

Gateway Haven News

Together we *make* a difference!

July 2026

The Joys of June!

Residents enjoyed another fun filled month at Gateway last month. One of the many highlights was a scenic countryside drive with beautiful water views paired with great company and perfect weather, it made for a truly memorable outing. We had also planned a trip to Harrison Park, but the forecast didn't cooperate. Thankfully, we already have another outing planned for July—fingers crossed for sunshine next time! We also continue to create opportunities for residents to connect socially with one another, last month it was especially nice to gather for our Seniors Month social alongside our regular social hour program.

Music is always a resident favourite, and we continue to plan and enjoy a variety of music-based programs. With opportunities in the morning, afternoon, and occasionally in the evening, we try to ensure everyone has a chance to take part. We're also continuing to expand our list of performers to reflect the different styles of music residents enjoy. Over the past several months, we've welcomed some new sounds, and July will be no exception as we look forward to welcoming Bernhard Wolski for the first time on the 13th. Families are always welcome to join us for these special musical moments.

We also had a lot of fun celebrating our themed Blue Jays Day. Residents gathered in the café to watch the game against the Boston Red Sox on the big screen. With snacks and treats, it made for a lively and social afternoon. Earlier in the day, residents joined in their own version of "playing ball," taking a few swings during our in-house game which quickly became competitive and brought plenty of smiles.

Creative programs were another highlight, including crafts and well-loved baking activities. Residents worked together to make banana muffins, each taking

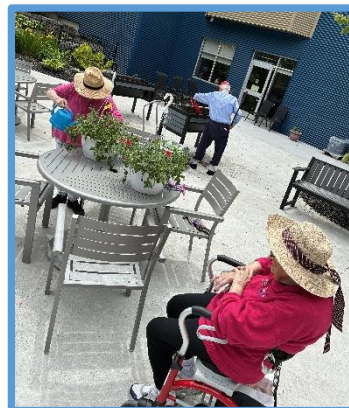


on a role—from reading the recipe to measuring and mixing. The activity sparked conversation, teamwork, and fond memories of time spent in the kitchen, and the muffins were a definite hit! If families have a simple favourite recipe to share, we always welcome you to pass it along to a member of our recreation team.

Our horticulture group has been busy preparing planters to enjoy and care for throughout the summer. We were also very grateful to a generous community member who shared hostas, strawberry plants, herbs, and tomato plants for residents to plant and nurture—such kindness is truly appreciated.

Father's Day was another special time, with many residents enjoying visits with loved ones, both in and out of the home. Those who were here had the opportunity to enjoy some special doughnuts along with a thoughtfully prepared Father's Day meal.

We are looking forward to more sunshine, outdoor time, and plenty of summer fun ahead in July!



Update: Clothing Vendor Visit to be Rescheduled

We were notified today of an unexpected situation affecting our clothing vendor, JBS Clothing. As a result, the closeout clearance sale scheduled for Friday, July 3, will need to be postponed.

We know many residents and families were looking forward to this visit, and we appreciate your understanding given the short notice. We are working with the vendor to arrange a new date in the coming weeks and will share an update as soon as it is confirmed. We look forward to welcoming them back soon.

Book of the Month: Sharing Some Laughs

Residents have the opportunity to select new books every other week through the local bookmobile program, and many look forward to choosing something new to enjoy. This month, one resident picked out a joke book, which quickly turned into a fun way to share a few laughs with others.

We thought it would be nice to include a few of those jokes for everyone to enjoy. A good laugh can go a long way in brightening the day!
I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went...then it dawned on me
I used to be a banker...but I lost interest

July Highlights

1: Canada Day Festivities
2: Music with Dave The Piano Man
6: Music with Leavin' Tracks
9: Grandfriend Visit
13: Music with Bernie* NEW
13: Residents' Council
17: Food Committee
22: Bus Trip

23: Resident Calendar Meeting
23: Social Hour
27: Travelogue to BC
28: Music With Cathy
30: Touch a Truck Event

For a full list of monthly activities please visit our [website at Gateway Haven](#). Monthly calendars can be accessed on the first day of the month.

Program Spotlight: Neighbourhood Time

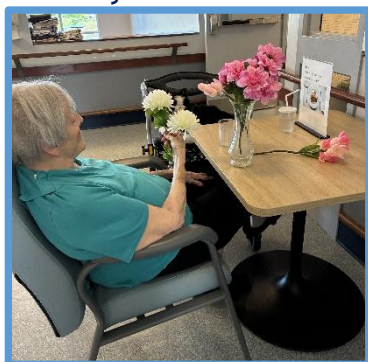
Neighbourhood Time is a program we are happy to highlight, as we are often asked what it is.

At its heart, Neighbourhood Time is about connection—meeting residents where they are in the moment and creating meaningful opportunities based on their individual interests, life experiences, and what brings them a sense of comfort and joy. Rather than following a set schedule, our team uses their knowledge of each resident to offer activities that feel familiar, purposeful, and engaging.

This can look different for everyone. For some, it may be helping with a familiar household-style task, spending time outdoors, or engaging in hands-on activities. These moments are often simple and spontaneous, but they are rooted in creating a sense of belonging, purpose, and connection.

It's often in these everyday interactions that we see the most meaningful engagement through conversation, shared experiences, and familiar activities.

Enjoy some of the photos, capturing residents engaged in a variety of Neighbourhood Time moments thoughtfully supported by our Recreation team!



Connections Across Generations

We continue to reap the many benefits of being closely connected with the daycare right here in our home. Through weekly scheduled visits, along with the occasional spontaneous moments, these intergenerational connections are a meaningful part of life for the residents.

This month was no exception, as residents and children spent time together in the outdoor courtyard enjoying games, conversation, and creative activities. These shared experiences continue to create special bonds and lasting memories for everyone involved.

A particularly memorable highlight was the opportunity to take in the children's graduation ceremony, held in our courtyard. Residents enjoyed watching from their balconies and windows, taking in this special milestone for children they have come to know and connect with over time. With proud families, excited graduates, and a beautiful outdoor setting, it was a truly heartwarming event and a joy to witness.



Help Us Stay Cool

As the warmer weather continues, we kindly remind everyone to keep resident room windows closed during hot days.

Keeping windows closed helps our air conditioning system work more efficiently and maintains a comfortable indoor temperature while reducing humidity levels throughout the home.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone cool and comfortable this summer!

Friendly Reminder: Signing Residents Out

With the warmer weather upon us, it's been wonderful to see so many residents enjoying time outdoors and heading out on visits with family and friends. We truly encourage these special outings and the meaningful time spent together.

As a gentle reminder, all residents must be signed out before leaving the home. This helps ensure our team is always aware of each resident's whereabouts. When a resident is not accounted for, it can trigger a series of safety protocols, including a search of the home and, in some cases, contacting emergency services. Signing out helps us avoid unnecessary concern and ensures everyone's safety.

Before leaving for your outing, please connect with a member of staff to access the sign-out book, located at each nursing station. This process also allows our team to confirm any important details, such as medications or support needed while away. Your support in helping us keep everyone safe is appreciated!



Resident Mail

We kindly ask that all mail and postcards sent to residents include their full name and room number to ensure accurate and timely delivery.

Families and friends are also welcome to send messages by email. This can be a quick and easy way to share kind words, greetings, or daily updates, which staff will ensure are delivered directly to residents. Please include the resident's full name and room number in the subject line. Messages can be sent to:

GatewayHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca



As emails are monitored daily by staff in order to assist with delivery, we recommend this method for general messages rather than highly sensitive or private information. We always love helping residents stay connected—thank you for supporting these small but meaningful moments!

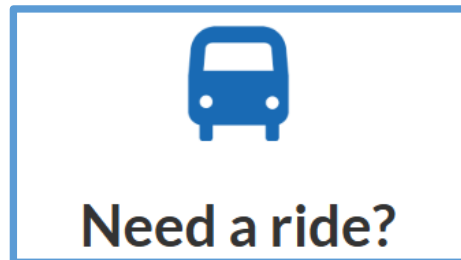
Resident Transportation Options

We've had a few inquiries about transportation options in the community and would like to highlight Home and Community Support Services of Grey-Bruce.

They offer a transportation program for non-emergency medical appointments and social outings, including longer-distance trips when needed. Services are provided by trained volunteers and accessible vehicles, with a small fee based on distance.

Below is a link for those who would like to learn more about eligibility, registration, and booking rides.

[Transportation | Home & Community Support Services of Grey-Bruce](#)



Join Us for the Caregiver Support Group

Please note that our monthly caregiver support group will be happening on the last TUESDAY of July due to a scheduling conflict. Support groups will resume on the last Monday of each month in August. Looking forward to seeing families and caregivers on Tuesday, July 28 from 3-4pm in the GWH Library.

We would love to have you join us, please RSVP to the Social Worker, Lauren, at lkieswetter@brucecounty.on.ca or by emailing Reception services at GatewayHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca

When: Tuesday, July 28th
Time: 3-4PM
Gateway Haven Library

Dietary Updates

Our Dietary Team has been busy creating some wonderful dining experiences for residents! Recent highlights included a delicious Father's Day meal—the ribs were truly *finger-licking good*.

Looking ahead, work is underway on our new spring and summer menu, which will be launched once the new menu screens are installed and operational in each home area. These screens are part of our continued move toward a paperless kitchen, with staff currently being trained on the new system. The hardware has arrived and installation will be taking place soon.

We are also proud to share that Public Health recently conducted a routine inspection of our kitchen and serveries, and we received 100% compliance—a wonderful reflection of our team's hard work and commitment to quality and safety.

We're excited for what's ahead and look forward to continuing to enhance the dining experience for residents!



Medication Pass Reminder from the Nursing Team

To support safe and accurate medication administration, we kindly remind families and visitors to help minimize interruptions when nurses are completing their medication pass. If you see a nurse at the medication cart, we ask for your patience and understanding while they focus on this important task.

Whenever possible, please wait until they are finished before approaching with questions or requests. This helps ensure the safety and well-being of all residents.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

A Sunny Day Essential: Hats



As the days become sunnier, please help keep your loved ones comfortable and protected by ensuring they have appropriate sun protection, such as hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen when enjoying outdoor activities. We've noticed that not all residents currently have a sun hat available. We ask that families please bring one in or send one, ensuring it is labeled through our laundry department so it can be easily returned to the resident's room.

Sunscreen is also available at various exits throughout the building—please feel free to use it. Encouraging hydration during

and after time outdoors, along with light, long-sleeved clothing for those who may be sensitive, can also help everyone enjoy the warm weather safely and comfortably.

Visitor Reception Services Updates

We would like to remind families that the Ministry of Long -Term Care has shared the Long-Term Care Home Accommodation Rate Changes that take effect July 1st. Please refer to your copy of new rates that were sent via email. If you would like to request another copy of the new rates, please email your request to

GatewayHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca

Please note that Visitor Reception Services will be closed Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day. There will be limited services available from July 2nd to July 3rd with regular business hours resuming Monday, July 6th.



Stakeholder Quality Meeting

Our semi-annual Stakeholder (Quality) Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 24th, and meeting minutes were sent out on June 26th. Our next Stakeholder Advisory meeting will be held in November 2026 with the date to follow.

Family Council

Don't forget we are taking a break for the summer - hope to see you on Monday, September 28th. Should you have any questions about Family Council or upcoming meetings, please reach out to the Family Council President, Mandi, via email at lamb114@uwindor.ca or Family Council Assistant, Stacey Goldie, at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca

Community Events

We're excited to see more summer activities starting up in our community! Music in the Park returns in July, offering a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live entertainment outdoors. A local lavender farm is also open on weekends for tours—perfect for a relaxing visit with your loved one, check it out at bluewaterlavender.com

We're happy to highlight these and other nearby events to help families explore enjoyable outings together. Please see the posters below for more details.

Summer CONCERT SERIES

EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:00PM

JULY 2nd - AUGUST 27th | BLUEWATER PARK
Sunsets, Songs, and the Soul of Canadian Music

FREE ENTRY

JULY 2nd MIDNIGHT BLUE
JULY 9th JESSE CORRIGAN & AMBER MAY
JULY 16th PAIGE WARNER
JULY 23rd KENZY & OLIVIA
JULY 30th GREY ROAD 1
AUG 6th NUCLEAR VIBES
AUG 13th TBD
AUG 20th THE KEPPEL BANDITS
AUG 27th PICK UP GAME

IF THERE IS INCLEMENT WEATHER, CONCERTS WILL CONTINUE INDOORS AT THE PROPELLER CLUB (575 EDWARD ST.) IN WIARTON.

Bring a lawn chair

FOR ALL CONCERT DETAILS, VISIT SOUTHBRUCEPENINSULA.COM/

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JULY 11 11AM - 12PM
JULY 25 11AM - 12PM
AUGUST 8 11AM - 12PM
AUGUST 15 11AM - 12PM

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Everyone Welcome!

Dental Care - Upcoming June Clinic



Taylor from the Tooth Studio is returning for another dental clinic on Monday, July 20th.

If you are interested in having your loved one seen during the upcoming clinic, please contact Visitor Reception Services or email GatewayHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca to make a reservation.

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You can reach Gateway Haven at 519-534-1113. Our phone system has prompts to connect you with the appropriate department, nurses' station, or leader.

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