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Newsletter

Compassionate care for life's journey.

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IN THE NEWS!

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care ACTION Line is open seven days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and can be reached toll-free at:

report concerns about their care and the services provided by their long-term care home.

1-866-434-0144 The Action Line is for residents of long-term care homes or their family members to

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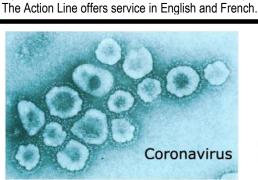
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Plus so much more

Extra copies of this Newsletter are available in the Administration Hallway in the information rack.





There has been an abundance of information recently about the novel coronavirus.

Cassellholme is carefully reviewing the information provided by the Ministry of Health, Public Health and Advantage.

The North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit is also a source of information and guidance. Any necessary measures have been and will continue to be put in place.

It is important to know that the NOVEL coronavirus is what is causing the serious illnesses at this time.

Other strains of coronavirus circulate regularly and cause common, less serious respiratory illness, including outbreaks at Cassellholme.



Cassellholme is a scent-free building. Please do not wear perfume, scented hairspray, cologne, scented deodorant, aftershave, other scented products or do not bring in highly scented flowers, such as lilies & baby's breath.

Scented products contain chemicals which cause serious problems for many people, especially those with asthma, allergies and environmental illness.

Remember – no scents is good sense!

Cassellholme has a <u>no-latex</u> balloon policy. Allergies are caused by the powder inside and outside the latex balloons. We ask that families please use

We ask that families please use the mylar (foil type) balloons. Mylar balloons are made without lates



Mylar balloons are made without latex, last weeks longer than regular balloons and can be **reused** until the self-sealing valve fails.



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Eligibility for this Service:

Single Person: Income less than \$35,000.00

Couple: Combined income less than \$45,000.00 (interest less than \$1000.00)

www.ccra.gc.ca/volunteer 1-800-959-8281

Community Volunteer - Income Tax Program

Volunteers trained by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency can help Cassellholme Residents and Castle Arms Tenants complete their income tax and benefit return.

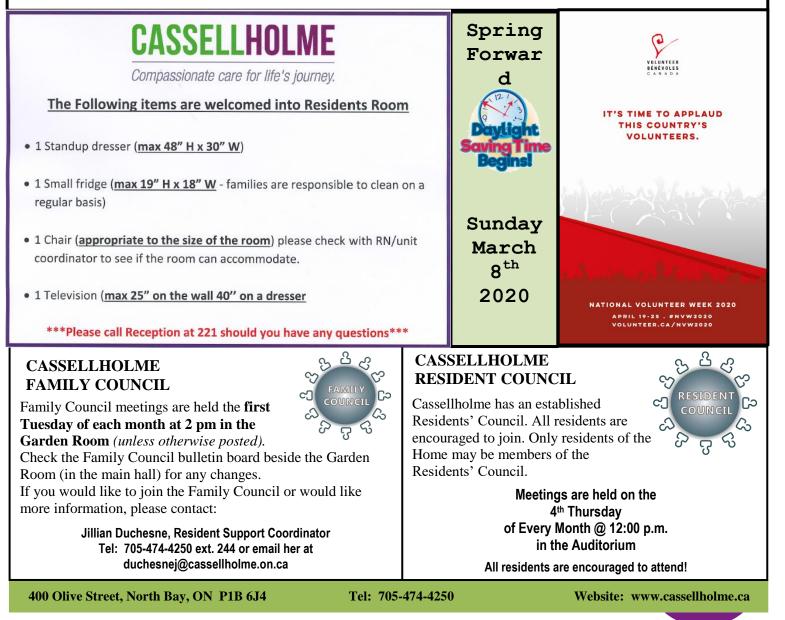
Income Tax Services will be available in the Cassellholme Auditorium on: Date to be Determined (*information will be posted*)

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

If you are interested in this service, please bring the following:

- Rent Receipts
- ➢ T4, T3, T5 Receipts
- Charitable Donations
- Medical Expenses
- 2018 Tax Return
- ➢ 2019 Tax Form

<u>Reminder:</u> Residents applying for a Rate Reduction must submit their 2019 Notice of Assessment to Debbie Pigeon - <u>no later than June 1, 2020</u>



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Dementia and Falls

Persons with dementia are 2 to 3 times more at risk for a fall.

Your loved one has a higher risk for falls if they:

- Have a history of falls and/or poor balance.
- Are taking 3 or more medications which may reduce balance and reaction time.
- Get dizzy when going form sitting to standing
- Have trouble carrying out everyday activities, such as getting dressed.
- Have a change in walking patterns (walking slower, taking shorter steps, and taking fewer steps).
- Are agitated, which may be due to being confused or afraid.
- Are not aware of hazards in the environment such as obstacles and clutter.
- Have declining attention, direction, memory, problemsolving, depth perception and contrast sensitivity.

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• Are losing their judgement (e.g. forgets how to go up or down stairs, wandering, etc.).

How to help reduce falls inside the Long-Term **Care Home:**

- If you notice your loved one is becoming forgetful, notify the nurse about changes.
- Encourage your loved one to take part in group exercise.
- Keep important items within reach on their bedside table to prevent wandering.
- Have visual cues, such a signs, to reduce confusion and agitation.
- Encourage your loved one to use their walker, cane, etc.



CASSELLHOLME Charitable Foundation – Celebration Wall – Donation Plaques *"Wall of Mamorias"* "Wall of Memories"

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The Wall of Memories will include a collection of personalized plaques recognizing memories and milestones of your choosing. These personalized plaques will allow you and your family to celebrate your loved one's time at Cassellholme (eg. a special birthday, anniversary, etc.)

What is Cassellholme's Celebration Wall?

Cassellholme's Celebration Wall is a commemorative project created with the intention of monumentalizing the memories and milestones of our residents and their loved ones, as well as Cassellholme employees and volunteers.

What will the plaque look like?

Plaques will be in one of five colours based on your donation amount: Bronze (\$100-\$199), Silver (\$200-\$299), Gold (\$300-\$499), Platinum ((\$500-\$999), Diamond (\$1000 +)

What is Cassellholme's Charitable Foundation?

The Cassellholme Charitable Foundation is a not-for-profit registered charity established to help address the shortcomings from ministry funding allotted to Cassellholme by purchasing items and funding programs which help seniors maintain their independence and quality of life.

The Wall of Memories will be located in the Main Hall, sometime in late September. If you wish to donate, please complete the donation form to the right.

"We don't remember days, we remember moments."

DONATION FORM

Donation Amount \$

Method of Payment: Cheque Cash 🛛

(Please make cheque payable to Cassellholme Charitable Foundation)

Name: _____

Address:

Phone #:

Message to be written on the Plaque:

Donations may be dropped off at the Cassellholme Administration Office or mail to the following address:

Cassellholme Charitable Foundation 400 Olive Street, North Bay, ON P1B 6J4 Tel: 705-474-4250 Cassellholme is a Registered Charitable Organization

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated!