

Ready, Set, Engage:

Residents' Council Week 2026
Planning Webinar

Land Acknowledgement

Together, let us now pause as we acknowledge the Indigenous Peoples of all the lands that we are on today, from wherever we are virtually participating in today's meeting. Let us take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the land we each call home.

We do this to affirm our commitment and responsibility to improving relationships between nations, and to improving our own understanding of local Indigenous Peoples and their cultures.

We acknowledge the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people who call this nation home.

Let us now join in a moment of reflection to acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past and to consider how each of us, in our own way, can move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Meet the Panelists

Special thank you to guest panelist, Judy Irwin, Senior Manager, Member Communications and Engagement, Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA)



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Melissa McVie



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Erin Westwood



Stephanie Ventura

Our Time Together

READY

Prepare and Plan Together

SET

Create Opportunities for Engagement

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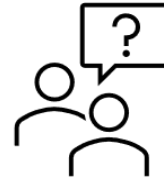
Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award
+ RC Week Contest

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Chat Box

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Question Box

Type questions in the Q&A box. We will answer as many as possible during the presentation.



Recording

A recorded version of this webinar will be available on OARC's website.
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Evaluation

After the webinar, a pop-up screen asking you to complete a survey will appear. Your feedback and suggestions are appreciated.

History of Resident's Council Week

- Celebrated since 2020
- Residents' Council Week is a time to be creative, celebrate successes and to raise awareness about the invaluable contributions that residents make in shaping the places they call home.

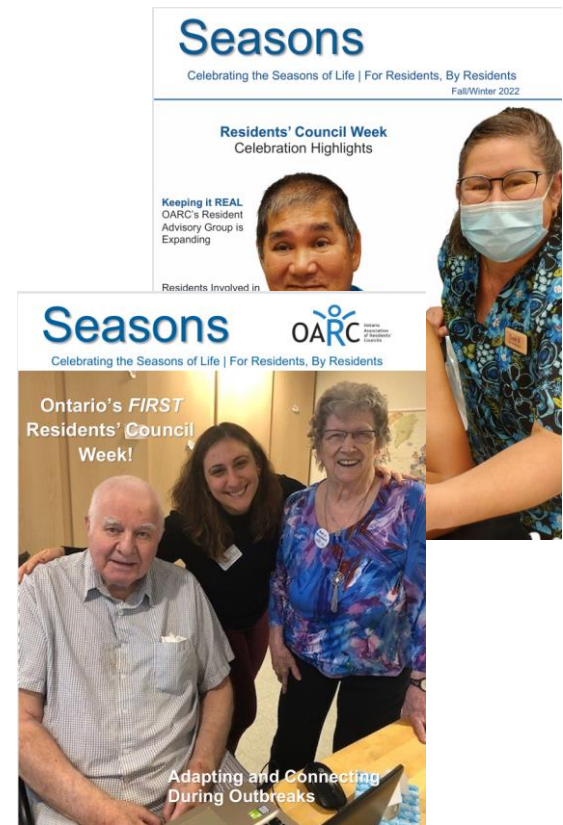


What makes this year special?

- ▶ OARC's Residents' Council Week theme is *Ready, Set, Engage*: an invitation to be involved and engaged in the life of your home
- ▶ Every long-term care home in Ontario will receive a **limited-edition** Celebration Package from OARC
- ▶ LTC Community Engagement Day falls within Residents' Council Week, on September 18th

READY: Prepare and Plan Together

1. Schedule a special RC Week planning meeting
2. Determine the size and scale of your event
3. Refer to previous editions of OARC's Season's Magazine for articles spotlighting RC Week celebrations from previous years



READY:

Prepare and Plan Together



OARC's Celebration Box

- ▶ **Limited edition**
- ▶ Available in English and French
- ▶ Shipping by beginning of July

Celebration Box Sneak Peek



- ▶ Posters and materials
- ▶ Activity guides
- ▶ Decorations
- ▶ Resources for staff and residents

Celebration Box Blue Ticket



- ▶ We're hiding six blue foil tickets at random inside our Celebration Boxes. Each lucky Residents' Council who discovers one will win an exclusive OARC prize pack.
- ▶ Take a selfie with your ticket and email Stephanie Buosi sbuosi@ontarc.com to confirm your prize.



READY: Prepare and Plan Together

Celebration Week at a Glance

- 14th - Member Monday
- 15th - Togetherness Tuesday
- 16th - Webinar Wednesday
- 17th - Thriving Thursday
- 18th - Festive Friday

Residents' Council Week:
Ready, Set, Engage

WEEK AT A GLANCE

14th Member Monday
Every resident is a member of Residents' Council, but what does it truly mean to be a member? Consider showcasing the benefits of being an active member of a Residents' Council to encourage meeting attendance.

15th Togetherness Tuesday
OARC's new Resident Engagement Toolkit promotes collaboration between residents and home leadership. Use this day as an opportunity to plan an initiative together using the toolkit's guiding questions found on page 52.
Toolkit link: <https://shorturl.at/tM4Si>

16th Webinar Wednesday – Get to know OARC's New Website
Join us as we unveil our brand-new website and learn how to navigate the new features to easily access the resources and tools you need for success! Details forthcoming at: <https://shorturl.at/dIYRC>

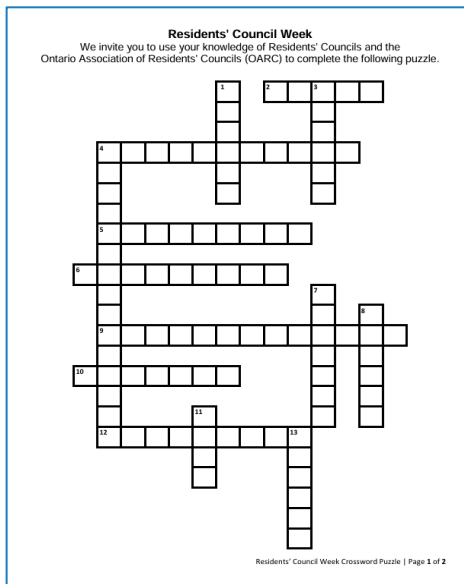
17th Thriving Thursday – English and French Forums
Connect with other residents at one of OARC's peer-led Resident Forums. This year, we invite participants to share their Residents' Council successes. No registration required: <https://shorturl.at/eQHwG>

18th Festive Friday - LTC Community Engagement Day
Roll out the red carpet and wrap this festive week with a celebration of Residents' Council and whole home achievements. Show off your Brag Boards, and consider inviting community partners and local political representatives to learn more about what makes your home special.

For a detailed schedule, including planning ideas, visit <https://shorturl.at/41TJ>

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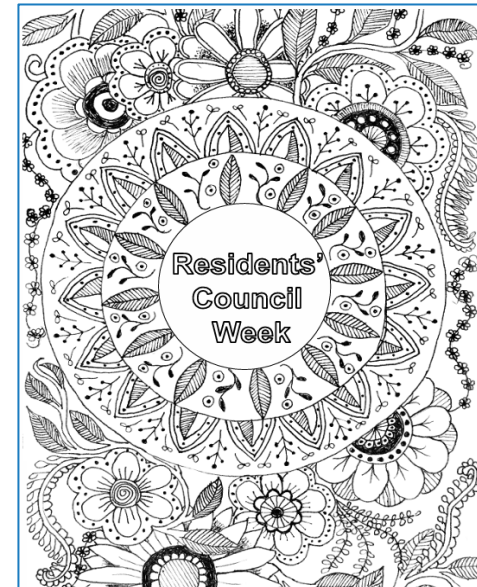
OARC's Online RC Week Resources:



Crossword puzzle



Downloadable
Poster



Colouring Pages

SET: Create Opportunities for Engagement



Leading up to Residents' Council Week

- ▶ Set up a RC Week display and posters to build interest early
- ▶ Promote RC Week in your home's newsletter
- ▶ Visit OARC's website for downloadable activities and customizable templates
- ▶ Refer to OARC's RC Week Schedule of Events and plan to attend or participate

SET: Create Opportunities for Engagement



Leading up to Residents' Council Week

- ▶ Register for OARC's September 16th Webinar
- ▶ Attend a Resident Forum (Thursdays at 2pm)
- ▶ Attend a Residents' Council Assistant Forum (last Tuesday of the month at 1pm)

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LTC Community Engagement Day

- ▶ Started by Ontario Long Term Care Association in 2024
- ▶ Opportunity to strengthen ties with the community
- ▶ Officially recognized this year on September 18th
- ▶ Cross-sector event

▶ Engage: RC Week Contest

Your Council, Your Story: Show us your Brag Board

This is your moment to shine! We invite Residents' Councils to work together with their RC Assistants and Home leadership to create a Brag Board – **a visual showcase of your achievements and positive impact**



▶ Engage: RC Week Contest

Contest Details:

- ▶ Deadline to submit: September 14th
- ▶ Winners selected: September 18th
- ▶ Three submissions will be selected through a random draw to receive a \$50 gift card for their Residents' Council.
- ▶ **Every Residents' Council is invited to submit an entry (one per home).**
- ▶ More details at <https://shorturl.at/4BcKY>

▶ Engage: Submit your Initiative

Sharron Cooke Annual Legacy Award

Sharron Cooke believed that real change happens WITH residents. If your home has created something that brought people together — big or small — we would love to hear your story.

Deadline to apply: August 21, 5pm

▶ Learn more at
<https://shorturl.at/5ziyJ>




▶ Next Steps


1. Keep an eye out for the Celebration boxes
2. Visit the RC Week section of the website throughout the summer for additional printable resources
3. Connect with your OARC Home Support and Education Regional Coach





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