

# Views from the Terrace

## DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

Do you realize that we have lived with the restrictions that COVID-19 has brought upon us for over a year already? The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a pandemic on March 11<sup>th</sup> 2020, and it continues to spread today. Serious efforts are being applied to gain control over this pandemic, and to stop the growing number of cases. Because the number of new cases continues to increase at an alarming rate, Premier Doug Ford issued a **provincial declaration of emergency** and a **province-wide Stay-at-Home** order, which have both been extended to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Several vaccines to control the spread of COVID-19 have been approved, and many of us have received our first dose. We have experienced that the process for administering the vaccines is amazingly well-organized, with nurses and paramedics assisting at the vaccination sites. Everyone who receives the vaccine is monitored afterwards for possible side-effects.

The third wave of the pandemic is even more contagious than the previous waves. The additional restrictions have affected us all. Let us not be inclined to think that the COVID-19 rules are permanent changes, nor that we must accept them as the new normal.

Since we must maintain a distance of two metres from all those who are not members of our household, we have had to cancel all the weekly and monthly programs and activities at Evergreen that brought us together for good conversations and lots of laughter.

Let us not lose hope and instead remind each other that our Sovereign Lord is in complete control. He has assured his people in **Deuteronomy 31:8** (NIV):

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you;  
He will never leave you or forsake you.  
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Let us keep praying that this pandemic may soon be behind us, and that we may soon be able to resume the programs and activities which bring us together, and make Evergreen Terrace the *caring community* that we treasure so much.

- BL

## Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER:

It's hard to believe another month has gone by already. We continue to be on a **Stay-at-Home** order from the Provincial Government. Hopefully we are all dealing with the restrictions that are in place with our neighbours in mind. We continue to pray that this will come to an end soon.

We can tell that spring is here; the gardening committee is hard at work getting the gardens ready so that everyone can enjoy them. The pond has been cleaned out, ridding it of the ravages of the fall and winter seasons. You will notice that one of our garden retaining walls is being rebuilt by Bosma Landscape Service. This was necessary because part of the wall had fallen over and the rest of it was leaning precariously.

Last month, the Chairman and the Treasurer of the Evergreen Board, along with Dick and I, met with the accounting firm that audits our books every year. The books were found to be in good order. If anyone would like a recap of our 2020 annual operating budget, a copy is available in the office for those who are interested.

Also at this time, volunteers are busy with the spring service in everyone's apartment. Furnaces are being cleaned, and many other checks are being done.

April is a wonderful month. The days start to warm up and we can see God's creation changing again with the reviving of the plants and trees.

- JV



Signs of spring at Evergreen!

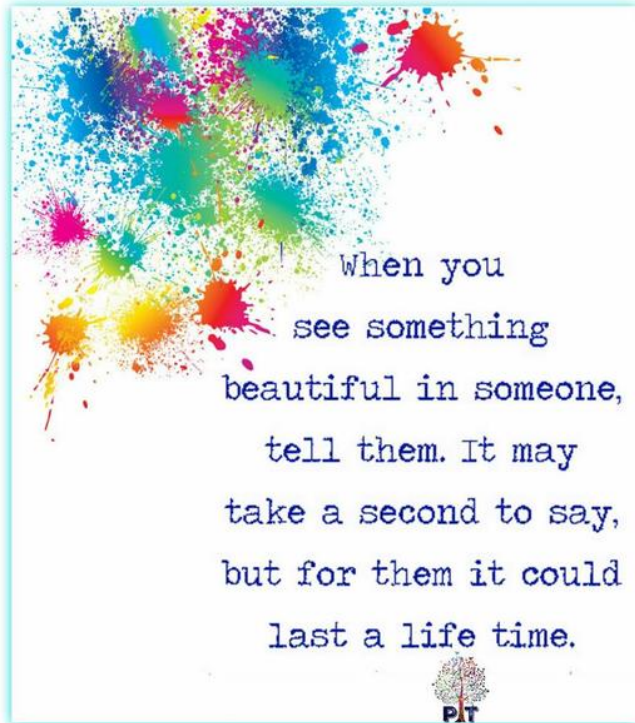
## HUMOUR

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

Teacher: Give me a sentence which includes the following words – defence, defeat, detail.

Charlie: When a horse jumps over defence, defeat go first, and then detail.

## WORDS of WISDOM



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

3	Irene Van Hoffen	Den Haag, ZH, NL	415
12	Geraldine DeBoer	Dunnville, ON, CA	302
13	Henry Dekker	Andijk, NH, NL	304
13	John Vandermeulen	Grootebroek, NH, NL	316
13	Henk Heersink	Aalten, GE, NL	404
13	Joan Smith	Middlesex, UK	515
15	Annie Boekestyn	's-Gravenzande, ZL, NL	103
15	Atie Zijlstra	Ameide, UT, NL	418
16	John Koster	Axel, ZE, NL	516
19	Gerald Pieters	Amsterdam, NH, NL	508
20	Ev Page	York, UK	318
22	Jim Antonides	Amsterdam, NH, NL	521
29	Adrian Dieleman	Axel, ZE, NL	317
31	Susan Smid	Sneek, FR, NL	420

**Happy Birthday!!**

## **Happy Victoria Day!**

(Monday May 24<sup>th</sup>)

## VICTORY DAY - DEFINITION:

**Victoria Day** [“Celebration of the Queen”]

is a federal Canadian public holiday celebrated on the last Monday preceding May 25. Initially in honour of Queen Victoria’s birthday, it has since been celebrated as the official birthday of Canada’s sovereign.

The holiday has been observed in Canada since at least 1945, originally falling on Victoria’s actual birthday (May 24). The holiday has always been a distinctly Canadian observance and continues to be celebrated across the country. It falls on the Monday between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>, and so is always the penultimate Monday of May.

Source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria\\_Day](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Day)

## MORE DEFINITIONS(!):

**Penultimate:** (adjective) - next to last; second last

**Antepenultimate:** (adjective) - third from last



Victoria Day fireworks. Toronto. 2010.

## ON THE MOVE

Some of our neighbours have recently moved:

### Betty Buter

- from Evergreen #107 to Shalom Manor - March 30<sup>th</sup>

### Konny DeBoer

- from Evergreen #407 to Shalom Manor - April 21<sup>st</sup>

### Anna Hessels

- from Evergreen #406 to Shalom Gardens - April 16<sup>th</sup>  
(Anna can be reached at xxx-xxx-xxxx)

### Stien Ritskes

- from Evergreen #111 to Shalom Gardens - April 27<sup>th</sup>  
(Stien can be reached at xxx-xxx-xxxx)

**You will all be missed!**



## Summary of orders issued by the Province of Ontario:

April 3, 2021

### Province-wide Emergency Brake and Shutdown

April 8, 2021

### Declaration of Provincial Emergency and Stay-at-Home Order

April 16, 2021

### Stronger Enforcement of Stay-at-Home Order, Travel Restrictions, Public Health Measures to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

## Orders from the Province of Ontario:

Limit close contact to only members of your household (the people you live with). If you live alone, you can have close contact with only one other household.

### Gathering limits:

All events and social gatherings:

- Indoor and outdoors: not allowed, except for:
  - (i) members of your household
  - (ii) you and one other person or household, if you live alone

### Face Coverings:

Everyone must wear a mask or face covering that covers their mouth, nose, and chin in indoor public places and whenever physical distancing of at least two metres is not possible.

### Stay at Home

This means you must stay at home. You should only go out for necessities, such as:

- the grocery store or pharmacy
- health care services (including getting vaccinated)
- outdoor exercise
- work that cannot be done remotely

## It's the Law!

**NOTE:** Information presented here  
by Residents' Council  
from the Province of Ontario.

What does all this mean for us  
at Evergreen Terrace??

# NO VISITORS!!

Specifically,  
**only essential care-givers**  
(for personal care, medical care, or domestic cleaning)  
are allowed into the building.  
These **essential care-givers**  
**must** enter at the front door, **must** sign in,  
and **must wear a mask** or face-covering.

Let's simply follow the rules.

## NO VISITORS!!

**STAY WELL. STAY SAFE.  
KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOURS SAFE.**



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