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It's a real pleasure to be bringing you our 9th issue of CK Senior. As always, many thanks go out to all of our advertisers for making this publication possible. We hope that as you go through this publication you are reminded once again of all the wonderful businesses and services that we have available in our community to help **address the needs and opinions of seniors living in Chatham-Kent!**

It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner - in fact, on March 11 daylight saving time begins and we move our clocks forward. Time does keep marching on which is just another reason for all of us to live every day in search of new experiences, regardless of our age. It's a great time of year to read a good book, play a new game, explore the housing and retirement homes that are available right here in our community, and plan for the future. It's an ideal time to do your spring cleaning, treat yourself to a makeover, and take advantage of the services available on the pages within this publication to help make your life easier.

**Most importantly, keep moving and cross something off your life list - it's alright to slow down, just don't stand still. Stay safe and stay well!**

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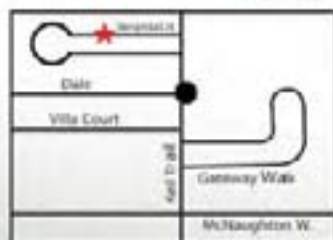
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**TAKE YOUR TIME.** Don't rush through the purchasing process. There are many different types of mattresses (innerspring, memory foam, air, water, futon) and even more manufacturers, (Sealy, Serta, Simmons, Tempur-Pedic, Kingsdown, etc.). If you sleep with a partner be sure you bring that person with you to make sure that both of you are satisfied.

**FIRMNESS.** Don't confuse firmness with support – they're two different things. Talk to your Leon's sales associate as they may have recommendations.



**DESIGN.** Different people have different needs and there are mattresses available that can meet those needs. There are beds that, with a touch of a button, adjust for reading or watching TV.

**SIZE.** Pick the right size for your height and for the room. For example if you're a tall person (over 6 feet) you will probably want to go with a king size bed and if you're extremely tall consider the California king size. Don't be afraid to ask a Leon's sales associate to measure the bed size to ensure that it will fit in your space.

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# Getting the Right Amount of ZZZ's

## How much is the right amount?

Although the average is eight hours per night, when asked how much is the right amount of sleep, everyone's reply can be different depending on age, lifestyle, and what kind of sleep pattern we are accustomed to. But when asked what happens to us when we don't get the amount of sleep that we are used to, the answer is pretty consistent. It affects our personalities; we may become irritable or less tolerant, and have less of a sense of humor about things that normally wouldn't bother us.

Lack of sleep clearly affects our thinking and our perspective. A sleep-deprived brain is similar to a vehicle running on low fuel. We can function, just not at the same speed. Lack of sleep also affects us physically; our coordination is off, which effects our responsiveness as well. We're much more likely to make errors or have accidents. The bottom line is that we need to fill up on ZZZ's to feel replenished and ready for each day ahead.

### So the question then becomes what can we do to ensure a good night's sleep?

One thing for sure is that you cannot bank sleep hours. There is no getting five hours tonight with plans to catch up by getting eleven hours tomorrow night - that just doesn't work. We need to try to keep sleep and wake times consistent every day of the week. If possible, establish a bedtime routine and, although we would love to see that late night show, try not to fall asleep watching TV, opt to PVR it instead, read a book or take a hot bath. Try to relax prior to heading to bed and keep your bedroom cool and dark with lots of comfortable pillows and blankets. Don't exercise right before bed; try to get into a routine of exercising earlier in the day. Avoid eating after 7:00 PM and drinking caffeine or alcohol at least an hour before bedtime.

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
## Riverview Bingo Palace

This issue of CK Senior's cover features **Rose Foster** enjoying the game of bingo at our local **Riverview Bingo Palace**. It is believed that by playing the game of bingo, you not only participate in a game of chance, but you have fun, meet new people and stimulate your mind, which in turn helps you to stay mentally alert. Bingo is actually an effective way of helping you to stay young and, at the same time, have some fun!

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**Transportation:** We offer a low cost door-to-door transportation service to locations throughout Chatham-Kent and the surrounding area. CHAP has wheelchair accessible vehicles to accommodate all people.

**Frozen Meals:** With an affordable menu of over 65 entrees, soups, and desserts, the CHAP Frozen Meals Program makes it easy to enjoy nutritious, home-style meals at your convenience. Free delivery is offered throughout Chatham-Kent, and many specialized diets can be accommodated.

**Caregiver Counselling:** Our Caregiver Program is dedicated to providing emotional support and counselling to those who are caring for others. This is a confidential, professional service that is available free of charge.

**Crisis Intervention & Assistance:** This program assists seniors and persons with disabilities resolve problems or address issues in pursuit of their needs, rights, and interests. A wide variety of services are offered free of charge.

**Home Helper:** This program is dedicated to allowing older adults to stay at home for as long as possible. We hope to improve their quality of life by assisting with household chores, yard maintenance, and much more.

If any of these services interest you, please contact the CHAP office at 519-354-6221. If you are looking for a **great way to give back to your community, volunteers are always welcome!**

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Since relocating to Toronto in 1993, the Graham Family has maintained close ties to Chatham-Kent with family and friends living in the area, a summer home in Rondeau and their continued involvement in the Rondeau Cottage Association and the Rondeau Yacht Club. Keith recently started his own investment firm called *Rondeau Capital Inc.*, located in the heart of Toronto and named in tribute to his hometown.

With a personal connection to local healthcare, giving to the Foundation of CKHA in support of local healthcare was a natural fit for both Keith and Kam. Through *Rondeau Capital Inc.*, they have been supporters of the Foundation of CKHA through general donations and event sponsorship. And a couple of years ago, when Keith and Kam started their estate planning, they made the decision to leave a gift to the Foundation of CKHA in their Wills in support of CKHA's Highest Priority Needs.

"The decision to leave a planned gift for the Foundation of CKHA was based on our desire to ensure quality healthcare in Chatham-Kent for our family, friends and colleagues in the area," says Keith. "Kam and I also plan on spending our retirement years in Chatham-Kent, and knowing the caliber of services, programs and healthcare professionals available at CKHA today; we want to do what we can to ensure the same exceptional care is available for years to come."

For more information on the *Exemplar Society* and how you can support local healthcare through a planned gift, please call the Foundation of CKHA at 519.436.2538 or visit [www.foundationckha.com](http://www.foundationckha.com).

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# Long Term Care With a Water View

## Riverview Gardens

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On a monthly basis, Riverview Gardens receives approximately 30 new applications or medical updates on individuals who are already on our wait list to become a Resident at our home. Assuming the applicant's medical needs can be met at Riverview Gardens, the social worker then advises CCAC that the applicant is accepted, and this is when they are placed on the Riverview Gardens' wait list.

There are three types of accommodations at Riverview Gardens, and the longest wait is for a basic/ward accommodation. Our basic room is a large room with a half wall and curtain to separate the shared room (two people) and a bathroom that they share between them. There are only 60 basic rooms at our home and, as such, the wait list is at least four years long.

Applicants able to pay for a private or semi-private accommodation, benefit from more availability and less applicants. Private wait list is 3-6 months and semi-private wait is 6 months to 2 years. We have 80 semi-private rooms, which resemble a private room with a shared washroom, and 180 private rooms with private washrooms.

Fortunately for this community, Riverview Gardens has 64 beds on a secured unit for Residents with various forms of dementia. Individuals who are a risk to wander or exit-seek are placed on this unit to ensure their safety. For this population, the wait list is typically 1-2 months as they are on a separate wait list.

When CCAC makes a bed offer to an applicant, the individual or family member has a right to view the specific room offered, and they have 24 hours to accept. If they decline the offer, the applicant is taken off all wait lists, and they may start the application process again in 2 months.

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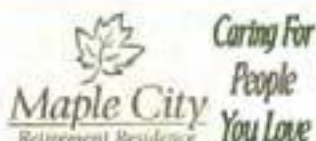


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# 10 Warning Signs to Look For

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- #1 Memory loss that affects day-to-day abilities
- #2 Difficulty performing familiar tasks
- #3 Problems with language
- #4 Disorientation in time and place
- #5 Impaired judgement
- #6 Problems with abstract thinking
- #7 Misplacing things
- #8 Changes in mood and behaviour
- #9 Changes in personality
- #10 Loss of initiative

Alzheimer's disease is a progressive, degenerative disease of the brain. Symptoms include loss of memory, difficulty with day-to-day tasks, and changes in mood and behaviour. People may think these symptoms are part of normal aging but they aren't. If you notice any of these symptoms or changes in abilities or behaviour, it is important to see your doctor. The changes may be due to other conditions such as depression,

drug interactions, or an infection. If the diagnosis is Alzheimer's disease, it is best to get an early diagnosis in order to receive the proper treatment, information, and support. Contact your local Alzheimer Society as they are here to "help for today and provide hope for tomorrow."



To learn more, join us and take "*The Dementia Journey*;" An Educational Forum for Professionals & Families on Friday, April 27th, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Event will be held at Club Lentinas, 250 National Road, Chatham, Ontario. The key note speaker will be Jayne Harvey of FCS International and cover such topics as "Strawberries for Breakfast," "Quality of Life," and "Anchoring Yourself to Positive Attitudes." To register: call 519.352.1043. Cost for the event is \$40 per person.

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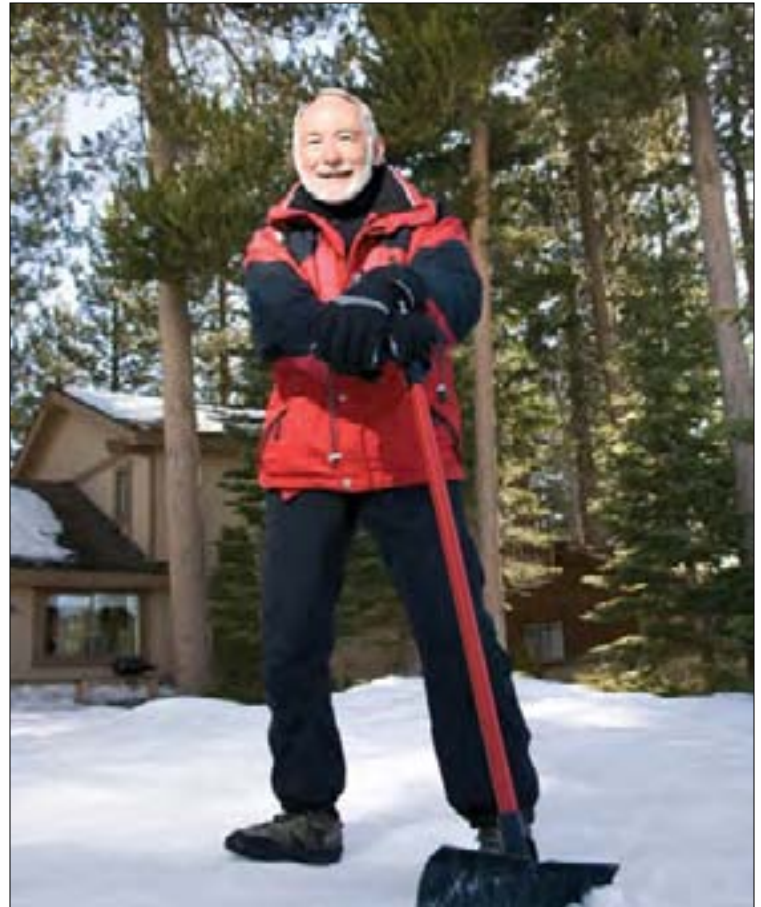
A little help can make living at home a whole lot easier. Growing older means different things to different people. For some it's a chance to share the pearls of wisdom that have been collected over the years by volunteering in the community, for others it's a chance to travel and explore new places around the world, and there are those who prefer to relax and enjoy retirement in their own unique ways.

For all of the wonderful opportunities growing older may bring, there are also new physical, emotional, and mental challenges that must be faced. While there are many services available to help with day-to-day living, there are also concerns with how to find and access these services. A little help from the community now and then is appreciated, especially when that help may make the difference between staying or leaving your home. Fortunately organizations such as the Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) make it their goal to provide better and easier access to helpful services. From delivering a warm meal to your door, to snow shoveling, to making your home a safer place to live, the CCAC is able to help connect you with services:

- Meal delivery and dining programs
- Homemaking and home help
- Caregiver relief
- Transportation services
- Community dining
- Friendly visiting
- Supportive housing
- Adult Day Programs
- Home maintenance and repair



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You can contact the CCAC by calling 519-310-CCAC (2222) or online at: [www.ccac-ont.ca](http://www.ccac-ont.ca)

Age should never be a barrier to healthy, safe, and independent living at home. As health service providers continue to shift their thinking and processes towards community care, they are finding better ways to help seniors safely stay in, or return to, their home, rather than waiting in hospitals or moving to long-term care.

Another important aspect to proactively managing your health is having a family doctor or primary health care provider. If you're looking for a doctor or nurse practitioner (NP), then the Health Care Connect program can provide you with a little help as well. One call to Health Care Connect and you will have a team of dedicated staff working to link you with local doctors and NP's who are accepting patients. You can contact Health Care Connect by calling 1-800-445-1822 or online at [www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect](http://www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect)

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122 Elm St. Bothwell, ON | 519.695.3547

## **Le Club de l'Amitie (Friendship Club)**

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## **Merlin Senior Citizens Friendship Club**

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