

Gateway Haven News

Together we *make* a difference!

May 2026

Springtime Smiles: Highlights from April Activities

April was a joyful and activity-filled month at Gateway, with many meaningful moments shared between residents, staff, and our community. With Easter as a highlight, residents enjoyed a variety of festive activities including crafts, egg decorating, and baking, all adding to the spirit of the season.

A particularly special highlight was the time spent with our “grand friends” from the local Early Years program. Together, residents and children shared the delight of visiting bunnies—both the real furry kind and a special appearance from the Easter Bunny, which brought smiles all around. These intergenerational moments continue to be incredibly meaningful for everyone involved.



We are also continuing to enjoy the many benefits of being connected with the daycare. While our courtyard is still awaiting furniture, it has already become a lively and cheerful space, filled with the sounds of children riding scooters and bicycles. Residents have loved watching the activity from their windows, and our weekly Friday visits provide wonderful opportunities for direct connection and shared experiences.

Throughout the month, residents also enjoyed plenty of music, social time, and another popular takeout meal—pizza, which was once again a big hit! We are already looking forward to next month’s planned fish and chips.

As we turn the page to May, we are excited for more fun ahead, including a special Mother’s Day Tea on the afternoon of May 10. Residents are invited to join us as we honour the wonderful women in our home with sweet treats and tea served in our charming, old-fashioned teacups and saucers. With warmer weather on the way, we’re also looking forward to more outdoor activities and another month full of connection and laughter.



Bus Trips and Outings

Resident outings are always something to look forward to, and we know they are often a highlight not just for residents, but for families who enjoy hearing all about the experiences afterward! While we were excited for our recent spring drive, we unfortunately had to cancel the trip after a mechanical issue was identified with the bus shortly after boarding. While disappointing, the safety and comfort of our residents always come first.



The good news is that we already have another outing planned for May, and we are pleased to share that the spring drive has been rescheduled for June 3. All residents who were originally signed up will remain on the list for the rescheduled date!

As a general reminder, our outings are very popular and do require advance sign-up. Due to limited space, particularly for wheelchair seating, we do our best to ensure fairness by rotating opportunities among residents. We also maintain a waitlist whenever possible, allowing others to participate if last-minute cancellations arise.

If you would like more information about upcoming outings or wish to have your loved one added to a sign-up list, please reach out to Stacey Goldie, the Recreation and Leisure Manager at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca.

May Activity Highlights

5th: Linedancing Performance
 7th: Music with Dave the Piano Man
 8th: Leavin' Tracks Performance
 11th: Resident Council
 12th: Bus Trip
 13th: Memorial Service
 14th: Music with the Classy Sax Lady
 18th: Music with Bruce

19th: Resident Calendar Planning
 20th: Plant Sale
 21st: Take Out Lunch Social/Meet & Greet
 22nd: Food Committee
 23rd: Music with Cathy
 25th: Music with Joy Duo
 26th: Taste Testing
 28th: Alzheimer's Walk

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.

Bookmobile Program & Resident Book Feature

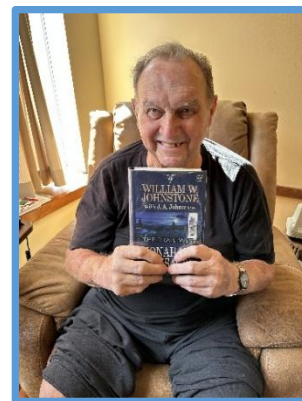
We are grateful to be recipients of the Bruce County Public Library Bookmobile service. This valued program brings a rotating selection of books, DVDs, and educational materials to our home every other week, allowing residents to browse and choose materials of interest. If your loved one would like to participate, please contact a member of the Recreation Team so we can ensure they are included and supported during Bookmobile visits.

We are also pleased to welcome Joey, the new Bookmobile team member, who will work closely with residents to learn their reading preferences and help ensure popular genres, interests, and requested titles are included whenever possible. At the same time, we extend our sincere thanks to Alyssa for her dedicated service over the years and wish her all the best in her new library locations she will be missed.



In the spirit of celebrating reading, we would like to introduce a monthly “resident book feature,” highlighting a resident’s favourite read, along with a brief recommendation. We hope this will spark conversation and encourage others to enjoy the same titles.

This month, Werner recommended Monahan’s Massacre by William W Johnstone. If you are looking for a Country Western novel with lots of suspense and unexpected twists and turns, Werner said this read is for you!



Sun Hats for Sunny Days Ahead!



With spring now here and warmer weather approaching, residents are looking forward to spending more time outdoors.

To help support safe enjoyment of the outdoors, we kindly ask families to ensure their loved one has a sun hat. We recommend a wide-brimmed hat whenever possible. If your loved one does not currently have one, we encourage families to consider purchasing one to help protect them from the sun. Don’t forget to label it with the resident’s name!

Bicycle Rack Available

We are pleased to share that a new bike rack has been installed at our front entrance.

This addition supports and encourages staff and visitors who choose to bike, providing a safe and convenient place to store bicycles while in the building.

Feel free to pedal your way to Gateway this summer!



Parking Lot Maintenance

Please be advised that parking lot maintenance will take place on Monday and Tuesday. The front parking lot will be completed one day, followed by the side parking lot on the other. During this time, parking availability may be limited for a short timeframe. If the area is roped off, please use alternative parking where possible. Your patience and understanding are appreciated.



Tenant Construction Notice



We would like to inform families that renovation work will soon be taking place in the daycare space located on the west side of the building. During this time, there may be occasional construction noise as certain phases of the work are completed. This will be temporary.

We do not anticipate impact to the resident experience or daily routines within the home. Our team will continue to monitor the situation to ensure any disruption is minimal.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as the work is completed.

Courtyard & Patio Updates

Our new outdoor furniture and shade structure are expected to begin arriving very soon! Deliveries will take place in stages, and we anticipate all items will be in place within the next 4 to 6 weeks. Once completed, these updates will provide comfortable and welcoming shared outdoor spaces for residents, families, and visitors to enjoy.

We look forward to welcoming everyone to make use of these new areas.

Plant Sale Date is Set

Residents have been busy caring for a variety of plants for several months, giving them lots of TLC in preparation for their new homes.

Our plant sale will take place on **May 19th from 10:00-11:00 a.m.** Please note that plants tend to sell quickly, so we encourage those interested to arrive early.

We warmly invite you to join us in supporting this event and celebrating the wonderful work of Gateway Haven residents.



Closet Space & Personal Belongings

We kindly ask families to take a moment during their next visit to review resident closet spaces, as many are becoming overcrowded with seasonal items such as holiday decorations and bulky winter clothing.

This can make it difficult for staff to store clothing safely and efficiently.

With the arrival of spring, this is a great opportunity to remove these items and refresh closets with lighter spring and summer attire. This helps keep spaces safe, and easier to manage.

Please also ensure the top shelf in the closet always remains clear to support proper sprinkler function.

If you are bringing in new clothing or personal belongings, kindly ensure all items are sent to the laundry department for labelling before being placed in resident rooms. Items can be dropped off in a clearly labelled bag (including the resident's name and room number) with Visitor Reception Services for processing.

Please note that we currently have several unlabeled items in the laundry department that cannot be returned to their owners. If your loved one is missing any clothing, we encourage you to contact Lesley at Visitor Reception Services for assistance. Thank you for your cooperation.

New Information Boards

We are pleased to share an update that helps make valuable information more accessible and easier to review during your visits.

Located just down the hall from Visitor Reception, you'll now find our newly installed information boards. These professional, easy-to-read displays have replaced our previous bulletin boards and are designed to clearly showcase key information that we are required to post publicly within the home.



We encourage all families and visitors to take a moment to explore these boards if you're interested. They include important updates about our home, as well as a dedicated Quality Board highlighting our current Quality Improvement Plan and ongoing initiatives aimed at enhancing resident care and experience.

As part of this update, we also included designated holders for our monthly calendars and newsletters. While we share these materials electronically as part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, a limited number of printed copies will continue to be available. We appreciate your support as we reduce paper use while ensuring information remains accessible.

We hope these new boards make it simpler to stay informed and connected with the work we're doing every day.



Adaptive Clothing Updates

Just a quick update for families—our previous mobile clothing boutique is no longer operating. If you're looking for Canadian made adaptive clothing, there are still great options available online, including:

- <https://www.silverts.com>
- <https://www.gerifashions.com>

Not sure if your loved one needs anything new? Feel free to call the nursing station—we're always happy to help and can let you know if anything is needed.

Join Us for the Caregiver Support Group

Monthly meetings occur on the last Monday of the month. The Caregiver Support Group is open to anyone who loves and cares for a resident at Gateway Haven, offering a space to connect with others who understand the challenges and rewards of caregiving.

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: Monday, May 25th
Time: 3-4PM
Gateway Haven Library

Dietary Updates

Each month, our Dietary Manager, Ash meets with the Food Committee to gather resident feedback and ideas for menus and special events. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 22nd after Bingo in the auditorium.

This month, residents were especially excited to help plan a special Mother's Day menu, with thoughtful selections for both breakfast and lunch to make the day feel extra special. The Dietary Team will also be hosting a tasting event on May 26th at 1:30 p.m. to gather feedback on potential new items for the upcoming spring/summer menu cycle. We appreciate



all the input from our residents as we continue to enhance the dining experience for everyone! Work is also underway to prepare for the new MealSuite system as part of our transition to a paperless kitchen. Electrical circuits and ethernet connections are being installed in dining rooms, serveries, and the main kitchen to support the new technology. As part of this project, existing menu boards and seating plan boards will be removed and replaced. Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming months.

Support the Alzheimer's Walk

Our Alzheimer's Walk will take place at 1:30 p.m. on May 28th - you are welcome to join us! We're excited to follow last year's route once again along Frank Street, Isaac Street, and up to Mary Street before returning.

Everyone is welcome to participate at their own pace and adjust the distance as needed. After the walk, we'll gather for popsicles and good company—fingers crossed for a warm, sunny day! In the event of rain, we will continue as planned with laps under our front sheltered canopy.

If you would like to join us for the walk, please reach out to Stacey Goldie, the Recreation and Leisure Manager at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca, you are also welcome to support the cause by donating through our Gateway Haven Walk for Alzheimer's webpage [Walk For Alzheimer's - IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's](#). Thank you for your continued support!



Front Entrance Safety & Sign-In Reminder

We would like to remind all visitors about the operation of our front entrance doors and visitor sign-in process.

Some residents in our home have safety measures in place, including a WanderGuard system, to help prevent unsafe exits. When a resident wearing this system comes within range of the front doors, the doors will automatically lock as part of this safety feature.

If the front doors are locked and you are unable to enter, we kindly ask that you use the call system located in the front vestibule for assistance. Staff will respond as quickly as possible to provide entry. For safety reasons, please do not force or pry open the doors, as this can damage the system and may compromise safety for residents and visitors.

We also kindly remind all visitors that signing in at the front entrance is required upon arrival. This is an important part of our safety procedures, helping us maintain an accurate record of who is in the building so we can account for everyone in the event of an emergency.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all.



Nursing Updates

As a Best Practice Spotlight Organization (BPSO), we are excited to share monthly updates highlighting our journey toward excellence in quality care.

- Gateway Haven continues to focus on a renewed commitment to evidence-based practices. As we move towards the Nursing Advantage Clinical Pathways rollout, Gateway Haven will be evaluating and implementing Best Practice Guidelines (BPGs) that improve health outcomes, provide high quality healthcare, increase safety and resident care practices.

- Starting on May 5th, Gateway Haven will initiate the phased implementation of the RNAO Nursing Advantage Clinical Pathways following collaborative planning with the RNAO!
- Our RNAO Champions at Gateway Haven will have a role in implementing Clinical Pathways and BPGs, mobilize the team, and use change management processes and social movement approaches to influence uptake and sustainability.
- Over the past month, the nursing team has been focusing on evidence-based practices, BPGs and Clinical Pathways to prevent and manage Delirium in Long-Term Care.
- The interdisciplinary team is updating the home's admission and care conference processes and prioritizing the principles of resident and family centred care to align with the Nursing Advantage Clinical Pathways.
- The RNAO Clinical Pathways will provide evidence-based tools and assessments to support the LTC home in aligning with legislative and regulatory requirements for the mandatory clinical programs and inspection protocols.
- Through ongoing staff engagement strategies and education, the RNAO Clinical Pathways will be progressively implemented and embedded into safe high-quality evidence-based clinical care at Gateway Haven



For more information visit
RNAO.ca/clinicalpathways

Visitor Reception Services Updates

Tax season is here again! If your loved one is currently living in basic accommodation, please provide a copy of their 2025 Notice of Assessment (NOA) to Visitor Reception Services, either in-person or via email

at GatewayHavenReception@brucecounty.on.ca

A copy of the NOA is required to process annual rate reductions. Please note: rate reductions are only available for residents living in basic accommodation.

You may access the NOA by signing into the CRA My Account or calling the CRA at 1.800.959.8281 to request a copy by mail.



Please note, Visitor Reception Services will be closed on Monday, May 18th for Victoria Day. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 19th.

Mental Health Week: May 4 - 10

We would like to recognize Mental Health Week, taking place from May 4 to May 10, 2026, led by the Canadian Mental Health Association. This year's theme, "Come Together Canada," highlights the importance of building strong social connections to support positive mental health.

Staying socially connected plays a key role in overall wellbeing. One meaningful way to support this is through volunteering and friendly engagement with others. We are grateful to offer opportunities such as our Friendly Visiting Program, which helps foster connection, conversation, and companionship within our home. If you are interested in sharing your time with residents—whether weekly, biweekly, or monthly—we encourage you to reach out to Stacey Goldie, the Recreation and Leisure Manager at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca.

Bruce County will also be acknowledging Mental Health Week throughout the organization by sharing information and wellness tips, hosting education sessions, and highlighting available wellness resources.

Families are encouraged to learn more about Mental Health Week by visiting the Canadian Mental Health Association website.

Family Council

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 25th, at 6:30 PM in the library, after which the Council will be taking a pause for the summer.

Family Council meetings are a valuable opportunity to receive updates, share feedback and questions, and connect with others who are committed to enhancing life in the home.

For more information you are welcome to reach out to the Family Council President, Mandi, via email at lamb114@uwindsor.ca or Family Council Assistant, Stacey Goldie, at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca

Meeting minutes are posted on the information board down the hall from Visitor Reception Services.

Dental Care - The Tooth Studio is Back!

Taylor has returned and will be offering services on Monday, May 11th.

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.

Dental Clinic

Monday, May 11th

Community Events

A fun community event is taking place on May 30th at the Propeller Club, featuring live impersonations of Buddy Holly and Elvis. This could be a fun outing for residents and their families! The venue is accessible and is near our home, making it a potentially convenient option for you to enjoy together. For more information, please contact the event organizers.

If you are aware of any additional community events, please feel free to share your suggestions with Stacey at sgoldie@brucecounty.on.ca to be featured in future editions!

Legends Live on

Best Dressed
Sock Hop
Show



Elvis Presley

Buddy Holly.

May
30th

Admission \$25
Doors open at
6pm show at 6:30

575 Edward St, Warton, ON



Sock Hop Show. Bring your poodle skirt.
And dress like a 50's greaser to Win
Best Dressed male and Female

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