

Brucelea Haven News

Together we *make* a difference!

August 2026

Summer Fun!

Summer has been filled with sunshine and summer fun! Our residents have been making the most of the warm weather enjoying a variety of activities both indoor and outdoor! Residents have been loving our ice cream sundae carts, beach volleyball, and music on the balcony! Our beautiful gardens have provided the perfect setting for many relaxing garden walks throughout the summer. Residents have enjoyed taking in the colourful blooms, fresh air, and peaceful surroundings while visiting with friends and staff.

To help beat the summer heat, we also spent time making fresh lemonade together. Residents participated mixing ingredients, and, of course, sampling the refreshing results. It was a simple activity that sparked conversation, reminiscing, and lots of enjoyment.

These summer activities have provided opportunities for recreation, social connection, and creating lasting memories. We look forward to continuing the fun and making the most of the sunny days ahead!

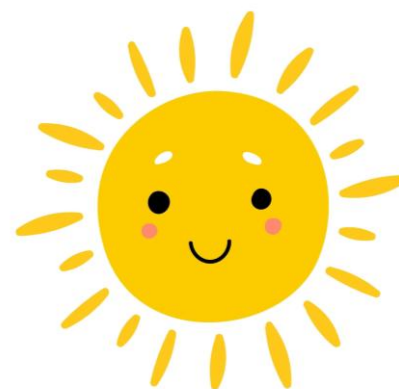


*Together, we make
every season special at
Brucelea Haven.*



Brockton Day Camp Visits Brucelea Haven!

Our residents enjoyed a wonderful afternoon as children from the Brockton Day Camp visited Brucelea Haven. Together, they spent time in the courtyard sharing smiles, conversations, and laughter. These intergenerational experiences create meaningful connections, brighten everyone's day, and remind us of the importance of community. Thank you to the campers and staff for making this visit so special!



Paisley Steam Show!

We are excited to share that residents will be attending the **Paisley Steam Show on August 14th** as one of our upcoming community outings!

Residents will travel to the event by bus and enjoy exploring the exhibits, entertainment, and activities the Steam Show has to offer. We warmly encourage family members and friends to join us there if they are able. Families are also welcome to transport their loved one to and from the event if they wish to spend additional time together.

We look forward to a fun day filled with great memories and hope to see many familiar faces at the show!



Bruce County Heritage Farm Show

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Allis-Chalmers
Equipment

FAMILY
FUN

August 14, 15, 16 Paisley

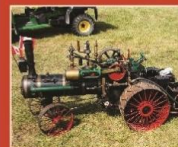
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NEW
THIS YEAR
Friday Night Feature
Pick-up Trucks & Big Tractors
VS
"The Humiliator"
4PM START at the
PULL TRACK

2km South of Paisley on County Road 3 ~ See You There!



Walkerton Homecoming Parade!

On **Monday, August 3**, the excitement of **Walkerton Homecoming** will be right at our doorstep! The parade begins at **11:00 a.m.** and will travel along **McGivern Street**, passing directly in front of Brucelea Haven.

Residents are warmly invited to enjoy the festivities from our front sidewalk viewing areas. For those who would like a different vantage point, viewing opportunities will also be available along the sidewalk between Brucelea Haven and the hospital. We encourage families and volunteers to join us and bring your loved one out to watch the festivities, connect with friends, and share in the excitement of this special community event.

We are also proud to share that the grassy area along McGivern Street on Brucelea Haven property will serve as the community's "**Senior VIP Viewing Area**," offering a special space for seniors from across Walkerton to gather and enjoy the parade.

We look forward to celebrating this wonderful community tradition together and cheering on the many participants as they pass by our home!

BINGO NOTE

Please note that on **Homecoming Parade Day**, Bingo will begin at **2:30 p.m.** instead of its usual 2:00 p.m. start time. This adjustment will allow residents who wish to watch the parade ample time to enjoy the festivities and have lunch without feeling rushed or missing out on afternoon programs. Thank you for your understanding, and we look forward to an enjoyable day for everyone!



Parade Safety Reminders

To help everyone enjoy a safe and comfortable experience, please keep the following in mind:

- Residents should be accompanied by staff, volunteers, or family members as needed based on their care requirements.
- Please remain seated or use mobility aids as required while viewing the parade.
- Stay well hydrated, Jason will have hydration stations available outside.
- Sunscreen, hats, and light clothing are encouraged for those spending extended time outdoors.
- Staff will monitor weather conditions and resident comfort throughout the event.
- If residents begin to feel tired, overheated, or unwell, they should return indoors promptly with assistance.



We are excited to welcome the sights, sounds, and spirit of Homecoming to Brucelea Haven and look forward to sharing this memorable day with our residents, families, and community!

Duck Season at Brucelea Haven!

This month our residents enjoyed an exciting duck hunting game! The activity sparked plenty of smiles, and cheerful competition among residents, creating a lively atmosphere for all involved. Programs like these provide opportunities for social connection, simple fun, and meaningful engagement.

The success of the activity was evident in the laughter heard throughout the room, making Duck Hunting a memorable highlight of the month! We are looking forward to creating more memorable moments this August together!



Resident's Council with Emily M

Resident's Council meeting on **August 18th at 2pm in the CAA**. Whether you have ideas to share, questions to ask, or feedback to provide, your opinions help us create the best possible living experience for everyone. These meetings are an opportunity for residents to help shape programs, services, and daily life in our home. We value your input and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

🎵 Party Like It's 1980! 🎵

Dust off your neon, tease up your hair, and join us as we celebrate the end of summer with an **80s-themed party!**

📅 **August 19** ⌚ **4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Residents, families, and friends are invited to enjoy an evening of music, fun, and summer memories as we travel back to the decade of big hair, bright colours, and classic hits.

80s attire is encouraged... so break out your leg warmers, denim jackets, and retro shades! We can't wait to celebrate and reminisce on summer's past with you!



GPA Training

We are pleased to share that members of our team have completed Gentle Persuasive Approaches (GPA) training. GPA is an evidence-informed education program that helps staff better understand and support individuals living with dementia in a respectful and person-centered manner.

This valuable training has provided our team with additional tools and strategies to enhance communication, respond compassionately to changing needs, and promote the comfort, dignity, and well-being of our residents. We look forward to putting this knowledge into practice as we continue our commitment to providing exceptional care and meaningful resident experiences.

Monthly Caregiver Support Group for Family & Friends of Brucelea Haven

Brucelea Haven is excited to host monthly caregiver support groups on the last Thursday of each month from 3-4pm in the Conference Room, with Lauren Kieswetter, MSW. You are welcome to attend this group if you are someone who loves and cares for a resident residing at Brucelea Haven.

Topic for August: Letting go of Comparison

Please RSVP to Maia or Lauren
BruceleaHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca
LKieswetter@brucecounty.on.ca



Upcoming Family Town Hall

Our next Family Town Hall meeting will be hosted on **September 15th at 4pm the CAA**. During this meeting our new Recreation & Leisure Manager, Emily MacDonald, will be attending the meeting to introduce herself to families. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know Emily, learn more about her vision and goals for the Recreation & Leisure Department, and discuss some of the exciting initiatives being planned for our home.

Looking ahead, we are also exploring opportunities to offer **educational seminars for families on topics related to long-term care (LTC)**. More information will be shared in the coming months, and we look forward to providing valuable learning opportunities that support residents and their families.

We hope to see you there!

A Flower from Mary

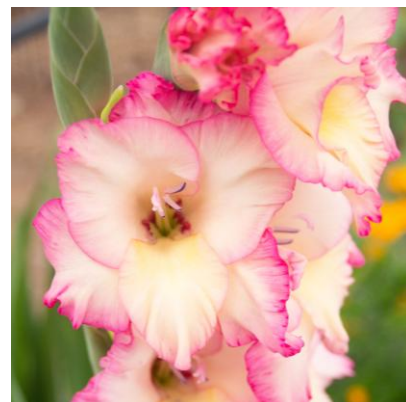
Each month, our newsletter will feature the birth flower associated with that month's birthdays. Just like birthstones, birth flowers have special meanings and traditions that have been passed down through generations.

Thank you to resident Mary for inspiring and helping bring this feature to our newsletter!

August's Birth Flower - Gladiolus

Known for their tall, colourful blooms, symbolizing strength, integrity, and remembrance. Its name comes from the Latin word *gladius*, meaning "sword," because of its long, pointed leaves. Gladiolus flowers have been admired for centuries and are a beautiful reminder of resilience and heartfelt connections.

Fun Fact: Gladiolus flowers can grow up to 4 feet tall and come in almost every colour of the rainbow!



A Message from Jena***Infection Control & Staff Development Lead***

We are pleased to share that the outbreak on 3 South was officially declared over by Public Health on July 20, 2026.

As we move toward the fall season, we encourage everyone to continue practicing infection prevention measures, such as regular hand hygiene, covering coughs and sneezes, staying home when feeling unwell, and following any outbreak guidelines that may be in place. Stay tuned in the coming months for information regarding influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations to help prepare for the upcoming fall and winter respiratory illness season.

Keeping our residents safe and healthy is a collaborative effort, and I truly appreciate everyone's participation and diligence in following infection prevention practices. Thank you to the Brucelea Haven community.

A Message from Jason***Dietary Services Manager***

Happy August. The dietary department is extremely excited to see the installation of the Meal Suites hardware taking place.

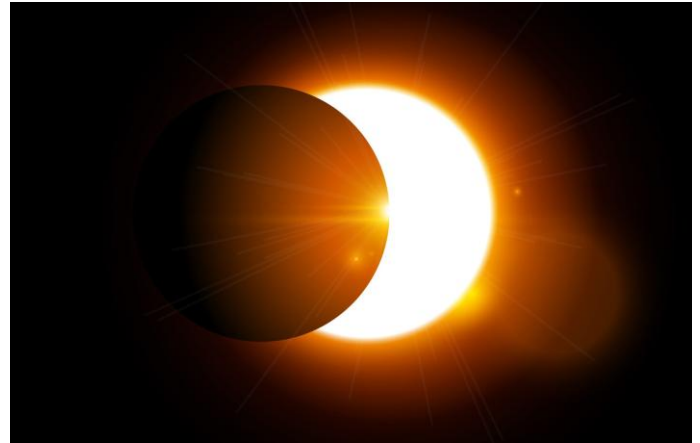
Meal Suites? What's that?

As you may have noticed there are posters throughout Brucelea Haven stating "Meal Suites coming soon, more details to follow". Here is a short explanation of Meal Suites and what to expect; live demonstrations will be planned in the upcoming weeks as we go live with a soft start. Meal Suites is an electronic platform for dietary and kitchen management. It integrates Point Click Care, the electronic health record software, and nutrition care to provide paperless tools to allow staff to have real-time nutrition information and the ability to order meals at tableside and send electronically to the server. Meal Suites will allow residents and family to view Week at a Glance, Daily, and Nourishment Menus on an interactive monitor as well as having the ability to view recipes, ingredients and Nutritional Facts. As the system goes live, residents, family, friends, and staff will be able to explore the benefits of Meal Suites on the interactive monitors that will be outside of each neighborhood dining room and front lobby.

Please look for more updates throughout the home in the upcoming weeks for demonstration as well as question and answer sessions.

A Summer Sky

On **August 12, 2026**, residents across Canada will have the opportunity to experience a **partial solar eclipse**, when the Moon passes between the Earth and the Sun, covering part of the Sun's surface. While we will not see a total eclipse in Ontario, it will still be a fascinating celestial event to observe



While we will not be viewing the eclipse directly, it provides a wonderful opportunity to talk about the wonders of nature, share memories of past eclipses, and enjoy conversations about special events that bring people together.

Our recreation team will be happy to share information about the eclipse and encourage residents to learn more about this unique astronomical event from the comfort and safety of home.

Please remember: Looking directly at the Sun is never safe without proper solar viewing equipment. As we do not have eclipse glasses available, residents should not attempt to view the eclipse directly.

"Even when we can't look directly, the eclipse reminds us that there is always something remarkable happening in the world around us."

Special Events in August...

3rd – Homecoming Parade at 11am

5th – Music with Dave and the Retro's at 2pm - CAA

7th – EarlyON visit in the Garden at 10am

11th – Bus Drive and Lunch at 519 Table and Pour 10am-3pm

12th – August Birthday Party with Dave the Piano Man at 2pm – CAA

14th – Bus Trip: Paisley Steam Show 1-4pm

19th – End of Summer Party with Johnny Borton 4:30-6pm

21st – Music with Ray Richards at 2pm – 4th floor

25th – Fire safety talk with Deputy Fire Chief Jenna Stewart at 2pm – CAA

26th – Bus Drive and Lunch at Lord Elgin Fish & Chips

28th – Birthday Party with James Skarnikat at 2pm – 2nd floor

