

River Park Gardens Newsletter

Dear Residents and Families,

Summer at River Park Gardens has been full of barbeques, time outside enjoying the warm weather and gardens in bloom, and of course savouring the treats of summer like watermelon, corn on the cob, and ice cream! Each house had two barbeques this summer, residents enjoyed burgers and hotdogs with all the fixings at colourful picnic tables. Staff were celebrated at RPG this summer with a Staff Appreciation Lunch catered by Smoke'n Bobs.

Flu Season is coming. We are busy preparing for the upcoming flu season. We will be contacting designated family/friends shortly to obtain the needed consents for the seasonal flu vaccine and COVID-19 booster. We are providing education to staff and ensuring we are well prepared should any outbreaks occur. We will keep you informed if there are any outbreaks or changes to Infection Control guidelines. We love and appreciate all the family and friends that come to visit, but please remember if you have cold/flu like symptoms you do not visit in person. If you wish to have a virtual or phone visit with a loved one, please contact Recreation services who can facilitate this.

Sincerely,

Anna Goertzen Thomas, Social Worker and Victoria Marek, Clinical Services Coordinator
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Residents at the August birthday party having cake and ice cream!



We are thankful to have received a bunch of new afghans for residents at RPG. Margaret Kleebaum knit these beautiful afghan blankets, some are lap blankets and others larger for a bed. Margaret was a member of Faith Lutheran Church and her family gifted them to us with the hope that they would keep residents warm and cozy.

Thank you!



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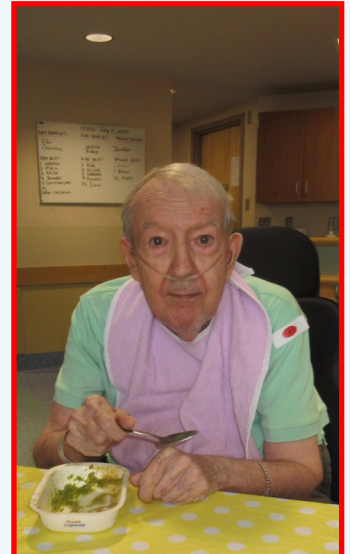
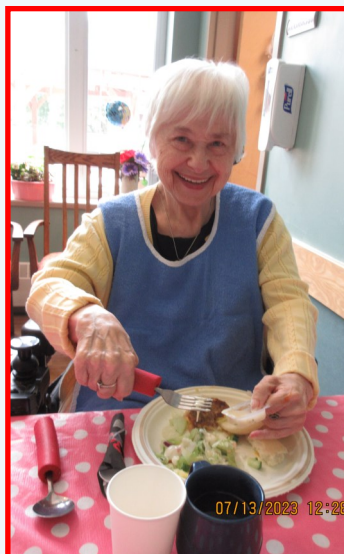
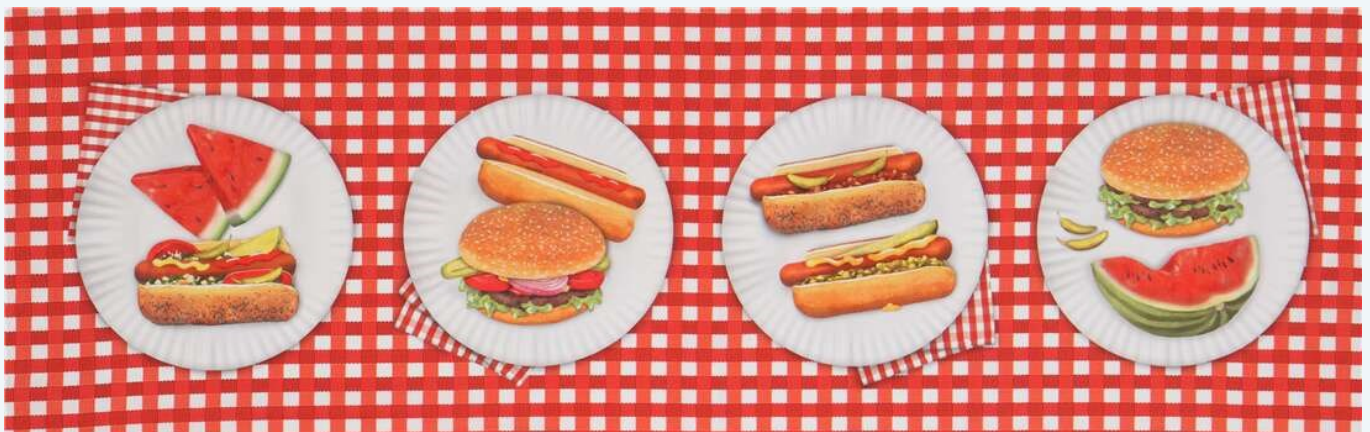
*There was lots to celebrate in July and August.
Happy 100th Birthday to Dorothy and Kathleen!*



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Summer BBQ's!



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On August 3, 2023 Manitoba Health Standards made an unannounced review at River Park Gardens. The areas they reviewed were:

- Resident Care Plans
- Infection Control
- Water and Air temperatures
- Resident meal experience
- Staff education
- Resident Council
- Recreation
- Spiritual Care
- Medication Delivery and Pharmacy services
- Building grounds and internal facility

The Manitoba Health Standards team was extremely impressed and we received 100% in all areas. They said there wasn't a staff member who didn't offer to help them or say hello as they inspected and they could see how engaged the staff were with the residents and each other. A formal report will be coming in a few months' time.

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Faith Gardens Inc. News for Fall 2023



August 3rd BBQ

The pictures are from the August 3rd BBQ at River Park Gardens. It was a beautiful day and everyone enjoyed the food and socializing under the new gazebo. Our volunteer team from Faith looked “smashing” in their blue hairnets?! I'm sure they're pleased that I shared these images!

While we were there a team from WRHA came to do a surprise evaluation of River Park Gardens. They had a glowing report and RPG received a 100% rating. It's wonderful to be associated with this home and to be able to minister in so many ways.

Calendar Feedback

By the way, in the last newsletter I had requested feedback regarding the calendar that FGI had produced and distributed. We are thinking we would like to do it again, but only if it's something you use and enjoy. Please let me know your thoughts. How about photos submitted by Faith members? A photo contest perhaps? Contact fgi@faithlc.ca with any comments or suggestions. They'd be much appreciated.

Support

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