

Spring News

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Emergency Planning Updates

As I have been meeting with each of you individually over the last few weeks, and continue to do so, one of the things we have been going over has been your personal fire plan. This is going to be different for many of you, depending on your mobility AND where your suite is located in the building. One thing that has come up is that it would be helpful for residents if we were able to announce if it was a drill prior to

alarms going off. I have a call into the fire inspector to have this answered, but in the meantime, I CAN tell you that we are due for our 6 month drill at the end of May. If you KNOW it's a drill, PLEASE stay in your suite if evacuating the building would pose any difficulty to you at all. (for example: if you normally use a cane or walker, and live on the 3rd or 4th floor, but COULD walk downstairs if you HAD to, a drill is NOT the

time to test yourself! Save that in case of a real emergency.)

In the event of an earthquake, you would always go to the nearest doorway, OR (if you are able) under a table. You would then wait to be instructed as to what to do next, as evacuating may not be the safest choice. We have emergency rations for 3 days of food and water. Of course, it would also be a good idea for you to keep your own store of water and granola type bars in your suite.

Exciting News!

As you all know by now, the end of our fiscal year had a small surplus that we were able to use to do a few renovations that have been requested by residents. One was to put laundry tubs in all the Dundas laundry rooms. Another was to install a sink (and eventually a stove) in the Activity room, and the third was to have the existing garbage room (across from the Beacon office) plumbed for a new washer and dryer. This is to allow Taylor residents more convenient access to laundry. I have just gotten news that the new machines are scheduled to arrive and be installed on May 25. Yay!!

While everything else is for the use of all, we would ask that the new laundry facilities be for the exclusive use to Taylor residents, as there will only be one of each machine.

Important Reminder

We do NOT have reserved seating in our dining room.

While we all realize that many people have a place that they like to sit in, please remember that it is not “your” seat, and if you arrive to find someone else there, PLEASE DO NOT TELL THEM SO. Any

server will be happy to find you another place to sit where you will be welcomed and can enjoy your meal.

If a particular seat is important to you, we recommend that you arrive early enough to the meal to get it on a “first come, first served” basis. Simi-

larly, early arrivals cannot reserve seats for friends who are arriving later.

Thank you so much in advance for your cooperation and help in making this assisted living residence a welcoming and home-like place for everyone.

Bits and Bobs

- You will notice more and more outings coming up as the warm weather approaches. Please do not ever let money be a reason for you not attending something you would really like to go to. Let Kim or Jill know and they will make a plan with you to cost share, so it is more feasible.
- Please always let Kim, Jill or Janice know which entertainers you particularly like or don't like, so they have that information as they are making their bookings.
- Reminder that when you are booking a guest meal: it can only be booked at reception, it must be booked the day before you are entertaining, and guest spots are given on a first come/first served basis.
- If you notice someone hasn't been around and want to inquire as to their whereabouts, feel free to call me, Sarah, any time and leave me a message. I will tell you what I can.
- Look for more new staff faces as we move into “holiday season” with everyone taking their well deserved breaks. As always, we appreciate your patience as we all learn our new ropes!
- Questions? Concerns? Comments? I'd love to hear from you—give me a call at 250-220-8567

Sarah