



ST. LAWRENCE LODGE

Long term care since 1970

Resident and Family
Newsletter

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2012 Provincial Budget Disappoints Long Term Care Sector

Overall, the 2012-13 Ontario Budget did provide increases to all health care sectors.

Long term care Homes will receive an overall 2.8% increase, which includes a 1.0% increase to Nursing and Personal Care (NPC) and the Programs (PSS) portions of Home payments received from the Province.

The Government in 2011 made a commitment for multi-year funding and a 3% increase to NPC and PSS for Homes in recognition of the rising acuity of care provided to residents, as well as, other costs related to regulatory requirements imposed along with the Long Term Care Homes Act. Restraint pressures, however, dampened last year's best intentions. This Gov't announcement will put even more extreme pressures on Homes to meet the ever-increasing care demands and service delivery expectations that are rapidly evolving at this time.

Not surprisingly, given the direction outlined in the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care's recent Action Plan, the increases are the greatest in home care and related community service areas and more modest for hospitals and long term care.

Overall, the community sector will receive a 4% increase. Details on how much each program area (i.e., home care, assisted living, community support services, CCACs, etc.) will receive remains to be determined.

Hospitals have been provided with a 2.0% increase.

Of particular interest to many LTC providers is the decision not to renew the Public Sector Compensation Restraint Act which ends at the end of March 2012. The government will be redoubling its efforts in wage control through the policy directive intended to encourage voluntary wage restraint through the collective bargaining process. The directive approach will be strengthened through proposed legislation to improve transparency, efficiency, and accountability in the interest arbitration process.

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St. Lawrence Lodge Foundation

Every gift to the St. Lawrence Lodge Foundation is important. Resident care needs are continually changing and our Home can meet those needs through not only our many volunteers and friends, but also, through financial donations generously provided by friends of St. Lawrence Lodge. We are grateful for this support, since it helps us to be able to purchase equipment and other amenities that ensure our residents are comfortable and secure.

Please consider supporting the residents of St. Lawrence Lodge in your charitable giving this year. All donations will be acknowledged and are eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

From our Home to yours, thank you for your consideration!



SPECIAL EVENTS – April 2012

Tues., April 3 rd	Spelling Bee	Birch Dining Room - 2:00 p.m.
Tues. April 3 rd	Movie Night	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., April 4 th	Egon	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 4 th	Vangie	Pine – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 4 th	Harmonic Sing-A-Long	Birthday Musical Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., April 10 th	Beth – Flute	Cedar – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., April 10 th	The Troubadours	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., April 11 th	Egon	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 11 th	Vangie	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 11 th	Parabus Shopping (Wal Mart)	See Dawn – 1:00 p.m.
Fri., April 13 th	Jacque	Pine – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., April 13 th	Resident’s Council	Classroom – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., April 13 th	Euchre	Birch Dining Room – 2:00 p.m.
Sat., April 14 th	Tom Wilson	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., April 16 th	Winnona	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., April 17 th	Beth – Flute	Birch – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., April 17 th	St. Lawrence Entertainment	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., April 17 th	Just Us	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., April 18 th	Vangie	Cedar – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 18 th	Brockville Museum	Chapel – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., April 20 th	Jacque	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.
Fri., April 20 th	D.J. Danny	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Sat., April 21 st	Bob & Bonnie	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., April 24 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., April 25 th	Egon	Maple – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., April 25 th	Parabus Shopping (1000 Island Mall)	See Dawn – 1:00 p.m.
Fri., April 27 th	Jacque	Maple – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., April 28 th	Matt Hayes – Pub	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.



Spring is Here!

Summer is Coming!!



I hope you enjoyed reading our newsletter. Have a great month!

Yours truly,

Tom Harrington