

November 1st, 2023



Dear Families and Friends,

In the rich and poignant words of Major John McRae, "We are the dead, short days ago we lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, loved and were loved, and now we lie in Flander's Field." Gone are so many of the generations of men and women who served in the Great Wars and subsequent battles. Yet, it is beholding upon us to continue to remember and honour those who served then, in subsequent

battles, and who continue to serve our great country to this very day. Today, few veterans reside in our specific care home but we still, as proud and grateful Canadians take the initiative and time to stand together in silence to honour great Canadians, past and present who serve. *We remember.*

### Fall/Winter Mask Mandate Continues

This important notice bears repeating now. We encourage you to obtain your flu vaccinations to give yourself a buffer of protection. Our fall flu and Covid vaccinations campaign is nearing completion here at the Lodge.

As of October 3<sup>rd</sup> the flu season was officially recognized as under way. On September 28<sup>th</sup> came the announcement from Dr. Bonnie Henry that guides our practice over the flu season which goes until approximately April 1<sup>st</sup> next year.



There are no visitor restrictions as such unless there is an outbreak and then we apply appropriate protocols to respond to the outbreak. However, **screening on entry and the wearing of masks in all public spaces including the dining room and during recreation events/programs is mandatory and will continue until the mandate is removed.** This applies to visitors, staff, volunteers, and contractors. If you are visiting in your loved one's room masks may be removed but you will be reminded to wear your mask in public spaces. Your cooperation in maintaining this protective practice will be greatly appreciated!

Infection prevention and control during COVID taught us much about preventing outbreaks and protecting residents. It is through this learning and notable positive impact that increased sanitizing throughout the building as well as mask mandates and screening have proven to be beneficial to all. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support as we seek to protect everyone from illness.



### Family Circle – BL Family Council

Our Family Circle is actively seeking support in the form of family members who wish to co-lead the council meetings.

These meetings are an important venue for family members to come together to share experiences of care, to provide education, and to advocate for your loved ones.

Monthly meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month. You can count on the announcement coming in this newsletter, on elevator posters, and in an advance email. We apologize for the absence of communication in August as things slipped in a crack during our transition.

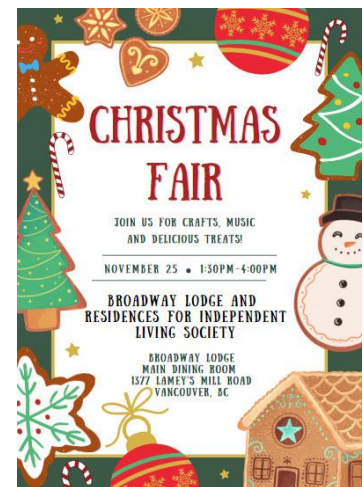
The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 30th at 7:00pm.**

Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84943144345>

### November Special Events

The November calendar has lined up some enjoyable events. Mike's Critters will be in on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm. This month's Birthday Party will take place on all floors on Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:30-3:00. This year on November 25 we will host a Christmas Craft Fair, main floor dining room, 1:30pm-4:00pm (with RILS - baked goods, handmade crafts). Returning this month on November 30<sup>th</sup> will be the Concerts in Care in the main dining room recreation area at 1:30 pm. This professional level entertainment is always a favourite!



### Changes to the Support Services Department

We have had a change to our leadership team during the month of October. We would like to announce that our new manager of Support Services will be **Natalie Vo**. She brings a positive and enthusiastic demeanor to the team. We are excited to have her join us to bring her fondness for building collaborative teams, effective systems, and a desire to engage with residents to hear and respond to their needs as best she can. Natalie will join us in early December as she is currently wrapping up her work on the Island and relocating to beautiful Vancouver.

## Renovations Update

Painting is nearly complete on all three floors. And the nursing stations have now begun. The construction team is very efficient and immensely thoughtful about resident comfort and needs – for this we are extremely grateful. They are very collaborative keeping comfort at the forefront.

As with all renovation projects, there is always a chance that delays will surface and that is where we are at currently. We continue to wait for the handrail and wall protection products to come in. We will begin removing the existing wall protection but for safety reasons we will leave the existing handrails until ready for installation of the new products. This is a journey! We thank you for your patience and are excited to see the final results in due course.



Before



After (photos to follow)

Please RSVP Online



<https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/office-of-the-seniors-advocate-71526161713>

## Results Announced for the Every Voice Counts LTC Survey

Residents, families, and care home staff are invited to an event to celebrate the release of the results of the Office of the Seniors Advocate Long-Term Care Survey. Events will be held in various locations on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm. The presentation will be conducted by the Seniors Advocate Isobel Mackenzie and a light lunch will be provided. Use the QR code here or follow the link to obtain tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/office-of-the-seniors-advocate-71526161713> We will provide a brief summary of the report as it pertains to Broadway Lodge in our December newsletter issue.

## Last Words


Once again, I would like to take a moment to encourage you to think of the Lodge when you are considering your year end charitable donations, we hope that you will consider **making Broadway Lodge your charity of choice**. All donations do receive charitable tax receipts. Special projects such as refurbishments, music therapy, replacing our bus, maintenance of the rooftop garden, and other projects are not funded by Vancouver Coastal Health. Therefore, we rely on your generosity and the generosity of others as well as grants to be able to do or acquire many of these crucial projects, services, or equipment.

There are two ways that you may make donations. First, you may drop a cheque off at reception, to my attention and we will gratefully process it. Second, you may go on our website and click on the 'Donation' button at the top right corner of the page to go to Canada Helps which supports us by processing donations via credit card (for a small fee – you can opt to cover the cost of the fee and we

then receive your full intended donation amount) for the Lodge. Either way, we truly do value and appreciate your kindness and generosity in making us your charity of choice.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding on our care journey together. I would like to take this moment to wish you a safe and healthy fall season.

Warmest Regards,



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