

# The Village Voice



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## SECOND EDITION

### DID YOU KNOW:

- The Food Committee meets every Third Thursday of the Month.
- Banking hours for the Resident Trust, Mon-Fri from 10:30 am until 4:00 pm

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **May 5th**  
CincoDeMayo Celebration
- **May 12**  
Mother's Day
- **May 20th**  
Victoria Day
- **June**  
Seniors Month
- **June 16th**  
Father's Day

*"The Nurses and all the staff make me feel special and are always looking out for me. Happy Nurses Week!"*  
- Olga Trone

## Program Highlight: Horticulture

Surrounding a place with plants, can do more than just make a space more inviting and comforting. "Plants help me feel happy and give me a job!" As stated by Olga Trone, a Topaz resident, seeing greenery and nature helps us feel more relaxed and calmer, which in turn benefits our every day mood. Having the mind occupied, keeping hands busy and seeing growth, can give one purpose and a sense of accomplishment.

Since having plants at

Chester Village has always been part of our mission, we look to continuously *grow* our Horticulture program. With the warmer weather upon us, the courtyard will soon be



Residents planting seeds getting ready for home area gardens

transformed during our Annual Garden Beautification Day. Residents, staff, families and volunteers, come together and plant a variety of colourful annuals. Our gardening program will be offered more frequently this year. It will include growing herbs and vegetables from seed and having a weekly traveling gardening cart.

We invite you, whether it be in the courtyard, on the home area balconies, or within your room, to take some time to care or admire a plant. You won't regret it!

## Resident Feature: Hubert Harrison

"He has such a great sense of humour, a very friendly personality and he has a lot of wisdom to share." This is an excellent description of Hubert Harrison, who resides within the Emerald home area. Born and raised in Clarendon, Jamaica, Hubert holds the perspective that every day, each person should be greeted with a smile, and treated with respect and kindness. This approach to life helped him enjoy many happy years with his adored wife, Iris. During their long marriage, they had 7 children; 6 boys; 1 girl. Now with several grand-

children and great grandchildren, Hubert looks forward to visits with his large loving family, especially when they bring him traditionally prepared Jamaican food. Throughout his life, Hubert loved his work as a carpenter and cabinetmaker. He worked throughout Jamaica and England, eventually working out his last years in Canada. He recalls with pride designing and bringing to life, a particular project that began as a little idea. In addition to loving carpentry, he has a strong connection to music. Throughout his life has used music as a way to express himself. From playing in a band, to playing on his banjo,

that he built himself, Hubert welcomes the opportunity to engage in music at every chance he gets. Hubert encourages all to find their love because as he puts it... "Music let's me, be me"



# What's Coming Up...



Warmer days, flowers blooming, tasty BBQ's and ice cream socials, are what we can look forward to in the upcoming months. Before we can put on our short-sleeved shirts and sandals, we get to enjoy the lovely sun and breeze of Spring. Just in time to start seeing the flowers and tree buds, the courtyard is now open to enjoy. We have planned trips to High Park, Rosetta and the local school,

so that we can be sure to thoroughly enjoy the weather. In May, we will take time to recognize all the hardworking staff, who do their best all year long. We will hold a special event, which will include retired nurses, who reside at Chester Village. For Mother's Day, we will be holding a "Toast to Mothers", with great entertainment and refreshments. This will give us the opportunity to celebrate and remember all the fantastic women that have given support throughout our lives. We celebrate "Seniors Month" in June. There are many events planned, to showcase the contributions and skills all the residents of Chester Village make to our home. As the temperatures get warmer in June, we will be holding our Garden Beautification Day, kicking off an official start to our weekly BBQs. Keep your sunglasses handy, as we welcome the sun and special months ahead.

"The Garden is such a lovely place to go. Seeing the birds and flowers makes me feel so good."

- Anne

## Family Council

Thank you to the Family Council for all their hard work, time and dedication. In the latter months of 2018, they raised over \$12 000! In January, we were able to purchase new Baby Dolls and Companion Robotic Cats and Dogs. Later this year, we will use the remainder of the money for Decorative Door Diversion Covers. On behalf of the residents and staff, thank you for all the support.

## Resident Council

Thank you to all the residents that completed the outing Survey. The feedback was reasonable and trips will be planned around the suggested locations. We also invite you to come out to the upcoming meetings where we be meeting the new Environmental Service Manager and discussing the upcoming intergeneration programs. Refreshments to be served. Hope to see you there!

## Birthday Celebrations!

### MAY

Josephine Gibbs-Kennet  
Eric Mosbaugh  
Doris Houston  
Stojimir Kostascki  
Myrl Dawn Lawrick  
Barbra Witherspoon

Lian Gui  
Kam Koo  
Lian Qiang Chen  
Ang-Hee Kim  
Megan Bradshaw  
Shou King Yue  
Elizabeth Bell

### JUNE

Agnes Dobbin  
Grace Sum  
Margaret O'Regan  
Wai Fan Li

Correne Byers  
Robert Davis  
Mrion Hussey  
Halina Szulc

Douglas Fryer  
Helen Ussling  
Terrylea Hammond  
Gai Kwok Chan  
Elizabeth Lunau  
June James  
Rachelle Galloway  
Robert Mole  
Mary Hannon  
Martha Gough  
Kam Chee Lee  
Heather Mosbaugh



All Residents are invited to attend the monthly birthday parties. Please check your calendar for dates and times!