

Vinnie's Seasonal Scoop

Welcome to our inaugural issue! Vinnie's Seasonal Scoop is a quarterly newsletter who's role is to connect residents and family members and communicate all that is happening throughout the facility. Copies are available both in digital and hard copy format.

Enjoy!

House Updates

Increasing our Hours of Care

The government will be moving forward with the increase to 4.1 hours of care. We are currently funded for 2.45 hours of care/CCA/resident/day plus 1 hour registered staff/resident/day or 3.45 hours. The change will see CCA hours increase to 3.0/resident/day and registered staff to 1.1/resident/day. Over the next couple of months Ken, Director of Resident Care, will be working on the nursing schedules and collaborating with both unions (CUPE, NSNU) to determine how many additional positions will be required.

5th Floor Renovations

The nurse's station on the 5th floor will begin renovations at the end of October or early November. The renovations will take approximately 2 weeks to complete. The finished product will provide staff with a functionally enhanced working area, as well as a pleasant sitting area for residents.

The scope of the project will include the removal of a wall to accommodate a new workstation, new lighting, new ceiling, new flooring, and fresh new paint colours. We are very excited to have this project commence, it's a small project which will have a big impact for the 5th floor. We can't wait for the finished product!

Get Involved!

We are looking to incorporate family members voices, perspectives, and ideas into our nursing home! We urge family members who may be interested in joining a committee to consider being a part of our:

Palliative Care Committee
Questions/Inquiries
Contact: Debbie MacDonald
902-429-0550 Ext:116
dmacdonald@svnh.ca

and/or

Ethics Committee
Questions/Inquiries
Contact: Lauren Richardson
902-429-0550 Ext: 104
lrichardson@svnh.ca

Resident and Family Centred Care Advisory Group—Join us the 4th Monday of each month at 1:30 PM. in the Chapel

We are looking for volunteers who may be interested in starting up a fundraising a committee for Saint Vincents! If you are interested please contact Nancy Maguire at 902-429-0550 Ext: 112



Recreation Updates

The Fall Fair

Our Annual Fall Fair will be held Friday November 25th.

Events will include: A 50/50 draw. Tickets are available from reception \$2 Each, or 3/\$5

Christmas Bake Sale

Will be held from 9 AM - 2 PM in the Lobby and Windsor Room. Get your bakin' apron on! Any donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Please bring your goodies to reception!

Christmas Raffle Baskets

Again, any donations to help fill these baskets is welcome!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

The holidays are fast approaching! Stay tuned for dates and times of all of our festivities including; Unit Christmas parties, bus tours to see the Christmas lights, tree lighting, Christmas choirs, and decorating parties.



Nutrition Bites

We continue to move forward with our meal service improvement plan! We are currently in the process of providing in house training to all nutrition staff on service and dining etiquette that incorporates compassion and empathy during mealtime. As resident and family-centred care is at the core of our values, our aim is to create a connected experience for our residents during each meal. We hope to roll out this education to nursing staff in the new year.

We will also be converting to a digitized system for our meal service process. This will improve operational efficiency and productivity, increase safety, and promote stronger data collection for future improvements. Look for more updates in upcoming issues!

Pastoral Care Fall Update

We are gradually getting back to regular spiritual activities at Saint Vincents

There will be a Remembrance Day Service for the residents on November 11th with a recording of the Last Post. If you know of a trumpet player to play live for us, please send them our way!

In both November and December we hope to continue to have RC on Wednesdays and United and Anglican Church once a month. The Presbyterian Church is expected to come in December.

We are also planning a Christmas Service for the residents on December 23rd! Keep an eye out for the monthly calendars for more specific dates, times and, other events.

