

Views from the Terrace

DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

As seniors, we have all experienced the changing seasons many times. I am sure that we remember those changes from winter to spring and then to summer, ever since we were children. We looked forward to those warm days of summer. We remember that we were impressed with how suddenly, when the temperature rises, nature turns green and becomes fully alive. When all was dormant during the long winter months, suddenly there is new life all around us. The trees become green with new leaves, the forsythias are in full bloom, and the pine trees show their new growth.

We all hear or read about the concerns being expressed by those known as environmentalists. How should we respond to those concerns and those calls to protect our environment, so that the next generation can live healthy lives?

May I suggest that we cling to God's promise after the flood in **Genesis 8:22** (NKJV):

²²“While the earth remains,
Seedtime and harvest,
Cold and heat,
Winter and summer,
And day and night
Shall not cease.”

There is also another sign of God's promises to us that speaks to us as clearly today as it did in Noah's time, and that is the rainbow. In **Genesis 9:12-16** (NKJV):

¹² And God said: “This is the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and you, and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual generations: ¹³I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴It shall be, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen in the cloud; ¹⁵and I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and I will look on it to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

How precious that we can see God's promises all around us every day.

- B.L.

From the EDITOR:

This **summer edition** of the newsletter is for the summer months, and includes the June, July, and August birthdays and calendars. The next publication of this newsletter will be September 1st. Wishing you all a happy summer!

- L.T.

FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

Wednesday June 21st, 2023 at 10:57 am



CANADA DAY

Saturday July 1st, 2023



CIVIC HOLIDAY

Monday August 7th, 2023

LAUGHTER

“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”

The easiest way
to organize your
stuff is to get rid
of most of it.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Committee:

The Board of Evergreen Terrace invites all residents to enjoy a get-together and barbeque on Thursday June 22nd in and around the gazebo. A special invitation is extended to all those residents who have moved into the building during the past three years.

We will start at 11:00 am with coffee, tea, and a small treat. At noon, the hamburgers will be ready, and we will start with a short devotion. The food will be served from the Willow Room, but if you have difficulty going inside, we will have a number of friendly servers who will take your order, and deliver your order to where you are seated. For all others, it will be announced when it is your turn to obtain a marvelous **hamburger** with all the trimmings. Water and soft drinks will also be available. Our barbeque will be rounded off with a dessert, to which you cannot say NO.

In order for this all to go smoothly, the Social Activities Committee will need some extra hands to help out. If you are willing and able, please let Mary or Audrey know that you can help.

If you are unable to attend, please mark your unit number on the sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board, so that we can deliver a hamburger to your apartment.

Seating in the gazebo is limited, so please bring a lawn chair.

We thank the Board for their generosity, which is very much appreciated.

Hope to see you all on Thursday June 22nd, at 11:00 am.
- A.P.



TRANSPORTATION Committee:



Our volunteer drivers provide rides for our residents at the following rates: (a) \$6 in town, (b) 40 cents per km out of town, (c) parking charges extra.

To make arrangements for a ride, contact Henk Heersink at xxx-xxx-xxxx *as much in advance as possible.*

LADIES' GUILD:

While the Ladies' Guild does not meet during the summer months, we will continue working on our projects. Yarn is available for anyone who wants to make items for donation to charity. Please see Maria Smedes or Grace Stieva, to obtain yarn from the yarn closet.

- L.T.

ON THE MOVE

In May:

Joka VanAmerongen

- from Evergreen #408 to Shalom Manor

You will be missed!

June 1st:

Herb and Martha Vissers

- from Evergreen #503 to Evergreen #421

So glad you're staying at Evergreen!

NEW NEIGHBOURS!

In May:

Barbara Watson – Suite 414

(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

Bill and Leny (Helena) Doppenberg – Suite 104

(H) xxx-xxx-xxxx

In June:

Jerry and Douwina Hoytema – Suite 219

We welcome you all into our midst!



IN REMEMBRANCE

Henry (Hendrik) Heikoop

August 5th, 1927 - May 2nd, 2023

Konny (Kornelis) DeBoer

November 5, 1933 - May 22nd 2023

Gone from sight, but not forgotten.



**Notes from the desk of the
PROPERTY MANAGER:**

New Residents

Bill and Leny Doppenberg moved into Suite 104 on May 20th. They are no strangers to many of us, as they regularly visited their mother Faye while she was living at Evergreen Terrace.

Barbara Watson moved into Suite 414 on May 22nd. She comes to us from the London area.

We hope that Bill and Leny and Barbara will soon feel at home here at Evergreen Terrace and become part of the Evergreen community.

Parking

I hate to bang the drum again about parking, but I must remind everyone that the **handicap parking** spaces in front of the building are just that... **handicap parking spaces**. You need to have a **handicap permit** to park in those spaces, and that permit must be displayed in the front windshield of the vehicle. This is the law and should be adhered to.

Nelly's Comfort Shoes

Nelly's Comfort Shoes came to Evergreen Terrace again in May, and again serviced many customers. I do believe that everyone likes the convenience of having them come to Evergreen Terrace.

Painting

During COVID, we undertook the task of sanitizing the handrails in the building to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This sanitizing process did have an adverse effect on the finish of the handrails. Stan (from Blue Ribbon Painting) came in and refinished the hallway handrails and the railings going down the main stairwell. He also refinished the elevator doors and jambs, the doors of the main stairway, and all the basement doors and jambs. This made a great improvement to the appearance of these areas. He will be back to finish painting all the stairway railings and doorways and all the suite entrance door frames.

What a beautiful spring. It is always a joy to see God's creation wake up from its winter sleep. Wish you all God's blessing during the warmer weather. May you all find joy in His renewed creation.

- J.V.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Dick Vermeer	De Lier, ZH, NL	505
5	Murray Alexander	Prince Edward Co., ON	519
6	Ann DeBoer	Oegstgeest, ZH, NL	407
8	Maria Kiss	HUNGARY	206
17	(Karen Dean)	Toronto, ON, CA	511
20	Kinsey Smith	Kent, UK	515
24	Bill Luchies	Zwartemeer, DR, NL	201
27	Evelyn Spyker	Berlikum, FR, NL	309

Happy Birthday!!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

17	Pearl Jager	Franeker, FR, NL	117
18	Allan Smedes	Hardegarijp, FR, NL	507
21	Jytte Jorgensen	Copenhagen, DENMARK	1
21	Louise Romkema	Bergen, NH, NL	415
25	John Amama	Amsterdam, NH, NL	314
26	Ben Van Hoffen	Slikkerveen, ZH, NL	312

Happy Birthday!!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

9	Eve Baartse	Heemse, OV, NL	106
12	Reinhard Mech	Gronau, GERMANY	101
13	Reg Adams	St Catharines, ON, CA	203
15	Peter Oosterhoff	Beilen, DR, NL	305
17	Marian Visser	Oakville, ON, CA	502
18	Barbara Allen	Halifax, NS, CA	220
19	Peter Spyker	Rynsaterwoude, ZH, NL	309
19	Trudy Terpstra	Groningen, GR, NL	520
21	Maynard Smid	Mussel, GR, NL	420

Happy Birthday!!

RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Kudos to our hard-working Gardening Committee for all the planting they did in May! Your efforts are very much appreciated!

- L.T.



LED LIGHTING:

Our volunteer “electric light crew”, John AMAMA and Henry DEKKER are now almost completely finished converting Evergreen’s 600 light fixtures (over 800 light bulbs) to LED’s. This represents a significant ongoing saving to our collective hydro bills here at Evergreen Terrace! In addition, most of the LED’s are rated at 50,000 hours... so they will last a very long time with minimal maintenance!

AMAMA & DEKKER are now ready to tackle the LED changeover of Evergreen’s individual suites!! These two volunteers are offering to convert the fluorescent lights in your suite to LED’s... with no charge for labour!! All you will need to pay for is the actual light bulbs/equipment they install, so you too can save \$\$ on your hydro bills!!

If you would like to be on the LED conversion list, please call Henry DEKKER or our Property Manager (Jan Visser). Henry can be reached at (xxx) xxx-xxxx. If you leave a message, we WILL get back to you, and AMAMA & DEKKER will do their best to get your suite done ASAP!!

- H.D.



RESIDENTS’ COUNCIL:

Attached to this June newsletter is an updated list of all the Evergreen committees. **Please keep that list** for your reference.

- L.T.

EVERGREEN PHOTO DIRECTORY

(update)

After the last page of this newsletter, there is an attachment with an update for your Evergreen photo directory. Please cut out and insert into your photo directory.



WORDS of WISDOM

If I’ve learned anything from life, it’s that sometimes, the darkest times can bring us to the brightest places. I’ve learned that the most toxic people can teach us the most important lessons; that our most painful struggles can grant us the most necessary growth; and that the most heartbreaking losses of friendship and love can make room for the most wonderful people. I’ve learned that what seems like a curse in the moment can actually be a blessing, and that what seems like the end of the road is actually just the discovery that we are meant to travel down a different path. I’ve learned that no matter how difficult things seem, there is always hope. And I’ve learned that no matter how powerless we feel or how horrible things seem, we can’t give up. We have to keep going. Even when it’s scary, even when all of our strength seems gone, we have to keep picking ourselves back up and moving forward, because whatever we’re battling in the moment, it will pass, and we will make it through. We’ve made it this far. We can make it through whatever comes next. ~ Danielle Koepke ~

Onward! Enjoy the summer!



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