



ST. LAWRENCE LODGE

Long term care since 1970

Resident and Family
Newsletter

March 2012

New Long Term Care Taskforce on Resident Care and Safety

A new Provincial Task Force has recently begun its work and is asking for public input. The Task Force was established in response to media reports of incidents of abuse and neglect in homes and the incidents of abuse not being reported to the Ministry. More information about the Task Force can be obtained at: www.longtermcaredtaskforce.ca. Submissions are accepted up to March 19, 2012.

Mandate

To develop an action plan that examines and addresses the factors contributing to incidents of abuse or neglect in long-term care homes with the goal of helping to prevent these incidents, supporting a zero tolerance of abuse policy, continuing to advance a culture of openness and transparency in long-term care homes, and restoring public confidence that residents receive high quality care and are treated with dignity and respect. The action plan will be shared with the public.

Task Force Objectives

1. To gain a thorough understanding of: i) the factors that contribute to the safety and quality of care of residents in long-term care homes; and ii) solutions that will help prevent incidents where residents are not treated with care, dignity and respect.
2. Promote an environment of openness, safety and quality in long-term care by:

- ◆ Identifying actions to prevent incidents of abuse or neglect that are within the control of operators as well as actions that require assistance from government, LHINS or other organizations to execute.
- ◆ Identifying actions that will result in appropriate and timely reporting of incidents of disrespectful behaviour, bullying, abuse and/or neglect by residents, families, staff, visitors and/or volunteers.

Consultation

- The task force will invite submissions from residents, family members, staff, volunteers and other interested stakeholders.

The task force will seek further advice from selected subject matter and industry experts on best practices and related issues.

Deliverables

The Task Force is expected to complete its Action Plan by the end of April, 2012. The plan will be made public shortly thereafter.

Social Worker Services to Start in March 2012

St. Lawrence Lodge is pleased to announce that **Social Work Services** will be available starting March 2012. Social work services contribute to the well-being of residents and their families in long term care by assisting with the following areas: admission preparation and adjustment, assessment, counseling, identifying and arranging resources, advocacy, education, and group work.

The Social Worker Office will be located on the main floor level using the right side corridor on the way to the elevator lobby.

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SPECIAL EVENTS – MARCH 2012

Fri., Mar. 2 nd	Jacquie	Spruce – 10:30 a.m.
Tues., Mar. 6 th	Flute – Beth	Pine – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Mar. 6 th	Movie Night	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 7 th	Egon	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Mar. 7 th	Tom Wilson (Birthday Musical)	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 9 th	Jacquie	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Fri., Mar. 9 th	Resident's Council	Classroom – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Mar. 10 th	Bob & Bonnie	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 13 th	Flute – Beth	Maple – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Mar. 13 th	The Troubadours	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 14 th	Egon	Spruce – 10:00 a.m.
Wed., Mar. 14 th	Parabus Shopping (1000 Island Mall)	See Dawn – 1:45 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 16 th	Jacquie	Birch – 10:00 a.m.
Sat., Mar. 17 th	Tom Wilson – St. Patrick's Day Pub	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 19 th	Winnona	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 20 th	Flute – Beth	Spruce – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Mar. 20 th	Just Us	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 21 st	Egon	Elm – 10:00 a.m.
Fri., Mar. 23 rd	Hudson Majaury	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 27 th	Flute – Beth	Elm – 11:00 a.m.
Tues., Mar. 27 th	Memories of Yesterday	Town Square – 6:45 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 30 th	Jacquie	Cedar – 10:30 a.m.
Sat., Mar. 31 st	Matt Hayes – Pub	Town Square – 1:45 p.m.

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!

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

Yours truly,

Administrator
