

GES Bulletin

16 August 2022

I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer. Although we have had some stretches of hot weather, for the most part the days have been not too warm, and the Residents have been enjoying the gardens and outings. It has also been heartening to welcome more visitors from off-Island, many who are connecting with their loved ones for the first time in over two years.

Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting

We will be holding our next Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting on Tuesday 30 August. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss plans for the autumn and answer any questions or queries that Residents, Family and Friends may have.

The meeting will also be an opportunity to meet Erica Innes in her new role as Administrative Assistant. Our Greenwoods' Residents, family and friends will know Erica from other positions she has held in her four and a half years of working at Greenwoods. Erica has a strong administrative background and worked as a project coordinator prior to moving to Salt Spring. Erica will be based at Braehaven, and she looks forward to meeting more of the Braehaven Residents and their family and friends. Part of Erica's new role will be in supporting the management team with communications with Residents' families and friends.

Residents, Family and Friends Zoom Meeting **Tuesday 30 August, 1.00pm**

To register, please click on the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sd-mprjsjH9LY8-12T7oT3fFEcwM0_Dpr

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Admissions to Greenwoods

We are looking forward to resuming admissions to Greenwoods starting in September. Given the staffing challenges, we held our occupancy throughout the summer to ensure safe resident to care aide ratios were maintained while a number of our regular team members took much needed vacations. Although the staffing challenges continue, we will resume admissions in a mindful and planned manner as there are many elders in our community in need of the 24-hour care.

I want to express my extreme gratitude to the team for pulling together over the summer months and for welcoming the agency staff who have joined us to bolster our care team.

COVID Precautions

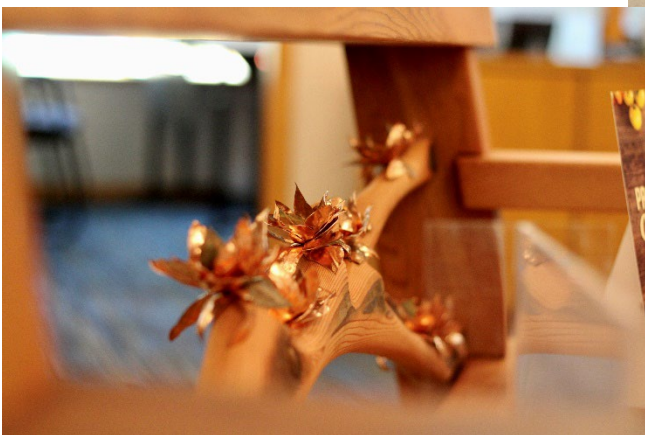
Not surprisingly, over the past several weeks, our screening protocols have detected visitors to Greenwoods who have tested positive for COVID on the rapid antigen test. The current variants can present with vague or few symptoms, so it is very important that if you are feeling at all 'off' that you delay your visit. The rapid antigen tests do have a high rate of false negatives so please, out of that abundance of caution, do not visit if you are feeling unwell or if you have had a recent exposure to someone with COVID.

If you do test positive for COVID or are unwell and presume it is COVID, you will not be permitted to visit for 10 days from the date of onset of symptoms or a positive test if asymptomatic. Following those ten days, you must also test negative at the pre-visit screening. Paid companions are considered visitors under these precautions.

Please also remember that masks must be worn when in the common areas and can only be removed if you are visiting in a Resident's private room or if you are outside away from any other Resident or any team member. Visits in the lounges or dining room are still not permitted.

Greenwoods Fundraiser - Fall Fair 2022!

Greenwoods is excited to once again present one of the most anticipated features of the Fall Fair – The Bench Raffle! Great thanks to master artisan Luke Hart Weller of the [Copperwood Gallery](#) for creating the beautiful bench - a piece of art to adorn your garden or home with rustic elegance and a deep connection with nature. Thank you to Country Grocer for sponsoring the unique piece.



Tickets of course can be purchased at the Fall Fair (now the second week of September – the 10th and 11th). Advance ticket sales will also be available at select Saturday Markets and at Country Grocer. Keep your eyes out for our Greenwoods Volunteers. On-line ticket purchases can also be made by clicking here: <https://greenwoodsfoundation.ca/bench-affle/>.

The Bench Raffle is a fundraiser for Greenwoods and contributes to the care and service we provide to our Elders residing at both Greenwoods Long Term Care and Braehaven Assisted Living. We are very grateful for the generous support of our community.

More volunteers are needed to assist with the ticket sales prior to the Fall Fair. If you can spare a few hours over the coming weeks, please contact Kim Ballantyne at rielly@telus.net.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions of topics for future bulletins, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at 250 537 5561 ext. 222.

Kind regards
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