

September 13, 2020

OARC Kicks Off Ontario's First Residents' Council Week September 14 to 20, 2020 – Join the Celebration



“Welcome to Residents’ Council Week! This is your opportunity to celebrate your Residents’ Council...”. ~Sharron Cooke, President, OARC

Residents’ Councils play an important role in shaping the place residents call home. They bring residents together as peers, to discuss issues of importance and to stay connected and engaged in home operations and decisions. Ontario’s first official Residents’ Council Week will allow Councils the opportunity to creatively showcase who they are and what they do.

Thank you to all the residents and their team member supporters who have shared their photos and stories with us!

CONTACT OARC AND TELL US ABOUT YOUR CELEBRATION – HELP US SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS 1-800-532-0201:

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RESIDENTS' COUNCIL WEEK CELEBRATION SUPPORT

Visit our [Residents' Council Week](http://www.ontarc.com/residents-council-week.html) webpage to have access to posters, activity pages, event ideas, contests and more... <http://www.ontarc.com/residents-council-week.html>



SCHEDULE OF OARC EVENTS

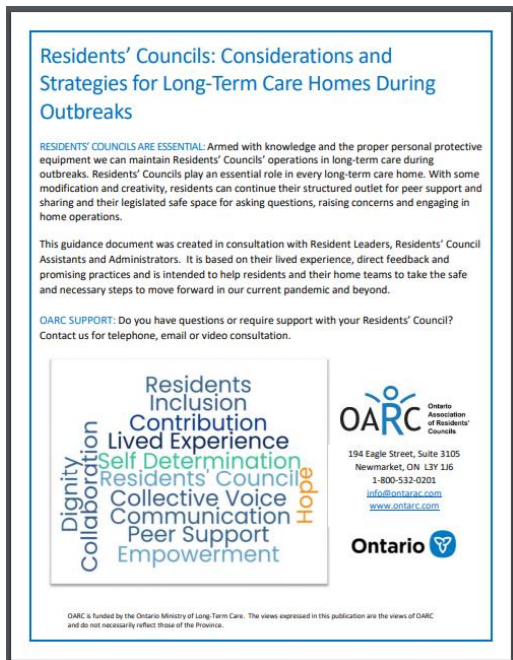
1. Monday, September 14: Residents' Council Week Kick Off Bulletin – [Video](#)
2. Tuesday, September 15 | 10:30 am: Resident Forum ([register here](#))
3. Wednesday, September 16 | 2 pm: Residents' Councils: Exploring a New Normal Webinar - **Registration Full** – the recorded webinar will be posted on September 17
4. Thursday, September 17 | 2 pm: Resident Forum ([register here](#))
5. Vendredi, septembre 18 | 10:30 am: Forum des residents ([Inscrivez-vous ici](#))

PARTICIPATE IN OUR CONTESTS

- **Contest 1:** Share Your Residents' Council Week Activities on Social Media: How is your LTC home celebrating Ontario's FIRST Residents' Councils Week? Share your pictures and stories and tag us at Ontario Association of Residents' Councils (OARC) LinkedIn or @OARCnewsTwitter between September 14-20 using #RCWeek for a chance to win a gift card for your Residents' Council.
- **Contest 2:** Share Your Residents' Council Week Activities and Stories with the OARC Team by email or regular mail by September 30: We invite you to share some of your highlights from Residents' Councils Week. All submissions received by email or regular mail by September 30 will be eligible to win 1 of 3 gift card prizes, and a small feature in OARC's fall/winter Seasons magazine. 250-300 words with picture(s). Contact Melissa McVie mmcvie@ontarc.com 1-800-532-0201 x 260

RESIDENTS' COUNCILS: CONSIDERATIONS AND STRATEGIES FOR LONG-TERM CARE HOMES DURING OUTBREAKS

RESIDENTS' COUNCILS ARE ESSENTIAL: Armed with knowledge and the proper personal protective equipment we can maintain Residents' Councils' operations in long-term care during outbreaks. Residents' Councils play an essential role in every long-term care home. With some modification and creativity, residents can continue their structured outlet for peer support and sharing and their legislated safe space for asking questions, raising concerns and engaging in home operations.



To assist you in the re-convening of Residents' Council, OARC has developed a guidance document that is designed to ignite conversation, planning and teamwork as you move forward with Residents' Council. To access the Guidance Document click here:

<http://www.ontarc.com/tools/20200831RCOutbreakGuidance.pdf>

This guidance document was created in consultation with Resident Leaders, Residents' Council Assistants and Administrators. It is based on their lived experience, direct feedback and promising practices and is intended to help residents and their home teams to take the safe and necessary steps to move forward in our current pandemic and beyond.

OARC SUPPORT: Do you have questions or require support with your Residents' Council? Contact us for telephone, email or video consultation 1-800-532-0201 x260 or x220