

RESIDENTS' COUNCIL WEEK

Celebration Ideas

September 13th to 19th, 2021



We are excited to help you start preparations for Residents' Councils Week. We understand that every home is experiencing the pandemic and related restrictions differently, so we encourage you to find ways to connect with your peers with the support of the Residents' Council

Assistant or other team members to start brainstorming and collecting resident input on program ideas and events that your Council may wish to organize during this celebratory week.

What makes your Residents' Council special and how can you share this with others to commemorate Residents' Councils Week?

Depending on your home's situation and available resources, you may decide to offer a Council-themed activity every day during the week or devote efforts into planning one or two events to celebrate and raise awareness about the Residents' Council at your home!

Visit OARC's RCW Webpage for Residents' Council Week Ideas/ Templates
<https://www.ontarc.com/residents-council-week.html>

- RC Week Promotional Posters: [Ask A Resident](#) or [Celebrate Teamwork](#) or [Create Your Own](#)
- RC Week Create Your Own [Promotional Table Tents](#) for the dining room
- [Trivia Page](#) and [Colouring Pages](#)

The ideas listed on the back of this sheet are not prescriptive. Have fun and be sure to share your ideas and event pictures with the OARC team by tagging us on our social media pages.



Promote Residents' Councils Week in your home's newsletter and on your activity calendars. It's never too early to start - you can start drumming up interest in your August newsletter, so residents know what's coming up. Consider including pictures and short biographies about your Residents' Council leaders in your September newsletter. Create a list of Council accomplishments to highlight in your article.

Consider creating your own customized Residents' Council brochure using the OARC template <http://www.ontarc.com/education-support/tools.html#brochure>

Plan a Residents' Council social event or "meet and greet" where residents, team members, family and friends can interact and get to know the resident leaders in your home. If you live in a bigger home, consider having the resident leaders visit each floor/home area and have a more intimate social on each area.

Create a Poster/Display Board in front lobby (or one on each floor) promoting Residents' Council and to introduce and profile residents.

Consider hosting a "Red Carpet" Resident Recognition event or awards ceremony to recognize resident leaders and resident ambassadors in the home as well as your supportive partners (e.g., Residents' Council Assistant). If you can't gather as a group, you can adapt this activity to be a more intimate home area program and find ways to recognize your peers. Example: Make up fun awards with ribbons, plastic trophies or certificates.

Register for an [OARC Resident Forum](#) or participate in an OARC Educational Webinar during Residents' Council Week (check website for details).

With Council approval, consider sponsoring an entertainer (in-person, outdoor or virtual) .

Hold a Residents' Council fundraiser in support of a specific goal.

Consider printing and displaying [OARC tools and Fact sheets](#)

Integrate Residents' Bill of Rights education into Residents' Councils Week:

- Participate in [OARC's contest](#) and create your own educational video to promote the Residents' Bill of Rights featuring residents from your home
- If your home has implemented OARC's Through Our Eyes: Bringing the Residents' Bill of Rights Alive education, consider inviting your resident/staff educator team to schedule a presentation during RC Week
- Considering ordering or downloading free CLEO Residents' Bill of Rights books (available in English and French) <https://www.cleo.on.ca/en/publications/everyes>
- Repurpose pages from the [CLEO PDF document](#) as posters to promote Residents' Rights in your home's elevators or common areas! They could even be laminated!
- Print and share Residents' Bill of Rights translated into the preferred languages of residents in your home <http://www.ontarc.com/residents-bill-of-rights.html>

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