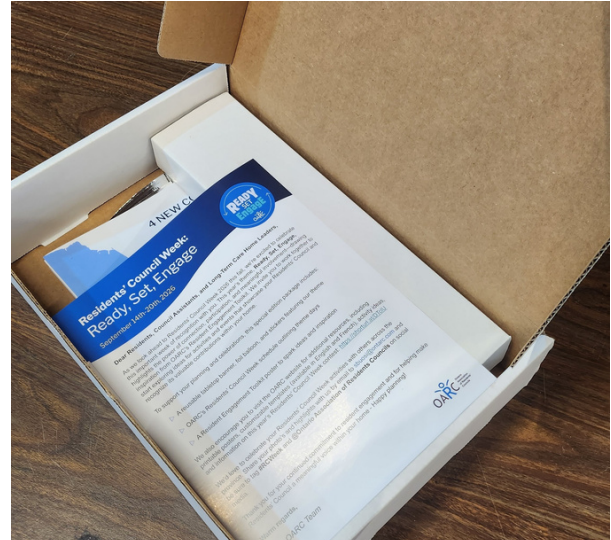


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Residents' Council Week Celebration Packages are on their way!

Our 2026 Residents' Council Week Celebration Packages are officially on their way to every Ontario long-term care home. Have you received yours?

Residents' Council Week in September is a special opportunity for your entire home to come together. This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Engage," is all about doing things with residents, and our celebration boxes are the perfect resource to help you begin planning together. We encourage you to open the box with your Residents' Council, Residents' Council Assistant, and home leadership present, and we hope the contents inspire a fruitful and fun planning process.



Inside the package, you will find:

- ▶ A reusable tabletop banner
- ▶ Stickers and a silver foil balloon with this year's theme
- ▶ A copy of our 2026 schedule of events with creative planning ideas

Reusable Tabletop Banner Guidelines

This year's Celebration Packages include a limited-edition reusable tabletop banner that can be used year round for your Residents' Council activities. The banner comes inside a metal canister and is retractable. It can be tricky to set up your banner for the first time, so please read the following guidelines.

Assemble the tabletop banner with two people for ease and safety — teamwork makes it smoother.

Instructions:

1. **Choose a suitable location:** place the banner on a flat, stable surface.
2. **Unpack and inspect:** carefully check that all components are present including the base and the two support poles.
3. **Connect the pole with the base:** fit the two pieces of the support pole together and insert the pole in the hole at the base.
4. **Gently pull up the banner from the base.** It may be helpful to place a hand on the base to help you ease the banner up.
5. **Fasten the banner:** Pull the lip of the metal edge of the banner over the extruding edge of the top of the pole. Carefully release to secure the banner. **Two hands are better than one!**

► ***To watch a video tutorial of the assembly process, please visit:**
<https://youtu.be/SIX9-x0b9mA>



Share with us on socials!

We would love to follow along with your celebrations and share your stories, experiences, and joy during this week. From September 14th - 20th, please tag us on social media with **#RCWeek** and **@Ontario Association of Residents Councils**, or email your photos and highlights to sbuosi@ontarc.com.