

COLUMBUS RESIDENCE NEWSLETTER

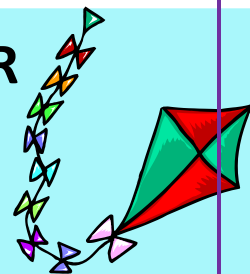
"Winds of March, we welcome you.

There is work for you to do.

Work and play and blow all day.

Blow the winter cold away."

March 2014



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for these upcoming events:

St. Patrick's Day Party



Join us in the Main Dining Room on **Wednesday March 19th** for our **St. Patrick's Day Party**. The fun starts at 2:45 p.m.

Easter Tea



A special **Easter Tea** will be held on **Wednesday April 16th** in the Main Dining Room at 2:45 p.m.

Resident Talent Show



We will be showcasing our residents' varied and many talents at our **"Resident Talent Show"** on **Thursday April 17th**. The show begins at 1:30 p.m. in our Main Lounge and will be followed by teatime at 3:00 p.m. All family and friends are invited to join us for this talent extravaganza!

Mother's Day Tea



We will be holding a special **Mother's Day Tea** on **Thursday May 8th**. Family and friends are welcome to join us in the Main Dining Room at 2:45 p.m.

Enhanced Security Feature at Our Front Entry

The security features on the Front Entry doors have been changed so that only one door may be open at a time. **This means when you enter or leave; the door in front of you will not open until the other door has completely closed.** This security measure helps to ensure that an unescorted resident wearing a wander alert bracelet cannot exit directly behind someone leaving the building. It also means that if a resident with a bracelet enters this area, the outside door will not open unless a by-pass code is entered or the resident returns to the lounge area outside of the sensor range. At these times, staff may need come to the Front Entry to assist. This may delay your entry or exit. We ask for your patience on those occasions when you must wait for staff assistance to enter or leave the building.

Also, a reminder that you must stand **behind** the yellow line (*on the door mat*) after the inner entry door release function has been activated. The door will not automatically open if you are too close to this door.

Bus Outings – Price Increase

Due to increased operating costs we have increased the individual fee for our various bus outings (i.e. Mystery Drives, Tea Bus, etc). The cost will increase from \$2.00 to \$4.00 per outing. This fee is charged to resident's Comfort Fund. The new rate goes into effect on March 1st.



Spring/Summer Menu Begins April 6th

Our Spring & Summer menu cycle will begin on **Sunday April 6th** and will run through to early October.

If you want to know what the lunch/dinner menu is for a specific day; we post our weekly menus at the entrance to the Main Dining Room. Our complete Spring/Summer & Fall/Winter menus (with dates) are posted on our website (*click on the "Meals & Dining" link on the "About Us" page of the website*).

Building Improvement Update

Flooring Change in Main Lounge

We will be removing the carpeting in the center area of the Main Lounge and replacing it with vinyl flooring. This change will eliminate the difficulties some residents in wheelchairs experience when making the transition from one flooring type to another.

We will be purchasing a special carpeted mat so that our popular Saturday bowling program will not be adversely impacted by this change to the Lounge flooring.

Easter Sunday & Mother's Day

Special Dinners

A special dinner is planned for **Easter Sunday** (April 20th). The evening's menu will be: *Roast Turkey, Sage Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Strawberry Shortcake*. There is also a special dinner planned for **Mother's Day** (Sunday May 11th). The evening's menu will be: *Chicken Breast with Mushroom Cream Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Asparagus & Lemon Cream Shortcake*. Guest meal tickets for these special dinners are \$15.00 each and include choice of red or white wine. Advance reservations are highly recommended for these dinners as guest seating space is very limited.

Columbus Cooks Again!

We are now collecting recipes for a second cookbook and invite family and friends of resident to contribute their favourite recipes. All types of recipes are welcome and you may submit as many as you like (*remember to put your name on any recipes you submit*). Our goal is to have the cookbook sent to the publisher by June. Recipes may be dropped off at our Front Office or email recipes to Corinne Wheeler-Hogan cwhogan@columbusresidence.ca. Copies of our original 250 recipe cookbook "Columbus Cooks" are still available for sale at our Front Office for \$10.00.

"Is the spring coming?" he said. "What is it like?"...
"It is the sun shining on the rain and the rain falling on the sunshine..." ~Frances Hodgson Burnett, *The Secret Garden*

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Comfort Accounts FYI

The purpose of the Resident

Comfort Account is to provide residents with a source from which they may withdraw petty cash and to conveniently make payments for goods/services to the resident such as:

- ◆ Non-prescription pharmacy items, foot care, dental hygiene and hairdressing services
- ◆ Guest meals
- ◆ Tuck Shop purchases & dry cleaning services
- ◆ Recreation bus outings & Taxi/Handi Dart services
- ◆ Other items that may be necessary for the care of the Resident

At various times during each month, Columbus Residence must debit funds from individual accounts to pay suppliers for these goods/services. **It is therefore important that there be sufficient funds in a resident's account at the beginning of each month to cover these debits.** Residents/family should review their monthly Comfort Fund statements to determine their average monthly charges and ensure that there are adequate funds in the account at the beginning of each month to cover all of that month's expenses.

Resident Pharmacy Invoices

After processing through our Finance Department, all resident monthly pharmacy (and foot care) invoices are kept on file in our Front Office.

Families may pick these up at any time during our regular office hours (Mon-Fri) or alternatively you may call our Front Office and make arrangements with our staff to have these left with one of the team nurses for pick up after hours/on weekends.

Family Council Meetings

The Family Council is currently scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. on the following dates:
March 31st, April 28th & May 26th

If you would like to learn more about our Family Council, please contact **Pam Hamilton** in our Recreation Department (Ext: 124)
phamilton@columbusresidence.ca

Visit our website at:

www.columbusresidence.ca

