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WEST COAST SENIORS NEWSLETTER

Love Me Tender

Elvis spotted in Langley ...

... at the Young at Heart Expo held on Saturday, October 14, at the Langley Events Centre.

About 15 LSV residents attended the event and a few even got up close and personal with Elvis himself.

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Nurse Practitioner Feature

Photo shows (left to right): Nicole Fjeld, ADOC. Bethany Offerein, SW. Michelle Carew, DOC. Melissa Gagnon, NP.



NURSE PRACTITIONER'S PILOT PROJECT AT COMOX VALLEY SENIORS VILLAGE!

Comox Valley Seniors Village was one of two sites chosen for Island Health's Nurse Practitioner Pilot Project. This project aims to incorporate Nurse Practitioners as Most Responsible Practitioners in Long-Term Care, especially in communities that are experiencing physician shortages.

In addition to supporting residents with no family physician, Melissa and the CVS V team also plan to collaborate for quality improvement projects, education, and support for complex cases. Melissa is on site once a week to see residents

and interact with the entire multidisciplinary team.

The CVS V team had some questions for Melissa:

How long have you been a Nurse Practitioner?

"I have been practicing for almost 10 years in a variety of different settings!"

What are your clinical areas of interest?

"Geriatrics, of course! And all that it entails, including medication de-prescribing,

patient-centered care planning/decision making, and quality of life focused end-of-life care. It is a pleasure to provide intentional and responsive care for our seniors at Comox Valley Seniors Village.”,

What are you most excited about for your partnership with the Comox Valley Seniors Village?

“I am very excited to work within a multidisciplinary team. There is so much we can learn together from one another.”

CVSV and Island Health are looking forward to the lasting benefits and successes of having a Nurse Practitioner involved in Long-Term Care. We are excited to have Melissa join our team!



October Milestones

PEACE PORTAL SENIORS VILLAGE:

Marina Saucedo
24 years of service

SUMMERLAND SENIORS VILLAGE:

Kathleen Pennington
17 years of service

LANGLEY SENIORS VILLAGE:

Eme Beluang
16 years of service

WILLIAM LAKE SENIORS VILLAGE:

Crystal Sheridan
16 years of service

THE WELLESLEY:

Diane Belliveau
16 years of service

MANOIR DE CASSON:

Nadia Hallal
15 years of service

ROSEMARY HEIGHTS SENIORS VILLAGE:

Jaylene Smillie
15 years of service

COMOX VALLEY SENIORS VILLAGE:

Karen Brown
14 years of service

Thank you to all our staff members for your continued dedication to making our communities the best they can possibly be. Be sure to give them a congratulations if you see them around!

October Welcomes!



CHRISTIAN BUNZ

We are pleased to announce that Christian Bunz will be joining the Dufferin Care Centre team as General Manager. Christian, originally from Munich, Germany, attended Schule Schloss Salem International College where he gained valuable teamwork and leadership skills. He also served with NATO Response Force Eurocorps in Strasbourg, France, gaining further experience through various missions. After years in the film industry, Christian established and managed a music school rooted in the Montessori philosophy.

However after caring for his father, who had suffered a stroke, it opened his eyes to the potential in a career in seniors healthcare. We are excited to have Christian take on this new role and collaborate with the DCC team. Please join us in congratulating him on his well-deserved promotion!



DANNY VITAL

We are thrilled to confirm the appointment of Danny Vital as the new Senior Manager – Information Technology, effective immediately.

Danny is the quintessential IT pro – patient, knowledgeable and smart. He’s been with us for 9 years and during that time he’s never once said, «did you turn it off and turn it on again?» Before his time here, Danny was the IT manager at Canada’s largest and most-awarded advertising agency, DDB Vancouver.

Danny lives in sunny Ladner and is a committed family man. He and his wife Donna have a daughter, Olivia, who is an up-and-coming ringette player. There is also the family dog, Mac, who might be the chilliest dog on the planet. And yes, he’s very good dog, too.

When not at work, Danny can be found camping, travelling and spending time with his expansive family.

Next time you see Danny in the hallway or at one of our communities, give him a big high five. He deserves it.

Community Reviews

Our communities do an incredible job making a home for all our seniors and they deserve all the recognition in the world for their hard work and dedication! Here are some Google reviews from this month

written by our residents and their loved ones showing all their appreciation for our teams!

NANAIMO SENIORS VILLAGE:

6089 UPLANDS DRIVE, NANAIMO, B.C



Gwen Spinks

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

I recently helped a friend move her mom into the NANAIMO seniors village - assisted living wing. It was very hard for both my friend and her mom. Her Mom didn't want to move, but she really wasn't safe living alone any longer. The place is beautiful, clean and open with lots of light - they have lots of activities for the residences - the food is good! And the best part is the staff!!! All of them!! - from Jason the maintenance person who helped me get rid of boxes and move furniture, to Val, Jo, Christine and others. They all went above and beyond to make this transition as easy as possible for both my friend and her mother, I cannot thank them enough for their kindness and generosity of spirit!

KAMLOOPS SENIORS VILLAGE:

1220 HUGH ALLAN DRIVE, KAMLOOPS, B.C



Shannon Atwater

★★★★★ 3 weeks ago

Kamloops Senior Village located on Hugh Allen drive in Kamloops is very welcoming from the time you walk in the front door to the time you leave. I volunteer weekly with St. John Ambulance doing dog therapy visits with our dog Veena. The residents are well cared for and loved by their dedicated care givers, all the support staff and more. There is lots of bright light coming in surrounded by a stunning outdoor view from all angles. A very positive and engaging environment. I have not yet tried the food but will have to come and try sometime! I have heard from the residents though that they enjoy their meals. Awesome work folks! I would highly recommend to anyone including a family member looking for residence. A really nice place & very well run. Thank you & have a good day. Shannon Atwater

AUBURN SENIORS RESIDENCES:

8531 YOUNG ROAD, CHILLIWACK, B.C



Phil DundasUre

★★★★★ 6 days ago

Father in law loves it here!! The food, the staff, the people and the area he thinks are great!!!

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GUILFORD SENIORS VILLAGE:

October 18th was Health Care Aide Day! To celebrate, the HCA team at GSV had the chance to receive heartwarming messages from both the residents and their families. However, instead of the typical method of writing letters on plain sheets of paper, a more imaginative approach was taken. The families and residents were requested to write their messages on paper stars, adding a touch of uniqueness and symbolism to the occasion. These heartfelt messages were then read aloud to the HCA team by our General Manager and Director of Care.

The HCA team members were deeply moved by the messages they received. Reading these heartfelt letters aloud allowed the team to establish a strong connection with the residents and their

families, strengthening the bond between them. It reminded the team of the positive impact they have on the lives of the residents and the importance of their role in providing quality care.

The GSV community also prepared fun activities for the HCA team to play and participate in! We then ended the fun day by enjoying some cake. BCGEU also contributed by giving treats, and pizza was provided by Drake Medox College. A big thank you to those who supported and participated in this event! GSV Care Aides felt the love and appreciation from everyone.



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KAMLOOPS SENIORS VILLAGE:

The residents and tenants of Kamloops Seniors Village had an absolutely amazing time at the KSV Fall Fair. This event was filled with so much excitement and joy, as everyone got to participate in carnival games and enjoy delicious treats that perfectly captured the essence of the season. People indulged in apple cider, popcorn, and various comfort snacks that brought warmth and happiness to their hearts.

To make the day even more special, a delightful surprise awaited the attendees. The organizers had arranged for some adorable sheep from a local Knutsford Farm to visit the fair. These fluffy creatures stole the show! The sight of the sheep brought smiles to the faces of both young and old. It was truly a heartwarming experience for all.

The success of the KSV Fall Fair and DunkTheGM Fundraiser is truly

commendable. The Kamloops community came together and showed their support by raising an impressive \$420 in cash and 56 pounds of food for the Kamloops Food Bank!

A special shoutout goes to KSV GM Lisa for being an incredible sport. She willingly got into the dunk tank multiple times, showing her dedication and enthusiasm towards making a difference.

The success of this year's event has everyone eagerly looking forward to next year's Fall Fair. The anticipation is high, and people can't wait to once again come together and create unforgettable memories. With the incredible support and enthusiasm of the community, there is no doubt that the next Fall Fair will be even more remarkable.



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LANGLEY SENIORS VILLAGE:

The LSV community recently organized a delightful outing to Aldor Acres Farm, a popular destination during the Fall season. This charming farm offers various activities that cater to all age groups. The residents were thrilled to explore the farmer's market, where they found an array of fresh produce and homemade goodies.

In addition to the farmer's market and pumpkin picking, the residents had the chance to interact with the adorable farm animals that call Aldor Acres Farm their home. From playful goats to curious chickens, the residents were enchanted by the animals' friendly nature. They enjoyed petting and feeding the animals, creating heartwarming memories that will last a lifetime.

This outing provided an exceptional opportunity for the LSV community to come together and bond. The residents shared laughter, stories, and experiences, fostering a sense of unity and camaraderie. The recreation team, known for their exceptional dedication, ensured that every resident had the best possible experience. Their meticulous planning and attention to detail were evident in every aspect of the outing.





Recent highlights



HALLOWEEN
TRICK OR TREAT
OCTOBER 31, 4pm - 7pm

Join Us!
Attention all ghouls and boys. Don't forget to put Summerland Seniors Village on your trick or treat route this year. We think you'll be pleasantly surprised!

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