

THE VIEW



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**Have a safe and Happy Easter from
all the residents, staff and
management at Orchard View**

Orchard View Mission Statement

Enhancing quality of life through comprehensive care in a safe, home-like environment.

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An April Message from the Administrator & Director of Nursing

As we begin to welcome the signs of spring, there is a renewed sense of energy throughout Orchard View. The longer days and warmer weather bring new opportunities to gather, connect, and continue building the strong, caring community that makes our house feel like home.

This past month, we also completed our annual inspection with Social Development. I am incredibly proud of our team—the inspector noted the strong sense of resident-centred care the moment they walked through our doors. We saw a significant improvement in our results, and just as importantly, a clear recognition of the culture we are building together each day.

We are especially excited to share that Orchard View will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary on June 6th. Please save the date! The afternoon will build on the spirit of our much-loved garden party, bringing together residents, families, staff, and the broader community. As part of the celebration, we will also unveil new furniture for our Memorial Garden—made possible through the generosity of donations. It is a meaningful reminder that while government funding supports the essentials, it is our community that helps transform our house into a home.

More details will be shared in the coming weeks, and we hope you will plan to join us for this special milestone.

We are also pleased to share that our new website is now live at orchardviewcare.ca. This refreshed space will make it easier for families and community members to learn about Orchard View, stay connected, and see the many ways our team brings resident-centred care to life each day.

As always, thank you for the compassion, dedication, and kindness you bring to our home. It is because of each of you that Orchard View continues to be such a special place.

With appreciation,

Lynn Clark
Administrator

Jill Brewster
Director of Nursing

April Theory

By Kaylin Weir

Maybe January was never meant
To be the beginning.
Maybe the year starts slowly
on purpose—
a quiet stretch,
a deep inhale,
the soft ache of waking up.

Maybe February was shaking off,
and March was the gathering
of strength—
A slow return to ourselves.

And maybe April
is when it really begins.
When the light lingers,
When our hearts beat louder,
when we are truly ready
to start again—
not because we should,
but because we're finally
warm enough to want to.

“A gush of bird-song, a patter of dew
A cloud, a rainbow's warning
Suddenly sunshine and perfect blue
An April day in the morning.”

-Harriet Prescott Spofford

It's Spring

Good-bye snow! Good-bye ice!
Though of course you're very nice,
I am glad you've gone away.
Leaving us this fine spring day.

Here's my good old bat and ball!
Marbles, too! How are you all?
I am sure that I can play.
With you now, 'most any day.

Good-bye winter! Though it's true
I've had lots of fun with you.
Now I just could shout and sing;
I'm so glad because it's spring!



In March we welcomed our local legion members back to visit with our veterans



Easter Morning Light

*Easter morning wakes the land,
With gentle sun and blossoms grand.
Hope arrives on feathered wings,
In pastel skies, new joy it brings.*

*The stone is moved, the shadows flee,
Love restores what's meant to be.
From quiet dawn to songs of cheer,
New life whispers, Hope is here.*



*As the cold and grey winter days...
Give way, to the bright and beautiful spring...
You know it's time for you to hear;
The Easter bells ring!
The birds are chirping...
The bunnies are out...
There are Easter eggs all around!
There is happiness in the air;
And a warmth in your heart...
To stay with you, all through the year!*

Happy Easter!

What is Easter?

*It's not about the eggs to hunt
It's not about a bunny
It's not about brand new clothes
Or candy as sweet as honey*

*On this day many years ago
A man named Jesus Christ
Upon a cross for you and me
Gladly gave his life*

*Not for sins that He had done
Or crimes He must repay
He did it all for you and me
For our sins He died that day*

*But that's not the end of Jesus Christ
They put Him in a grave
But three days later He rose again
Our sin debt had finally been paid*

*So this Easter as you hunt for eggs
Dressed up in brand new clothes
Don't think about the Easter bunny
Think about why Christ arose*

April Birthdays

Residents

Douglas Perkins - 7
Gary Baughman - 9
Robert Usher - 27

Staff

Clarize Cabildo - 16
Jason Cleveland - 24



Every Day is Earth Day

By Pat Keachie

*Each act of compassion
For dear Mother Earth
Brings change everlasting
You can't measure
It's worth.*

*So pick up your garbage
Don't leave it for me
I'll be doing my own part
Like planting a tree.*

*We have to. For you see,
Each one of us lives Here
And what will we leave
To the ones who succeed us
Will they cherish or grieve
For our Planet?
It's up to us.*



We would like to welcome to our Orchard View family, Ian Murdoch from Douglas, Wayne Little from Gagetown, Bill Campbell from Upper Kingsclear and Terry Bemrose from Scotchtown.

Happy March Birthdays

Kevin - 4
Audrey M. - 7
Betty - 9
Dominique - 17
Bill - 28



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St. Patrick's Day we dressed in green, enjoyed an Irish dinner of cabbage and sausage then listened to Irish music by John Priedt on the accordion.



Our new dental Hygienist - Ashley Hayes from "Mobile Smiles" was in to visit some of us this month to do cleanings and check for cavities.



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The St. Francis CWL hosted our March Birthday Party for us on March 18th with Sue & Eugene returning after many years to play and let us sing along.



I believe that you are never to old to learn so at our coffee and conversation on Saturday March 21 I learned Canada had a \$25 dollar bill at one time so I googled it and here it is. Love my job.



The residents enjoyed breakfast club again on March 22 with more men than awaken for a change.



Memorial

In Loving Memory



*Our deepest sympathy go out
this month
to the family and friends of
Edna Johnson.*

*Edna will always be remembered for
her watching Hallmark movies,
her love to talk to everyone,
her thinking everyone worked to hard
and
her loving family.*

In Loving Memory



*Our deepest sympathy go out
this month
to the family and friends of
William Needham.*

*William will always be remembered for
his joking nature,
his loving fun & fitness,
his "groovy" when asking how he was.
and
his love for his family.*



Orchard View Resident/Family Council minutes

The monthly meeting of the Resident/Family Council was held on March 23, 2026 at 3pm on the West wing.

In attendance: R. Usher, D. Dunphy, D. Perkins, R. Tibbs, K. Francis, D. Patterson, D. Paradis, A. Law, P. Hilton, I. Murdoch, C. Kirk, B. Kirk, R. Davis-True, D. Wiseman, R. Harrison, J. Munroe, and M. Sharpe.

Family members: none, but the Administrator and Director Of Care joined us.

Welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced our new member followed by the reading of the minutes of last month's meeting.

Old Business

Catholic Church – was March 3rd due to weather in February.

Daylight Savings time – March 8th we sprung ahead. We talked about this not changing in other areas.

March Birthday Party – hosted by the St. Francis CWL on March 18th, a week late due to weather, with entertainment by Eugene & Sue who used to visit us years ago.

St. Patrick's Day – we enjoyed a delicious dinner of cabbage & sausage and green cheesecake for dessert. John Priedt played Irish music on the accordion for us in the afternoon.

Dental Hygienist – has been here a couple of times and will be back to clean the resident's teeth that want this done.

First Day of Spring – March 20th. Was a beautiful day. We talked about the deer and geese, but no robins seen yet.

Breakfast Club – was on Sunday March 22 with lots of men and a couple of ladies enjoying the big breakfast.

New Business

April Fool's Day – silliness until noon

Hair Care – is April 2

Easter bunny – to visit on Sunday April 5 maybe find some Easter eggs too.

Easter Dinner – residents would like ham with maybe asparagus or turnip or squash with lemon pie for dessert.

Legion Members visit – April 8 for anyone

Crooked Fingers – entertain on April 8 at 1:30pm

Zoomers in Balance – workshop April 9& 10 so Debbie will not be at Orchard View.

Anglican Church– Tuesday April 14

Earth Day – April 22 starts our barbecue season. Residents would like potato salad, tomato, cukes, coleslaw but no pasta salad and mud pie.

Talked about going out for breakfast in Upper Gagetown or Queenstown when they start, planting seeds, going to the Blue Canoe for lunch soon, quite a few would like seafood. May will bring Mother's Day, Portulaca Day and shopping to think about.

Opportunities for Improvement

- People coming into rooms without being invited. Anyway, to control this?
- Wheeled walkers needing adjustments

The meetings were adjourned with the next meetings being sometime in April 2026.

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>April Fool's Day</i> Bingo 10am	2 Hair Care 9:30am	3 Good Friday 	4
5 Easter Bunny visit 	6 Easter Monday	7 Doug's B-day	8 Legion members visit 10am Crooked Fingers 1:30pm	9 Zoomers in Balance - Oromocto Gary's B-day	10 Zoomers in Balance - Oromocto	11
12	13 Cards 10am	14 Anglican Church 10:30am	15 Bingo 10am Knitting 1:30pm	16 Fun & Fitness 10am	17	18 Make bread Coffee & conversation 10am Cards 2:30pm
19 Popcorn & movie 2pm	20 Coffee outing 10am Hymn sing 3pm	21	22 Earth Day Barbecue lunch Bingo 1:30pm	23 Fun & Fitness 10am	24 Baking 10am Afternoon tea 2pm	25
26	27 Cards 10am Residents council meeting 3pm Rob's B-day	28 Catholic Church 1:30pm	29 Outing for lunch to the Blue canoe	30 Month End		