, are not obvious, so it is important to check in with your doctor or nurse practitioner regularly.

What does your research seek to understand when it comes to heart health?

My research focuses on the arteries, which move blood through the body and also help with memory and thinking. Everyone's arteries get stiffer as they age, but not everyone's arteries get stiffer at the same rate. Exercise and good nutrition help keep arteries "younger."

Taking care of your heart is one of the best investments you can make in your health.

Try adding these five foods to support heart health:

- Almonds
- Dark chocolate
- Wheat germ
- 4. Flax seeds
- Lentils and beans

For more information about aging well visit the-ria.ca.



Schlegel Villages – CONNECTIONS

Aspiration LAUNCH

Nearly 15 years ago, Schlegel Villages began a focused effort to transform and reshape the way care and support is offered for the residents who make their home in the Villages. This deliberate shift away from an "institutional model of care" towards what we define as a "social model of living" has always been guided by **eight aspirations**, developed collaboratively with the early pioneers of our change journey.

The aspirations are to:

- Create Opportunities for Meaningful and Shared Activities;
- Foster Authentic Relationships;
- Promote Resident Empowerment;
- Honour Cultural Diversity;
- Connect Research and Innovation to Village Life;
- Offer Flexible Dining;
- Promote Cross-Functional Teams;
- Offer Flexible Living.

Throughout the Villages, we see these aspirations come to life in countless ways, but through 2025, as an organization we have chosen to



focus on one aspiration in particular:

Create Opportunities for Meaningful and Shared Activities. Later in

February, expect to see team members throughout the Villages wearing their special aspiration t-shirts, and we encourage everyone to consider what this aspiration means to each one of us.

What activities are meaningful to you and how can our team members, residents, family members and partners consciously embrace the moments that can help spread that meaning so we can learn from each other and create lasting impact and memories? Life within our Villages is best defined by the relationships we enjoy within, and when we share what's meaningful to us, our relationships grow stronger and more defined.

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SCHLEGEL VILLAGES ACKNOWLEDGES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Honouring our vast cultural diversity within the Villages is an aspiration that guides us every day, and the celebration of Black History Month in February is another opportunity to reflect on the importance that diversity represents.

We encourage our team members and residents across the Villages to take advantage of the educational opportunities shared throughout the month, and we'd love to hear what more we can do to honour the inspirational legacy of the black community in our Villages and in the wider Canadian context.

We recognize that true equity is a goal we must all work together to achieve, and within our Villages we have residents and team members who represent the black community with distinction in all they do.

We honour their histories this month, and commit to working together towards achieving the ideal of true equality for all.

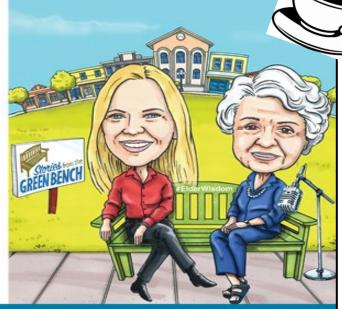


Your seat on the green bench is ready and waiting.













Taunton Mills General Store Manager

Duties would include:
Managing General Store Volunteers with help
of Volunteer Coordinator

**The general store is only open if a
volunteer is present**

If interested in learning more, please contact Steph Hamilton– Director of Recreation Ext. 6848

Guest meal pricing

Tickets are available for purchase at the Village Office.

While we request 24 hours' notice for guest meals, when possible, we will make every effort to accommodate last-minute requests.

	Retirement	Long-term Care
Breakfast	\$10.50	\$10.50
Lunch	\$16.80	\$13.65
Dinner	\$19.95	\$16.80





Success Awards

For many years, Schlegel Villages has recognized the dedication of our exceptional team members through our annual **Success Awards** where residents, families and fellow team members nominate someone for recognition based on their natural ability to connect with residents.

CONNECT the DOTS is Schlegel Villages Customer Experience program which consists of five values that make up our service credo: Know Me; Walk in My Shoes; Be Present; Earn Trust; and Follow Through. As our customer experience focus evolves, so, too, does our recognition of success.

Starting in 2020, we are transitioned from our Success Awards to the newly designed **CONNECT the Dots Success Awards**.

An added bonus is an additional service award to recognize an outstanding team member in your Village!

Credo values – award categories



Know Me means to...

- · Understand and anticipate my needs
- Support my WELL-BEING
- EXCEED my expectations
- Make me feel SPECIAL



Be Present means to...

- Be PATIENT and practice LISTENING
- Let ME guide the conversation
- ASK me my expectations and needs
- Focus on Me in the moment



Walk in My Shoes means to...

- Hear what I HEAR
- See what I SEE
- Feel what I FEEL
- CONNECT with me



Earn Trust means to...

- Demonstrate YOU care
- Take Responsibility for those we serve
- Create a sense of SAFETY AND COMFORT
- DELIVER on your/our promises



Follow Through means to...

- Show me my concerns are IMPORTANT
- Confirm that I am VALUED as a customer
- · Let me know I will be TAKEN CARE OF
- Create MEMORABLE MOMENTS

Look for additional information posted around the Village and remember to nominate a deserving team member who continuously demonstrates the values of the credo!

CUP HOLDER FOR WALKERS

Don't Miss Out!

Interested in purchasing a walker cup holder?

Please sign up and pay at the village office. If you have any questions, please contact Frits Jansen at 905-666-4942



- 1. Order will go out on the 15th of the month
- 2. \$22.50 tax included (not for profit)
- 3. Installation is included if required
- 4. Product fits well on most walker types and is suitable for holding cups and water bottles to avoid spillage and free up your hands!

Note: Even if you don't purchase a Yeti Rambler, please use the Ceramic Mugs in the Café to

help us.....

Stop Wasting Paper Cups *****NEW******

10oz Insulated Yeti Stainless Steel Rambler

\$25 plus tax (\$28.50) Please contact

Frits Jansen for more information.

905-666-4942

For the last few years, there has been a team here at Taunton Mills working to deliver Gifts to First Nations Schools in North Spirit Lake.

The Village Committee is Dennis, Rosemary, Lee, Nicole (Steph) and Irene and including their 2024 shipment, they in collaboration with contacts up North, they have reached **1000 kids** with their backpacks of Joy.

What we are looking for is:

#4 Wool that the Knitting Club uses to make all the Warm Hats, Mitts and Scarves. (Can't be thin wool)

Please Drop off any donations to The Village to Steph Hamilton, Director of Recreation. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Steph at 905-666-3156 Ext. 6848 or Steph.Hamilton@SchlegelVillages.Com

Thank you In Advance for Donating to Our Special Project!







February

Searching for February

The words listed below can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward. Disregard spaces between words.

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GENERAL STORE

Come check out the General Store as we have a variety of great items. We really have something for everyone, so stop by and say hello!

We are keen to find Residents who would volunteer to shop for the store.

If interested please contact Steph Hamilton 6848

MONTHLY RIDDLE

What can be touched, but can't be seen?

Last Month Riddle Answer

I am often broken, but always made.

Answer:

AMETHYST

GROUNDHOG (Day)

AQUARIUS
BLACK HISTORY (Month)

HEARTS

IILAKIS

HIBERNATE

ICICLE

COLD

CANDLEMAS

FROST

PISCES

PRESIDENTS' (Day)

ROMANCE SNOW

SUPER BOWL

VALENTINE'S (Day)

VIOLET WINTER



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Taunton Mills Team Directory

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STAFF	EXT	STAFF	EXT
Charge Nurse LTC Perry	5005	Charge Nurses – North Tower Retirement – South Tower	5905 5100
Karen Burt - Asst General Mgr - LTC	8008	Noëlla Black (Senior) General Manager	8003
Andrew Velasco Director of Care	8005	Emily Vasey Asst General Mgr - RET	8009
Ingrid Smithen Asst Director of Care Chris Marcelo Asst. Director of Care-IPAC Mellisa Burley Behavioural Supports ON	8060 5110 5107	Lisa Furlong Director of Wellness Heather Wagner Wellness Coord -South Mary Grace Hatt Wellness Coord - North	5092 8069 8034
Resident support Coordinator	5109	Alysha Holland NH Coord- Egerton	8035
Diane MacLean NH Coord. Dryden/ Claremont	8018	Amanda Sturgeon NH. Coord- North Donielle McLaren NC-Becker	8026 5000
Mitch Wolf NH Coord. Perry/Dunlop	8019	Jenn Cain NH Coord. – Emma's	8065
Rob Kennedy Chaplain	8011	Adrienne Brooks NH Coord -South	8062
Christal Leduc RAI MDS	8020	Vergine Tumanyan Office/Team Exp. Coord.	6836
Susan de Leon Administrative Asst LTC	8012	Joan Brown Administrative Asst RET	8001
Allison Sauvé Recreation Supervisor	8007	Judy Collard Admin. Coordinator	8002
Volunteer Coordinator	5111	Steph Hamilton Director of Recreation	6848
Zibby Maintenance - LTC	5873	Hobby Room (Art Studio)	8013
Christine Arnold Nurse Practitioner	8089		
Ben McLeod Asst.Director of Environmental Services	8015	Dean Cantwell Director of Environmental Services	8006
Farah Sadiq PAL Coordinator / Kinesiologist	8016	Russ, Brayden, Lucas & Rodel RH Maintenance	5871
Brenda Giambattista Village Health Ctr / Oksana Foot Clinic	905 665-0155 X8048	Melissa McNally North RH Kinesiologist	8017
RiverStone Spa & Hair Salon	8050	Amelie Larochelle South RH PAL Coordinator	8017
LTC – NEIGHBOURHOODS		Retirement Neighbourhoods	
PERRY	5108	North Tower 1 st Floor Nursing Station Williamsburg Med Cert / PCA Egerton Med Cert / PCA	8036 / 8037 5865 / 5864 8040 / 5857
DRYDEN	8025	South Tower Williamsburg Emma's PCA Emma's Med Cert	5002 / 5003 5102-5103-5104 5105 / 5106
CLAREMONT	8028/8029		
DUNLOP	8031/8032	Laundry	8052
FOOD SERVICES		Marketing Dept.	
Marie Sawatzky Food Services Manager	8004	Rosemary Coolen, Crystal Saunders & Sharon Port Director of Lifestyle Options - Marketing	8043
Colby Farrell Director of Hospitality Alister Dining Room Supervisor	8014 5091	Amy Haines Village Experience Coordinator	8058
Wine Bar – Fire Side Lounge Café 1 st Floor Retirement	8039 8044	Vanessa Buslig Admin. Assistant/Student Coordinator	5113
RUBY'S Bar Direct line to RUBY'S Restaurant	8067 905 665- 2072	Laundry	8052
General Store-RH	8055	Demonstration Kitchen	8069
Main Kitchen	8021	School House	8071