

# The Village Voice



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## FIRST EDITION

### DID YOU KNOW:

- Residents can set up a trust account with Chester Village to pay for items in house
- Our Café is run solely by volunteers!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **NOV 17**  
Christmas Bazaar
- **DEC 3**  
Tree Trimming
- **DEC 4**  
Eastminster Choir
- **DEC 18**  
Wine & Cheese
- **DEC 31** New Years Eve Party

## Program Highlight: *Doll Therapy*

Over the past few years, you may have seen more and more residents around you engaging with dolls.

Bringing smiles to their faces and giving comfort, these dolls have been proven to assist people with a variety of needs, and in giving them a sense of purpose and joy.

Chester Village this year decided to embrace this program idea by introducing the idea of using dolls with certain residents.

The staff on the Diamond home area have seen the positive impact that dolls can make and have made it a priority to use these therapeutic dolls throughout the day.



Residents in the Diamond Home Area involved in the daily Doll Therapy Program

More recently, a new baby room area has been set up within the Activation room, and we encourage anyone interested to come down and take a look.

After seeing the success and the positive effect on the lives of residents, Chester Village is looking to expand the program throughout the home.

Dolls and baby items will be introduced to all home areas during 2019.

## Resident Feature: *Thomas Sloane*

If a car had the plate, TEAMAN, you may think it belongs to someone who grew or really enjoys his cup of tea. However, Thomas "Tommy" Sloane is much more than the TEAMAN.

Born, raised, married and worked in Toronto most of his life, Tommy has lived a life always thinking of others. From early on, Tommy had a knack for building and fixing items. Choosing a trade school, he specialized in tool and dye.

From 1943-1946, after the Canadian Air Force learnt

about the skills he possessed, he was assigned the responsibility for keeping all the planes in good working condition.

After returning from the war, Tommy took on the responsibility of caring for his ailing father, and offered to help out with the family business. After a short time *Sloane Tea and Coffee* was the life long occupation for Tommy the TEAMAN.

In addition to supplying many places fresh tea and coffee, now Tommy can also be proud of recently celebrating his

70th wedding anniversary with wife Jean and their 17 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you Tommy for your military service and for all you have done for others. Stop by the Sapphire home area and say hello to Thomas Sloane!



*"This time of year, watching the changing colours, then seeing the Christmas lights, makes me smile"*  
Laurie, Ruby Resident

# What's Coming Up...



Rachelle, Amethyst resident, having fun at Chesterbana 2018

Nov 17th is the date for our Christmas Bazaar and it promises to be better than ever! The main lobby will be transformed into a mini Christmas market with a variety of vendors, raffles and activities that is suitable for all ages and interests.

Throughout December, you are invited to participate in many of our holiday traditions. Visits from community dance and musical schools,

Church choirs, Christmas caroling and home area Christmas parties are a few of the events.

To kick off the holiday season, the annual Tree Trimming night will bring residents, staff and families together, as they decorate their home area tree in a holiday theme. While resident made ornaments are hung and music plays, you will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. This evening is

a time for the Chester Village community to come together and enjoy this special time of year. Please join us on December 3rd.

To welcome 2019 don't miss out on the return of 2B1 for our New Years Eve party, where we will enjoy great snacks and lively music. Please be sure to refer to the calendar and postings for further details.

The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers

## Volunteer Corner

Volunteers have a variety of roles at Chester Village. Recently, Vito, one of our volunteers escorted Ted, a Ruby resident, to a street dedication of a past resident.

If you wish to find out more about our volunteers or how to become a volunteer, chat with Andrea Macina, Volunteer Coordinator

## Resident Council

The third Thursday of every month, we invite all residents to listen/participate and have your voice heard. The Resident Council is a group of residents that come together to give feedback and discuss the programs and care that the home provides.

Hope to see you there,  
Ellen Little (Council Member)

## Birthday Celebrations!

### NOVEMBER

Judith Wilson  
Richard Dennis  
John Manios  
Donald Angus  
Carmen Pritchard  
Naomi Torrance  
Inez Burt  
Mao Fun Cheung  
Fung Ming Chui  
Oi Ngor Ng  
Oi Chun Kan  
Manyee Brem

Helen Hope  
Ian Lennox  
Cece Cardozo  
Yuen Mei So  
Robert Watson

### DECEMBER

Brenda Russell  
Bridget Thaw  
Armilde Siekierski  
Joseph Desjardins  
Carla Brennan  
Joyce McNeil

Desneiges Todhunter  
Pui King Hang  
Ilma Holder  
Pearl Officer  
Lillias Cameron  
Gladys Corby  
James Jean  
Edward 'Ted' Lamb  
Soo Yung So  
Teng Shu Jen  
Karl Schroder  
Doris Loney  
Ann Robinson



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