

# Views from the Terrace

## DEAR RESIDENTS of the TERRACE:

It is during this month that most Protestant churches celebrate Reformation Day on October 31<sup>st</sup>, in remembrance of Martin Luther (1483 – 1546), a German priest, theologian, author, hymnwriter, professor, and Augustinian friar. He strongly objected to several teachings and activities of the Roman Catholic Church in the 15<sup>th</sup> century, especially the sale of indulgencies as penance, which allowed for salvation to be bought at a price. On October 31, 1517, Luther wrote to his bishop, protesting against the sale of indulgences. He enclosed with his letter a copy of his (still famous) Ninety-five Theses. According to some accounts, Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to the door of All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517.

I am reading a fascinating book, written by the well-known author, Eric Metaxas, entitled: “Martin Luther: The Man Who Rediscovered God and Changed the World.” This book certainly makes us appreciate the evangelical emphasis of the Bible.

Jesus called Peter and his brother Andrew, who were fishermen. He said to them in **Matthew 4:19** (NKJV):

*<sup>19</sup> Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*

That call is made to every generation since then. Every child, when he/she grows up as an adult must confess Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord of their life. His followers are His children.

It is troubling to read how many churches are closing. I read that in the area between London and Windsor, 22 Catholic churches have closed in the past year. It seems that many people are no longer committed church members. Some quit attending church or perhaps choose to attend another church.

We do not have to study the “signs of the times” to understand what is happening.

Last year, when I was in Holland with family, we went to the church where Jane and I grew up. All we saw there were gray-haired seniors, but no young people present. In that moment, I wondered about Christ’s statement that He is building His church, but quite obviously, not there.

We count our blessings when we have children and grandchildren who faithfully attend and are active in their churches.

- B.L.

## THANKSGIVING DAY

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023



## YOU ARE INVITED to Evergreen Terrace Annual Meeting

Where? Mountainview Christian Reformed Church  
290 Main Street East, Grimsby

When? **Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
10:00 am – Coffee and cookies!  
10:30 am – **Annual Meeting**  
Followed by light lunch!

Hope to see you there!

- L.T.



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

**New Residents**

The good Lord willing, George and Catherine Petersen will have moved into Suite 220 sometime during the last week of September.

Geraldine Stieva, who purchased Suite 511, hopes to move in on October 5<sup>th</sup>. We hope that she will soon feel at home at Evergreen.

**Mail Slots**

All mail slots have been installed. I have received many positive comments on them. If you were missed and do not have a mail slot, please contact the office to have one installed.

**Annual Residents' Meeting**

Just a reminder to all residents of Evergreen Terrace of the Annual Residents' Meeting. As in the past, the meeting will be held in the fellowship hall at Mountainview Christian Reformed Church. This year's annual meeting will be on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The doors will open at 10:00 am for registration and coffee. The meeting itself will start at 10:30 am. The guest speaker at this meeting will be a member of the Grimsby Fire Department, to give us some fire safety tips as they pertain to Evergreen Terrace. We will also be serving a light lunch to close off the meeting. Hope to see you all there.

Wishing you all God's blessing as we see the changing of the season in the colours of fall.

- J.V.

**MEMORIAL FUND:**

The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to honour the memory of every resident, or their spouse, who has passed away. This honour is expressed by making a donation to a charity or worthwhile cause as chosen by the spouse or family of the deceased. A donation of \$150 has been the standard amount made in honour of each resident or their spouse who has passed away at Evergreen Terrace.

Our funds are depleted, so we will be coming around to ask for your donations again. The suggested amount is \$10 per person, but do remember that donations are completely voluntary.

We hope to collect your donations during the week of October 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>.

Should you have any questions about the Memorial Fund, please give any of us a call.

Audrey Pieters xxx-xxx-xxxx  
Coby Krikke xxx-xxx-xxxx  
Ina Spekkers xxx-xxx-xxxx

- A.P.

**FIRE AVERT**

Every apartment at Evergreen is protected by **FireAvert**, which is a stove fire safety device.

Here's what you need to know about **FireAvert**:

(a) Every unit at Evergreen is equipped with **FireAvert**, an automatic stove fire safety device. The **FireAvert** device is plugged in behind your stove and a smoke alarm is mounted on the wall in your kitchen.

(b) If you are cooking and your smoke alarm goes off for longer than 30 seconds, the **FireAvert** device will shut off your stove, to prevent a fire.

(c) You can prevent your stove from shutting down by immediately turning off the stove and all burners, upon hearing the smoke alarm, to clear the source of the smoke.

(d) In the event that your stove has shut off, simply go to your breaker panel, flip the stove breaker OFF, and then back ON, to reset the stove.

(e) To prevent setting off the smoke alarm when using your stove, toaster, or countertop oven, we strongly recommend using your exhaust fan when doing any kind of cooking.

**Fire safety is everyone's business. Do your part.**

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

2	Harry DeVries	Valkenburg, LI, NL	112
3	Theo Posthumus	Sonnega, FR, NL	212
5	John DeJager	Waskemeer, FR, NL	205
15	Joanne Dieleman	Schiedam, ZH, NL	317
18	Jake Hoek	Katwijk, ZH, NL	307
22	Bill Hofland	Naaldwijk, ZH, NL	107
22	(Gerry Wikkerink)	Bredevoort, GL, NL	319
24	Leny Doppenberg	Zuidwolde, DR, NL	104
24	Fred DeBeer	Nes, FR, NL	207
25	Rieke Van Dyk	SURINAME	406

**Happy Birthday!!**

**LIBRARY Committee:**

During the long summer evenings, there has been less use of our library. But now that autumn has arrived, evenings spent inside can be a source of reading pleasure and education.

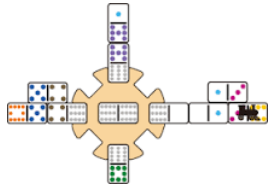
If you are a new resident and have not yet visited our library (in the Willow Room), you are encouraged to do so soon. Pick out a book of your favorite author, sign it out in the book on top of the corner cupboard, and enjoy the read!

- B.VH.

## GAMES NIGHT!

Games Night happens every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Willow Room. Bring your favorite game(s) or choose from the games provided in the Willow Room, including **Dominoes, Mexican Train, Scrabble, Jenga, Bid Euchre, Dutch shuffleboard** (aka Schoelbak), **jigsaw puzzles**, and **more!!** Just show up, and play games with whoever else shows up! We've been having a lot of FUN!! Come join us!

- L.T.



Mexican Train



Jenga

## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Many thanks to Bill Luchies for cleaning up and beautifying the garden area behind Suite 001. We appreciate all his hard work, and his skills and creativity in providing the whimsical addition of colorful birdhouses!

- L.T.



## 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:

The Ladies' Guild will resume its weekly Thursday afternoon meetings, starting on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm. Join us for a cup of tea or coffee. 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

September 21st:

**Nancy Bartels**

- from Evergreen #217 to Evergreen #503

*So glad you're staying at Evergreen!*

## NEW NEIGHBOURS!

End of September:

**George and Catherine Petersen – Suite 220**

In October:

**Geraldine Stieva – Suite 511**

*We welcome you all into our midst!*



## IN REMEMBRANCE

**John Koster**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 1935 - September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Gone from sight, but not forgotten.*



## EVERGREEN PHOTO DIRECTORY

(updates)

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

## RESULTS of SURVEY

Thanks to the many residents who responded to the survey from Residents' Council regarding your preferences about the frequency of exterior window cleaning. From the 62 responses received, the results were strongly in favor of cleaning the exterior windows once per year.

The survey results are summarized here:

### Residents in favor

- (a) twice per year window cleaning = 6  
(b) once per year window cleaning = 56

Thanks again to all who participated in the survey. Your responses are much appreciated!

- L.T.

## IN MEMORY plaque

As a lasting commemorative tribute to residents of Evergreen Terrace who have passed away, your Residents' Council is establishing an Evergreen **IN MEMORY** plaque to honour our beloved neighbours who are no longer with us. This handsome walnut plaque will feature individual nameplates, engraved with the name, year of birth, and year of death, for any resident who has resided at Evergreen, and who has passed away.

If you would like your loved one to be included in this Evergreen **IN MEMORY** plaque, please contact either Audrey Pieters (xxx-xxx-xxxx) or Linda T. (xxx-xxx-xxxx).

Residents' Council is establishing this **IN MEMORY** tribute to remember our residents, as a self-funding project, to be funded by the suggested nominal donation of \$20 per nameplate, for the purpose of creating a lasting commemorative tribute to honour your spouse or family member, who is no longer in our midst.

*Gone from sight, but not forgotten.*

- L.T.



## RESIDENTS' COUNCIL:

Just a friendly reminder that when you are entering and exiting the basement parking garage, **please stop and make sure that the garage door closes behind you.** Check your rearview mirrors to make sure that the **garage door has closed properly behind you**, and to ensure that no uninvited vehicles or persons come in while the garage door is still open. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

- L.T.

## LAUGHTER

*"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."*

## AGING:

Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers". Not me. I want people to know why I look this way. I've travelled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.



## WORDS of WISDOM

Note to self:

Today, instead of being upset by all the things that are wrong, I will be grateful for all the things that are right.

*attitude  
OF  
gratitude*

Thanksgiving is an action word.



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