

HELLO SUMMER



Willow Leaf June 2023



From the Desk of Janine

As May comes to a close, we can certainly acknowledge that it has been a busy month. Our Care Partners were celebrated and we had so much support from our community business partners who supplied gifts which were drawn on a daily basis from May 8-12, 2023. Care Partner Appreciation is centred on International Nurse's Day and we recognize that our team is filled with many different skill sets that all contribute to the quality of life that our residents enjoy. It is our Care Partners who bring our Mission and Values of the EDEN Alternative to Life in our living habitat of Willow Lodge.

Our annual inspection was successful and we have received our Licence which enables us to continuing providing the best care to our 61 residents here at Willow Lodge.

Looking ahead to June, which is Seniors Month, we will be celebrating **Long Term Care Proud Day** on the 8th. This is a campaign of recognition for staff in Long Term Care and focuses on all the work they do. The Nursing Home Association of Nova Scotia, which Willow Lodge is a Proud Member of, views this as an opportunity to offset the negative media attention on Long Term Care facilities and refocus on the dedicated workers and valued services provided in the province. Let's take this opportunity to celebrate all the good work done in Long Term Care Facilities in Nova Scotia.



Here at Willow Lodge and our larger community of Tatamagouche, we can all be proud of our Long Term Care Home! Let's celebrate all the good things happening!

Happy June!
Janine Jaconelli
Executive Director

Happy Birthday

Residents

Gordon Hillier - June 3
Donna Durant - June 3
Colin Douglas - June 6
Theresa Smith - June 14
Robert Winsor - June 26
Ross MacDonald - June 26
Dale Pratt - June 26
Mary Beckett - June 30

Care Partners

Marlene Tattrie - June 14
Colleen Tulloch - June 15
Pat McMillan - June 21

Welcome

New Residents

Gordon Hillier
Sandra Anderson
Theresa Smith
Donna Waugh
David Cox
Bessie MacMeekin

In Memory

Charlotte Purdy
January 25, 1945 - May 16, 2023
Eddie Benere
December 21, 1936 - May 18, 2023

HAPPY
Father's
DAY

Nurses Nook

The warm weather is finally here, for the most part!

Such a relief to not have to wear masks all the time now! The Elders are really enjoying seeing our faces, and lots of memorable comments have been made! It will also be much cooler for the Care Partners!

We still need to be aware that COVID is very much alive and around us, and in the coming days and months we need to remain vigilant. It will now be treated as any respiratory illness, and isolation procedures will be in effect again should there be another outbreak. We are still asking Care Partners, family and all visitors to Willow Lodge to please stay home if you are showing any signs of a respiratory infection. We will contact the designated care givers / substitute decision makers of any future restrictions that may come into place.

In the meantime, enjoy the new freedom!

Remember to keep hydrated as the weather heats up, and don't forget your hats and sunscreen!

Remember to keep your pets cool as well, and do those regular tick checks!

Stay healthy!

Jill Peterson
Director of Care



Willow Lodge Father's Day Menu

June 18, 2023

Surf and Turf

Shaved Steak
Coconut Shrimp
Twice Baked Potato
Roasted Carrots
Apple Crumble Pie



Operations Corner

It's been quite a month! April 25, 2023 at 2:23 AM I received a phone call from Willow Lodge saying the fire alarm had been activated, and there was water and smoke coming from the family dining area. I didn't know what to expect when I got here. We started calling in staff and activated our Emergency Evacuation Plan. Residents were moved to the Boardroom while we waited for the school buses to arrive. In the meantime the fire department went to work to try to figure out what was happening. It turned out that there was in fact a fire in the small dining area, and the heat from the fire had activated the sprinkler system and put the fire out. There was water and smoke everywhere. The fire department managed to get the water shut off and Service Master arrived very quickly and began cleaning up the mess.

The evacuation went very smoothly, we all worked together as a team and got everyone moved as quickly as we could. Everyone remained calm throughout the process, which helped a lot. It was clear how important practicing mock disasters and fire drills are. Nobody likes doing them, but it is important to know what to do, and this showed that you all know what to do.

Since that night there has been a lot of work going on to get things back to normal. The small dining area has been gutted to the studs and concrete floor. New electrical and drywall has been installed, and it is now almost ready for paint and flooring. The Chapel area had some damage as well which led to the removal of the flooring and some of the drywall. The Main Lounge, Café, as well as the Care Director's office, hair salon and Ward Clerk's office will have the baseboards and flooring removed and replaced. There is a lot of water damage in the lower level as well, mostly stained ceilings and lifted flooring. So quite a bit left to do, but it is coming along and hopefully things will get cleaned up and opened back up for us all to enjoy very soon.

Thanks again to all that helped that night, many of us were awoken and/or came in on days off and worked tirelessly to get our Residents to safety. Hopefully something like this never happens again, but we are prepared and we know what to do if it does. Let's keep practicing just to be sure.

Almost forgot to mention that we'll be receiving a delivery of new mattresses next week.

Kent MacDonald
Director of Operations



Willow Lodge News

Wow! What a beautiful end to May we have had here at Willow Lodge. The sun shining and the removal of masks is just the cherry on top of an amazing month that seems to have flew by.

We welcomed back Tully, who will be joining us every Wednesday morning for a sing-song program throughout the summer. We had our first session on the deck under the shade off the Bayview, then Tully visited Lynwood House to sing with our residents there as well. It was enjoyed by residents and care partners.

We are happy to announce that our park and outdoor common areas are now open for residents and family to take pleasure in the beautiful weather we have been having. There are shaded areas in all our outdoor places, so you are able to get out of the sun to cool down when needed.

Reminder to Residents families as we welcome the warmer weather, it brings along its little insect friends. If you are bringing in treats/sweets to your loved ones we ask that you place it in a plastic air tight container and label it with the date that you brought it in. This helps keep those pesky bugs at bay and lets care partners know when the treats were dropped off. This will ensure that nothing gets thrown out accidentally and/or does not spoil in your loved ones rooms. We thank you for your cooperation.

We celebrated Care Partner appreciation week May 8 - 12. During that week we acknowledge care partners from ALL departments, recognizing their hard work and dedication to Willow Lodge and all the residents who call Willow Lodge home. We are very lucky to have such an amazing group of care partners, who go above and beyond to make Willow Lodge the BEST home for our residents. Care Partners were treated to BBQ steak dinner, trail mix treat, sundaes, cheesecake and prize draws throughout the week. Thank you to all of you once again for your devotedness to our residents.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Alzheimer Society NS BBQ fundraiser. We raised a grand total of \$740.00 during our two day BBQ. Also a BIG thanks goes to Joel Williamson from the LFMH, who helped coordinate the orders and participation from the LFMH. All the proceeds go to the Alzheimer Society Nova Scotia.

The Pre-primary class from TRA visited us last month and we had a Farm themed scavenger hunt. It was such a fun morning for everyone. We also welcomed the TRA Primary and Primary-One classes to our home for a visit. We had over ten games set up out in our park and sidewalk chalk, so they could draw us a picture or write their names for us. Residents presented all the children with a smile award as that is just what they did, help put smiles on all the residents and care partners faces. Thank you for your visit it meant the world to our Residents.

Resident News

Resident Mary Beckett has a new great-grand daughter. Oakleigh Quin Ward. She was born on May 7, 2023 at 1:16a.m. to Shannon Slater and Dave Ward. She weighed 7lbs 6oz. Welcome to the world little one.



We ended our baking program in May because as the weather gets warmer we will be transitioning into more outdoor programs. This doesn't mean that we don't think about baking. We are in the works of creating a cookbook that will share favorites of the residents that we have tried are true and resident approved. Keep an ear out for more information as we work on this project.

We will be adding an Art and Gardening program to our program calendar for June. We are hoping to create enough art that we can have an art exhibit later in the year, where all our art will be on display for family, friends and the greater communities to come and see our beautiful creations. Stay tuned for dates and more information.

Congratulations to Brooklyn Hayman, daughter of care partner Jennifer Tattrie, LPN who was the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medal from Tatamagouche Regional Academy.



Care Partner News

A BIG congratulation goes to care partner, Jennifer Frizzell, CCA who is a FIRST time grandmother to a sweet baby girl, Mya Matthews Flynn, weighing in at 7lbs 7.5oz



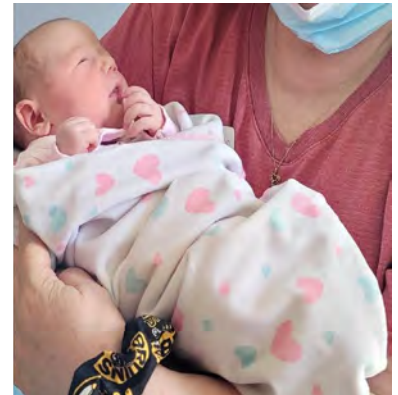
Care Partner Brenda Laurie, CCA has lots of exciting news, first with the arrival of her new grand daughter, Aubree Elaine Laurie, who was born on May 23, 2023 weighing in at 7lbs 7oz. Congratulations to Brenda and her family on the wee ones arrival.



Brenda also has a grandson graduating from Tatamagouche Regional Academy this month, Caden. Caden has decided to stay home for a year and continue to work at Home Hardware. Caden we wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.



Congratulations to care partner Carol Millett, environmental services on her forth great grand baby, a little baby girl. Lila Jane enter the world on May 31, 2023 and was 7lbs 3oz.



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