



Gateway Haven News

Together We Make A Difference!

October 2024

Bus Trip To Smiths' Apples & Farm Market

Residents enjoyed a bus trip to Smiths' Apples and Farm Market, where they learned about the different varieties of apples, went apple picking, navigated the corn maze and even tasted some freshly made apple pie. It was a beautiful day, and wonderful to be joined by so many loved ones and volunteers.



Friendly Reminder to complete Satisfaction Survey!

The Annual Satisfaction Survey is a great tool to show us where we can continue to provide quality care to residents, and also areas where growth is needed. Residents who were eligible to complete the survey, were supported to complete the survey already – if you are a family member, and haven't already done so, please complete the survey at the link <https://brucecounty.qolpro.com/surveys/family>, or stop by the Visitor Services Reception desk for a paper copy. We'd love to hear from you!

Pumpkins & Parades

Help us light up the courtyard, and come for a Halloween Parade! If you, your family, local business, child's classroom, etc wants to carve a pumpkin to house at Gateway over the coming weeks, please let the Recreation Team know! We are hoping to fill our courtyard with numerous carved and lit pumpkins for the residents to enjoy! On Saturday October 26th we ask you join us for our Witches & Warlocks Halloween Party followed by the Halloween Parade! Dress up yourself, bring the kids, grandkids, great-grand kids, to help us bring smiles to the residents faces with all the cute and creative costumes!!

Meet The Leadership Team: Raman Dod

My name is Raman, and I'm excited to join Gateway Haven as the new Infection Control and Staff Development Lead. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Bio-Medical Sciences and a Master's in Public Health. Prior to this role, I gained valuable experience working in both public health and long-term care in the Greater Toronto Area. A fun fact about me is that I'm fluent in four languages, and outside of work I like to travel. I have made it a goal to visit at least one new country every year to explore different cultures and lifestyles.



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The Enchanted Forest Big Tent Event

We want to thank all the residents and families who came out to join us for our Big Tent Event at the end of August – it was a great turn out, and an amazing night was had by all. Our Big Tent Event, was Enchanted Forest Themed, paired with Grilled in Action food truck, Midnight Blue entertaining throughout the night, and beautiful classic cars to admire. A big shoutout to all the staff for making the event possible, it could not have been done without you!



Dining Room Update:

Earlier in the year the home worked tirelessly to provide a quality dining experience during our servery renovations. In September, we've recently wrapped up one of the last steps of those renovations by painting our dining rooms. With fresh walls and paint, our next focus is on decorating. The home, in collaboration with the residents, would like to proceed with decorating the dining rooms with art from local artists of local landscapes; the beautiful escarpment, the shorelines of Colpoys and Georgian Bays and the many lighthouses. If you know of a local artist who may be interested in displaying their art in the home, please feel free to have them contact our Visitor Services Receptionist.

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Leaving the building with a resident?

This is a friendly reminder that a sign-out binder for all residents is available in the nurse's station on each unit. Prior to escorting a resident out of the home for any length of time, all visitors must notify the nurse and sign out their resident. Upon their return, visitors must again notify the nurse and sign in their resident. This will aid in ensuring the whereabouts of our residents are always known to the unit nurse.

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Resident Clothing

A friendly reminder to ensure that any new clothes or belongings that are purchased or gifted to residents are to be dropped off at Visitor Services or the Nurses Stations, to ensure they can be appropriately labelled, and documented. This process helps us ensure we can return clothing and belongings after being cleaned, serviced or misplaced!

We will also be putting a rack of lost and found clothing out in the cafe area in the coming weeks for families to look through and identify if there are items that belong to their loved ones. If you do recognize a piece of clothing, please ensure it is then sent to be labelled appropriately.

Thank you for supporting the Food Drive!

The Residents, Staff, Family, and Visitors of Gateway held a Food Drive to support our local Bruce Peninsula Food Bank at Salvation Army. Together we were able to donate 222 lbs of food and \$100. The folks at the food bank were overwhelmed by the generosity of the Gateway community, and so truly appreciative.



Pumpkin Pie Social

Please join us on October 13 at 2:30 PM for a Pumpkin Pie Social! Come share your love for pie, gratitude and friendship with us!



Alzheimer's Society Coffee Break: September 21

On September 21, National Alzheimer's Awareness Day, the home held a bake sale fundraiser and Coffee Break for the Alzheimer's Society Grey Bruce. We are thrilled to be able to support our community partners, and help share resources around Alzheimer's. Together as a home, we raised \$109.15. Thank you to residents Donna P for her help decorating the cafe, and Sheila R for lending us her fundraising expertise! Link to resources: <https://alzheimer.ca/greybruce/en>



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