

# Views from the Terrace

## From the EDITOR to my dear neighbours

In the month of May, we hope to see signs of spring.

One sign of spring at Evergreen is the start of the planting and growing season in our gardens! Our hard-working Gardening Committee has been planning ahead for spring, but they need gardeners! If you are able, please consider helping our Gardening Committee, as the gardens around Evergreen need to be prepared for the planting season; and then there will be 100 flats of annuals to be planted!

Many hands make lighter work!



**1 Corinthians 10:31** (ESV)

<sup>31</sup> ... whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

**1 Peter 4:10** (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:

**Do everything for the glory of God.**

– Linda T.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE Committee

Here's the (revised) schedule for Bible Studies in May:

**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 am  
Reverend Dick Wynia  
(Vineyard Canadian Reformed Church)

**Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup>** – 9:30 am  
Reverend Erick Schuringa  
(Mountainview CRC)

– L.T.



## Our Audience

**1 Corinthians 4:4** (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me.

There is a story of a young composer whose music was being performed. The audience was enthusiastic, applauding wildly as the composition was played. But the young man seemed utterly indifferent to all this applause. He kept his eye fixed intently on one man in the audience, watching every expression that played upon his features. It was his teacher. He cared more for the slightest mark of favor on his face, than for all the applause of the great company.

Likewise, in all our life we should watch the face of Christ, caring only that he should be pleased. It matters far more what he thinks of our performance, than what all the world thinks. If we live to win his approval, we shall not be afraid to have all our deeds laid bare at the last, before the judgement throne.

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Devotionals by J. R. Miller, 1895

**Colossians 3:23-24** (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

## SPIRITUAL LIFE Committee

We will have our last **Hymn Sing** of the season (before taking a summer break) on **Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm!

**Psalms 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.



## Notes from the desk of the PROPERTY MANAGER

It is now May. We have had the April showers. Now we look forward to the May flowers.

At our last Residents' Council meeting, there came a request for a power sweeper so we could keep up with the dirt and dust in the indoor parking garage. This request was approved by the Board at their meeting two days later. Having the power sweeper will give us a lot of versatility when cleaning the garage. We will be able to do smaller sections, so not as many residents will have to find alternate parking and we can keep up with it year-round. This does come with a request. The parking garage is just that, a parking garage - a place to park your car. Over the years, for some, it has become a storage area. It can be convenient, but it is not a safe practice. The fire department has turned a blind eye to this for now but there may come a time when they give us an order to remove the "stuff" from the parking garage. Everyone has a storage locker where all their "extra possessions" belong. Keeping storage out of the garage will also help with keeping it clean. Your help with this is much appreciated.

On May 15<sup>th</sup> we hope to see a new couple move into Suite 516. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Bert and Anky Stulp as they take up residence in Evergreen Terrace. May you soon feel at home among us.

Wishing you all God's blessing in the month of May.  
May you find joy as you watch God's creation come alive again.

- 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.



## WORDS OF WISDOM

Gardening is not just about growing plants;  
it's a metaphor for life itself.

## VICTORIA DAY Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2026

In honour of Queen Victoria (born May 24<sup>th</sup> 1819),  
known as the "Mother of Confederation".



## GARDENING Committee TRILLIUM AWARD

We received a Trillium Award in 2025!  
Can we do it again in 2026??

That depends on how much help we can get for the 2026 gardening season.

At the beginning of May, the gardens around Evergreen need to be prepared for the planting season. During the second or third week of May, there will be 100 flats of annuals to be planted. And then, during the summer, all the plants need to be cared for and watered, while keeping weeds away.

It is always so satisfying to see such beautiful gardens here, enjoyed by all residents and visitors!

If you are able and willing to come out and help, and be part of the beautification of Evergreen and the success of our Gardening Committee, please contact any of the following:

Harry DeVries (112)  
Jack de Roos (216)  
Audrey Pieters (508)

- A.P.



## **SAFETY Committee**

### Important reminders:

- Residents who live alone should set up a buddy system with family or friends, in the building or elsewhere, to be checked on a daily basis.
- Do NOT open the front door to strangers.
- Since the sliding patio doors (1<sup>st</sup> floor suites) cannot be locked from the outside, do **not** use them to exit when going away.
- Make sure the window screws are in place on all opening windows, for safety.
- 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!



- After entering or exiting the parking garage, please wait to ensure that the entrance or exit door has closed behind you, before driving away.

Thanks for your attention to all these matters to keep Evergreen and all of us safe!

- T.R.

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

3	Bonnie Rintjema	Hamilton, ON, CA	101
8	Bill Bax	Rotterdam, ZH, NL	406
10	Martha Vissers	Kollumerpomp, FR, NL	421
11	Irene Kurpe	Dundas, ON, CA	103
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
14	Jim VanHoffen	Slikkerveer, ZH, NL	320
19	Herb Vissers	Leimuiden, ZH, NL	421
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 to all!!**



## **YOU ARE INVITED**

### **to EVERGREEN ANNUAL BBQ!**

Where? Evergreen Terrace – gazebo

When? **Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

11:00 am – Coffee and cookies!

Noon – **HAMBURGERS!**

Followed by dessert!

How? Sponsored by our Board.

Hosted by our Social Activities Committee.

(Hint: They will need volunteers to help out!)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

- L.T.



## **TRANSPORTATION and other services**

If you are looking for more help with transportation for going to appointments, here are some suggestions. Of course, many of our neighbours are willing to help.

But another option is to contact:

Niagara Region Transit On Demand at 1-833-678-5463.

They offer door-to-door service for a reasonable fee of \$3.00 for rides within Grimsby. The fee is more for out-of-town rides.

And there is another provider known as:

Happy In My Home

Community Support Services of Niagara.

They can be contacted by calling their local office in Beamsville at 905-563-9501. They provide many helpful services, including transportation, light housekeeping, laundry, and some meal preparation. Some of our residents are already taking advantage of their services.

These services may be helpful for you.

Give them a call.

- R.C.



## INSTALLATION of NEW GENERATOR!

Our new diesel generator has been installed! A crane was used to load the generator onto the concrete pad.

In the event of a power outage, this more powerful generator is able to power our two main elevators, making Evergreen a safer place for us.

We thank our Board and Property Manager for recognizing this need, and for all the work done to make this happen!

- L.T.



## FUN FACTS

### about MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY

The international distress call of **Mayday** originated after morse code was replaced by telecommunication.

The previous morse code distress call of SOS was often misheard when said aloud.

**Mayday** was implemented by Frederick Mockford, who used the French term "m'aider" (pronounced "mayday") which means "help me".

While this is not about the month of May, it is an interesting fact!

- L.T.

## LADIES' GUILD

May 21<sup>st</sup> will be the last meeting of the Ladies' Guild for the 2025-2026 season.

While we have the summer off, please keep working on your projects for Indwell, Rose City Kids, and 541 Barton (Hamilton homeless).

Contact Olga Dekker (304) or Gertie de Roos (216) for more yarn or additional information.

Blessings to all for a good and healthy summer.

We plan to start again on September 10<sup>th</sup>! Hope to see you then!

- O.D.

**CAR WASH**

**CHANGE OF DAY (again)!**

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.

**NEW NEIGHBOURS!**

May 15<sup>th</sup>:

**Bert and Anky Stulp – Suite 516**

*We welcome you into our midst!*



- L.T.

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

**Jytte Jorgensen**

July 21<sup>st</sup>, 1941 - April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

*Gone from sight, but not forgotten.*

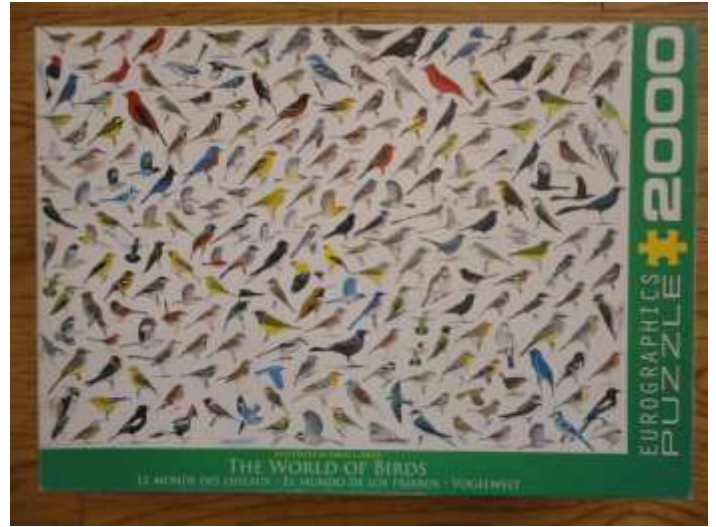


- L.T.

**4th FLOOR PUZZLE CORNER**

Many of you have been watching us, working with us, and cheering us on while we were working on our largest, most challenging jigsaw puzzle that we have undertaken yet! 2,000 pieces! 225 birds! Done in 10 days! (No pieces missing!) We will keep the completed puzzle on display (on the puzzle table in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor lounge) for several days. Stop by and have a look!

- L.T.



**LAUGHTER**

*“A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.”*

Q: Why do gardeners always know the root of the problem?

A: Because they dig deeper!

Q: What do you call a grumpy and short-tempered gardener?

A: A snapdragon!

(Note: We have none of these at Evergreen!)

Enjoy the spring flowers!



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