

August 25, 2022

The Residents' Council Week Countdown & Schedule of Events

Residents' Council Week is a few short weeks away and OARC has you covered with some themed events and activity ideas.

If you haven't had the opportunity already, OARC encourages you to work with residents and Residents' Council leaders at your homes to incorporate themed program ideas to commemorate the third annual #RCWeek - September 12-18.

A special edition promotional box is on its way to you now (arriving via Purolator and addressed to the attention of your Residents' Council Assistant). We hope that the contents of this box (which include Ask a Resident stickers, Dining Room Placemats/Tray Liners, posters and more), will further support you in your creative planning and preparations with all members/departments in your home. We hope you might share your 'unboxing' pictures and videos by tagging us in our social media channels or emailing us at mmcvie@ontarc.com. We'd also love to hear what plans your home already has underway. Everyone can be involved when it comes to celebrating Residents' Councils!



Events and Activity Ideas -September 12-18

September 12 - Official RC Week Kick-Off Monday

Consider hosting a kick-off party of your own or launch a special activity such as a Residents' Bill of Rights Scavenger Hunt or a Residents' Council-themed photo booth with fun props and words like "Teamwork" and "Collaboration." You could host a Residents' Council "meet and greet" or work with your Residents' Council Leaders/Home Area Representatives to host socials in each part of your home.

We look forward to sharing a message from our Minister of Long-Term Care, Paul Calandra to help kick off RC Week, distributed via special e-bulletin.

September 13 - Tips Tuesday

Stay tuned as OARC will be releasing a new Residents' Council Foundations FAQ document capturing some of the most common questions received by OARC's Education team. *How frequently is a Residents' Council supposed to meet? How long should we be keeping copies of our minutes?* Catch the answers to these questions and more in our handy new Fact Sheet (coming September 12). Consider holding a Residents' Council info session or discussion group where you review some of OARC's tools and resources to enhance your Council operations.

September 14 - Webinar Wednesday

Whether you're a newly formed Residents' Council, or a well-established group simply looking for a refresher, the OARC team will be sharing a recording of a new Residents' Council Foundations webinar, where OARC Resident Leaders share some promising practices for Council operations, leadership structures, inclusive meetings and more.

September 15 - Thoughtful Thursday

This day is dedicated to resident friendships, peer support and sharing. Join OARC's [Resident Forum](#) and look forward to connecting with other residents from across the province. Our Forum will be hosted by Resident Leader Leslie Froats, who is based out of Ottawa.

Brainstorm ways that your home's Resident Leaders might help to provide peer support and mentorship to help other residents feel welcome and supported in your home.



You bring the crowd, and we'll bring the party! Join us for a live concert with performer Deidrey Francois.

The OARC team invites you to join us for an afternoon of live music with special guest Deidrey Francois. Consider hosting a mini viewing party in your home as part of your Residents' Council Week festivities. Residents can also tune in from the comfort of their own rooms. Be sure to request your favourite song when registering or live during the performance. OARC will pull the names of the Residents' Council Week display board contest winners in a live draw at 2:30 pm. Join us for good music, excitement and fun!

Register today for this live concert:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_j1BMGHwFT1Glg17vRsMYMQ

Weekend Fun - September 17/18— Keep the RC week celebrations going over the weekend to extend the fun. Consider hosting a social event serving a themed mocktail, pub night or wine and cheese sponsored by Residents' Council. Work with your Dietary team to incorporate a special Residents' Choice meal or plan a special Order-In Meal Club using the RC Week Placemats (available in OARC's RC week Promo Box). You might even want to cap off your week with a Resident Recognition Awards Ceremony.

OARC Recommends....Steps for Success

- **Step 1:** Watch out for your Box – Your Residents’ Council Week Promo box will be arriving within the next week.
- **Step 2:** Plan and Promote your events – get your whole home involved in programs celebrating Residents’ Councils
- **Step 3:** Feature your Residents’ Council leaders in various ways at your home and brush up on your Residents’ Bill of Rights
- **Step 4:** Enter our “Show Us Your Board” Contest – Learn more [here](#).
- **Step 5:** Share with us -Don’t forget to take photos and submit your RC Week highlights for a chance to be featured in OARC communications.

2022 RC Week CONTEST: Show Us Your Boards

Our RC Week contest this year is themed, “Show Us Your Boards” – allowing you and your Council to showcase your current Residents’ Council and/or Resident Information board for a chance to win 1 of 3 Gift Certificates to myactivityboard.com (\$800 value includes custom board design and shipping) or 1 of 10 X \$50 Tim Horton’s Gift Cards. See our website for contest details <https://www.ontarc.com/residents-council-week/contest.html>

Deadline: Submissions should be emailed to the attention of Melissa McVie at mmcvie@ontarc.com by Wednesday, September 14th, 2022. Winners will be selected by random draw and announced during a live concert performance hosted by OARC on Friday, September 16th at 2pm. Winning Councils will be contacted directly to coordinate prizes.



Board Certificate is based off of the board below:



Other options:



Colour Choices:

