

Views from the Terrace

From the EDITOR to my dear neighbours

“Spring forward - fall back”

is a mnemonic used to remember how to adjust clocks for Daylight Saving Time (DST). We set our clocks forward (one hour) in the spring, and back (one hour) in the fall.

“March forward”

is another term used to remind us about the DST start date, which in Canada, is in March.

Sometimes we lament the loss of an hour of sleep. But of course, we get that lost hour back in the fall.

After this more wintry winter, we look forward to the start of the spring season on Friday, March 20th.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 (ESV)

To everything *there is* a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:

.....
After the winter, comes the spring.
“March forward”!

– Linda T.



REMINDER:

Turn your clocks **forward** one hour
at **2 am** on **Sunday March 8th 2026!**



FIRST DAY of SPRING!

Friday, March 20th 2026



Grumbling and Complaining

Exodus 16:8 (ESV)

⁸ And Moses said, “... the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him ...”

Does God really hear every discontented word which I ever speak?

Does He hear when I grumble about the weather...

about the hard winter,
about the late spring...
about the dry summer...
about the wet harvest?

Does He hear when I grumble...

about the frosts,
about the drought,
about the high winds...
about the storms?

Does He hear when I grumble...

about my circumstances,
about the hardness of my lot,
about my losses and disappointments?

If we could put into our heart, and keep it there continually, the consciousness that God hears every word we speak, would we murmur and complain as much as we now do?

We are careful never to speak words which would give pain to the hearts of those we love. Are we as careful not to say anything that would grieve our heavenly Father?

Matthew 12:36 (ESV)

³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak,

“He who complains of the weather,
complains of the God who ordains the weather.”

– William Law

Source:

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Devotionals by J. R. Miller, 1895

Be careful with your words. Once they are said,
they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

– Author unknown

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

Once again, another month has gone by. God has kept us in His care, again protecting us from the cold and inclement weather. I'm pretty sure most of us are looking forward to the warming trends during the next few months.

On February 3rd, Hans and Rose Diek moved into Suite 309 at Evergreen. It is quite a transition for them, coming from a farm with wide open spaces. We wish to welcome them and we hope they will feel at home among us soon.

Remember to contact the office if there is anything special that you are planning to do, like moving furniture in or out of the building, bringing in a new appliance, having plumbing done in your apartment, or if you have a question of "can we do this?" Arrangements need to be made to put the elevator into service when furniture or appliances are being brought in or out. When plumbing is being done, water needs to be shut off and other residents need to be informed of when and how long they will be without water. There are regulations in place of what can and cannot be done in the community of Evergreen Terrace. We must do all things in harmony and in good order.

On that note, I will sign off.

Wishing you all God's blessing in the month of March. May He give you comfort and peace.

-J.V.

911 EMERGENCY

When calling 911:
Remember that these emergency services
(fire and ambulance)
have access to a *master key*
which will *open any door* in the building.



LAUGHTER

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."

One minute, you're young and fun;
and the next you're predicting the weather
with your bad knee.

.....
Of all my body parts,
my eyeballs are in the best shape
because I roll them about 342 times a day.

SPIRITUAL LIFE Committee

Here's the schedule for Bible Studies in March:

Tuesday March 3rd – 9:30 am
Reverend Erick Schuringa
(Mountainview CRC)

Tuesday March 17th – 9:30 am
Reverend Dick Wynia
(Canadian Reformed Church)

- L.T.



SPIRITUAL LIFE Committee

We will have a **Hymn Sing** in the Willow Room on **Tuesday March 24th** at 7:00 pm!

Psalm 95:1 (ESV)

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Hope to see you there!

- L.T.



CAR WASH

Does your vehicle need to be washed?? Jack de Roos is willing to wash your vehicle on Wednesdays! A free will donation would be appreciated. All monies collected by Jack will be donated to McNally House Hospice.

Car washing includes: vacuuming and dusting the interior, washing and drying the exterior, cleaning exterior car windows, and cleaning tires!

Contact Jack de Roos (216) to make arrangements.
Thank you, Jack, for providing this service for us!

- L.T.



LADIES' GUILD

Another delivery for the homeless in Hamilton:
- 26 hats and 11 scarves

Thank you to our faithful knitters and crocheters.



If you would like to join us, we will supply the yarn for projects made for donation to charity.

We meet every Thursday from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in the Willow Room. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be available.

- O.D.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Ann Long-Schroder	Dunnville, ON, CA	315
5	Rita Bax	Pingjum, FR, NL	406
7	Una Gibson	Glasgow, SCOTLAND	506
9	Grace Stieva	Assen, DR, NL	409
10	Shirley Tenhage	Hamilton, ON, CA	ET
11	Geraldine Stieva	Zalk, OV, NL	511
14	Giulia Fratarcangeli	Ripi, ITALY	401
18	Lynn Dam	Wierden, OV, NL	218
26	Marie Heikoop	Haarlo, GE, NL	301
26	Don Dennis	Hamilton, ON, CA	517
29	Lydia Koomans	Rotterdam, ZH, NL	321
31	Dini Post	Dalfsen, OV, NL	105

Happy Birthday to all!!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Tuesday March 17th 2026



An Irish Blessing:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand."



SAFETY Committee



Important reminders:

- Do not open the front door to strangers.
- After entering or exiting the parking garage, please wait to ensure that the entrance or exit door has closed behind you, before driving away.
- Please keep your speed down when driving in the parking garage as well as on the outside driveways. Please obey the posted speed limit of **5 km/hr**.

And watch for pedestrians!



- T.R.

ON THE MOVE

February 10th:

Louise Romkema

- moved from Evergreen #415
to Hampton Terrace, Burlington, ON

April 1st:

Dirkje Koster

- moving from Evergreen #516
to Ebenezer Villa, Hamilton

You will be missed!

- L.T.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Thank you so very much for the Valentine Chili dinner.
It was delicious and much appreciated.
Thank you Marian and Jan, Linda and Audrey.

- Mary A.



LIBRARY

In the basement of our building, there's a bench (in the recycling room) that has become a favorite drop-off for items that are no longer needed, such as clothing that we no longer wear, household items, utensils, and books that we no longer want to keep in our personal library, but can be read by someone else.

Rather than discarding your books on the bench downstairs, our Evergreen library could most likely use them - if the books are fiction.

To have your book(s) picked up, please contact one of the Library Committee members:

Kinsey Smith – Suite 515 – xxx-xxx-xxxx

or

Ben VanHoffen – Suite 312 – xxx-xxx-xxxx

Or you may drop off your book(s) at either Suite 515 or Suite 312. Your donations will be appreciated.

- B.VH.



NEW NEIGHBOURS!

February 3rd:

Hans and Rose Diek – Suite 309

xxx-xxx-xxxx

We welcome you into our midst!



- L.T.

FIRE AVERT

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

Here's what you need to know about **Fire Avert**:

(a) Every unit at Evergreen is equipped with **Fire Avert**, an automatic stove fire safety device. The **Fire Avert** 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 **Fire Avert** 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. Be safe.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Staying positive does not mean
that things will turn out okay.

Rather, it's knowing that you will be okay
no matter how things turn out.

- Author unknown

"March forward!"

Winter always turns to spring.



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