

The Village Newsletter

Monthly news from Grace Village

August: A Culmination of a Wonderful Summer!

The warm summer month of August was abounding with diverse activities at Grace Village. Our mobile travelled the halls of the pavilion, offering cold milkshakes to cool off a warm summer afternoon. We made homemade bread in a bag together, mixing the ingredients, kneading the dough and baking it fresh! Residents enjoyed the fruits of their labour, sharing their homemade treat with fellow residents and friends. New this month, volunteer Jan Draper hosted a writing workshop as part of the "Write Here. Write Now" project with Townshippers Association. Residents were able to create their own personal pieces, some of which are featured outside of the Recreation & Leisure Office! Our friends from the Manoir St. Francis joined us for Tea and refreshments. We had a great turn out of residents from both locations and we had a wonderful afternoon of sharing, catching up and forming new friendships. The Eastern Townships Vintage Automobile Club brought eight cars as part of the first ever vintage car show held in the Grace Village front parking lot. Our residents admired and reminisced about the vintage cars sharing memories of earlier days. The newest car in the lot was a 1989 Cadillac and the oldest a 1927 Model T Ford. It was a great morning, and we appreciate everyone from the club who participated. We were very excited to celebrate our first ever second annual event in the new building! Last August, after moving, we hosted a barn dance in the Grand Hall. This year, we held the event for a second time and residents, families, volunteers and friends of Grace Village danced to toe tapping, hand clapping country western music. A big thank you to all our musicians who volunteer their time to bring the joy of music to the hearts of our residents on a regular basis. At the end of the month, we enjoyed a corn on the cob bar with flavoured butters including classic, pizza, nacho cheese or the popular oh Canada. Other activities we enjoyed included our monthly birthday bash, silhouette portraits, camp song sing-along and s'mores, indoor bocce, an outing to St-Hubert, monarch butterfly release and other weekly activities! We are excited to welcome Special Care Counselling Intern, Tammy Germain, as he joins our team for the next three months!



September: A Mix of Sun & Autumn Fun!

We are ready to embrace the cool nights and warm days as September approaches. The students are heading back to school, and we are getting ready to welcome back some of our programs that took a summer break! This month Cozy Corner Books is starting back up on the second Tuesday of the month and Catholic Mass will be back on the first Friday. A new activity, we will make our own pizza lunch in honour of National Cheese Pizza Day. We are looking forward to our community outings where we will first stop at the Lennoxville Quilt Show. The quilting group has been meeting every Monday at Grace Village for the past year, and we are looking forward to seeing their beautiful creations including their community project of lap and fidget quilts for our residents. We will also visit the apple orchard, Le Gros Pierre for fresh apple pie and a tractor ride. We will be playing lots of new games such as yard yahtzee, musical bingo and team jeopardy while continuing some of our favorites like carpet bowling, 500 and bingo. We are going to be busy in the kitchen, peeling potatoes and preparing our freshly picked apples for homemade applesauce and apple cider. We look forward to hosting our musical guests John and Pippa Hall from Ontario to enjoy a musical afternoon of old folk tunes and Irish step dancing. It is sure to be a blast. Other special activities include our second writing workshop with Jan Draper, an autumn craft and the very popular Tim Hortons coffee break. Don't forget, come join us on Thursday's from 10AM – 2PM at the Grace Village Bistro for homemade soup, salads, paninis, sandwiches, smoothies and more! Also, with a new month comes a new game of progressive bingo where residents are invited to make their own bingo cards to play a game lasting the entire month. A new number is called every day and posted on the daily activity boards. We look forward to another great month at Grace Village and invite family and friends of our residents to come and join in on the fun!

- Special Events & Activities**
- Make Your Own Pizza Lunch (Sign-Up) – September 4th
 - Yard Yahtzee – September 4th
 - Outing to Lennoxville Quilt Show – September 7th
 - Tim Hortons Coffee Break (Sign -Up) – September 11th
 - Cozy Corner Books – September 11th
 - Musical Bingo – September 12th
 - Oktoberfest Carnival – September 18th
 - Welcome Autumn Craft – September 18th
 - Writing Workshop w/ Jan Draper – September 19th
 - Concert w/ Pippa & John – September 19th
 - Outing at Le Gros Pierre Apple Orchard (Sign-Up) – August 21st
 - Crockpot Applesauce – September 22nd
 - Crockpot Apple Cider Making – September 25th
 - Birthday Bash – September 25th
 - Crockpot Apple Cider Taste Test – September 26th

Check out the calendar and daily activity boards for all the additional weekly and bi-weekly activities!

