



Brucelea Haven News

Together We Make A Difference!

November 2024

Grandfriends Program Returns!

We are thrilled to announce that our Grandfriends Partnership with the Grade 8 class at Mildmay-Carrick Elementary school will be resuming for the 2024-2025 school year! We have a new group of 26 grade 8 students joining us this year to partner up with a resident for the year as a Grandfriend. We look forward to their first visit on Friday, November 8, where we will pair up and spend time getting to know each other with an 'All About Me' activity. If you are interested in being part of this program and being a Grandfriend for the year, please reach out to your Recreation Team member. This is a buddy partnership for the year when the students visit.

Christmas Vendor Market

Join us on Wednesday, December 4 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM for a Christmas Vendor Market in the CAA. Local vendors will be available with presented items to purchase. There will be a variety of homemade crafts, Christmas wreaths, ornaments, candles, baking, and kitchen supplies available for purchase. This event is open to the public, so please bring your friends & family for a fun day of shopping and good cheer!

Cruisers Ride for Dementia

We would love to thank the Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce and the Canadian Motorcycle Cruisers for Dementia for including Brucelea Haven as one of their stops on World Alzheimer Day. The residents loved seeing the motorcycles and chatting with the bikers!



November Events

- **November 5** - Joyfully Used Singers
- **November 6** - Morning Walmart Bus Trip
- **November 6** - Afternoon Country Drive for 3rd floor
- **November 8** - Remembrance Day Service in the CAA
- **November 8** - Grandfriends Program with Mildmay-Carrick Elementary School Returns!
- **November 9** - Spencer Bristow Entertains in the CAA
- **November 11** - Remembrance Day
- **November 13** - November Birthday Party with James Skarnikat in the CAA
- **November 15** - Music with Ray Richards on 3rd Floor
- **November 15** - Birthday Party with Cathy Kempert on 2 South
- **November 18** - Leaving Tracks Entertains in the CAA
- **November 20** - Entertainment with Dave & the Retros in the CAA
- **November 25** - Afternoon Bus Trip to Country Clay Cafe & Pottery
- **November 27** - Christmas Performance by Joe Passion in the CAA
- **November 28** - Evening Bus Trip for Formosa Christmas Light Tour
- **November 30** - Outdoor Santa's Horseback Helpers



Kelsey VanDerlip - CSO Scheduler

Hello! My name is Kelsey VanDerlip and I am the new Scheduler! I come from a Medical Administration background, and I am also in school currently for Human Resources.



I recently purchased my first home in Hanover, and I am loving every minute of it. In my spare time, I love to crochet, listen to music, or enjoy being outdoors with family and friends. I am looking forward to my time here with Bruce County and I can't wait to get to know all of the staff and Residents on site! If you see me around, be sure to say hi!

Last Call to Complete the Family Satisfaction Survey!

We would love to hear from you via our annual satisfaction survey! Family members have unique perspectives that can inform approaches to improve quality of care and quality of life in long-term care. The survey has various items about your views on your family member's quality of life and your own experiences as a family member in this home. If you haven't already done so, we encourage you to complete the survey before it closes on Friday, November 8. The survey can be completed on-line using the following link

<https://brucecounty.qolpro.com/surveys/family>

Infection Prevention and Control: Why It's Important to Get Vaccinated Annually for the Flu

As we approach the respiratory outbreak season, it's important to remember the role annual flu vaccinations play in protecting the health of our residents, staff, and families. Each year, flu strains change, and by receiving the updated vaccine, you are providing the best defense against circulating viruses. The flu can be particularly severe for older adults and those with weakened immune systems, which is why annual vaccination is vital in long-term care settings like ours.

By receiving the vaccine, we not only protect ourselves but also those around us, including residents who are more vulnerable to serious complications from the flu. We are entering respiratory outbreak season and influenza remains a major cause of illness and hospitalizations during the fall and winter months. Staying up to date with vaccinations helps reduce the spread of respiratory illnesses and keeps our community safer.

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our residents, staff, and the community safe, Brucelea Haven will be hosting upcoming vaccine clinics for Influenza. We encourage all residents and families to participate in this essential preventative measure.

Below are the scheduled dates:

- Resident Vaccine Clinic: October 29 and 30
- Staff/Community & Family Member Vaccine Clinic: Date TBD

Let's work together to protect our Brucelea Haven community and ensure a healthy season ahead!



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