

# West Park

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## Celebrating September

**Residents' Council Week**  
*Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>*

**Residents' Council Meeting**  
*Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> 1 p.m.*  
*1<sup>st</sup> Floor Dining Room*

**Family Council Meeting**  
*September 13*

**NFL Kick-off Day**  
**KFC Lunch Bunch**  
*September 9*

**Brad Boland in Concert**  
*September 7 & 28*

**Federal Election**  
*September 20*

**Pen Centre Shopping Trip**  
*September 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Port Dalhousie**  
*Sept 13*

**Neil Bilbe's Statue Unveiling**  
**Merritt Park**  
*Sept 23*

**Grape & Wine Celebration**  
*September 24*

## Welcome, Sara Rooney

West Park is excited to welcome our new **Executive Director, Sara Rooney**. Sara Joins our team with a lot of experience working in senior living, and is a seasoned Administrator.

## West Park's leadership and administrative support team

Sara Rooney is supported by:

**Sarah Thompson, Director of Care** – *"I am an R.N. passionate about providing quality health care and teaching. I attended Western University, and am currently completing my Masters degree in Nursing from Athabasca. I'm new to the role of DOC, but I'm full of ideas and am eager to learn. On my days off, I have a 4 year old little boy who keeps me busy"*

**Irene Carter, Resident Programs Manager** – *"Our department's aim is to provide meaningful recreation and leisure opportunities for residents, across the 5 domains of health (physical, spiritual, emotional, social, and cognitive) to improve personal and communal well-being. I am trained as a recreation therapist, and have completed degrees and diplomas in business, the humanities and therapeutic recreation. When I'm not at West Park, I plan my children's recreation activities, and serve as their chauffeur, chef, and housekeeper."*

**Maria Andrei, Dietary & Environmental Manger** – *"My role in the home is the Dietary and Enviromental Manger. I joined the team 4 months ago. I came to West Park with over 20 years exerpeicne working in Retirement and LTC communités. In my spare time, I enjoy baking and making people happy."*

**Kathryn Plante, Office Manager** – *"I've been working at West Park Health Centre for 6 months. I prepare and submit all monthly billings, as well as help residents replenish and distribute their trust funds."*

**Grace Odiboh, Interim IPAC Lead** – *"I have worked as an RPN since 2019. I am currently the temporary IPAC lead, but also support RAI"*

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**Kaitlyn Pearson, RAI/MDS Coordinator** – *“I’m an RPN and have worked in LTC for 5 years. I am the RAI Coordinator at West Park Health Center and my role is to ensure care plans are accurate and up to date. I also oversee and coordinate MDS and I have been working hard to raise the CMI which is what the government uses to determine funding for the home. I am credentialed as a RAI coordinator and have advanced RUGS”*

**Taida Marczak, Nursing Clerk** – *“I’m a Nursing Clerk at West Park, and have been with the company for over 15 years. My job is mostly scheduling, payroll, and other nursing related tasks.”*

**Spence Henry – Resident Service Coordinator,** *“My name is William Henry, but please call me “Spence.” I’m the new Registered Social Worker at West Park. I come with a bachelor degree and five years of experience working in group homes that specialize in mental health, responsive behaviors, and cognitive disabilities.”*



**The West Park Team - From Left to Right:** Irene, Kathryn, Sara R., Maria, Sarah T., Kaitlyn, Grace, Spence, and Taida.

## CONTACT NUMBERS

As many of you know, it is sometimes difficult to reach either the first or second floor nurses' station, when both phones are in use.

As a solution, we have provided the RN, as well as the first and second floor RPNs with cellphones, which are intended to open lines of communication between families who would like to speak to registered staff members urgently.

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor RPN – (289) 241-5109**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor RPN - (289) 407-9129**

**RN Phone – (289) 241-0761**

If your call is not immediately answered, please text message, and the RPN or RN will return your call as soon as possible.

We ask that families continue to call the nurses' station for any non-urgent conversations.

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor RN station – (905) 688-1031, ext. 210**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor RN station – (905) 688-1031, ext. 211**

## NEW PHARMACY



We are pleased to announce a new partnership with CareRX Pharmacy, effective fall 2021. CareRX will take over from our current pharmacy provider, London Medical Pharmacy to provide pharmacy care in the Home. A CareRX customer service team member will reach out to families regarding invoicing soon, for medications not covered under the Ontario Drug Benefit plan. They will also send out a welcome package with additional information about the pharmacy. If you have any questions, please contact Sara Rooney at, (905) 688-1031, ext. 201

## Important Vaccination Update

### Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High Risk Settings

In response to evolving data around the transmissibility of the Delta variant, and based on the recent experiences of other jurisdictions, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is taking action to increase protection for our most vulnerable, including frail seniors, immunocompromised individuals and young children who are not yet eligible for vaccination. This includes making COVID-19 vaccination policies mandatory in high-risk settings, pausing the province's exit from the Roadmap to Reopen, and **providing third doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable populations. If applicable, you may receive a phone call, asking for consent for the vaccine for your loved one.

To protect vulnerable patients and staff in settings where the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19 and the Delta variant is higher, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees, staff, contractors, students, and volunteers, and for ambulance services to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for paramedics. West Park Health's centre's vaccination policy must be effective in August, and we are in compliance with the government's requirements. At minimum we require these individuals to provide proof of one of three things:

- Full vaccination against COVID-19;
- A medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19; or
- Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination educational session.

## West Park's Vaccination Rate

We are pleased to announce that we are compliant with Ontario's vaccination mandate, and have fully implemented our Home's policy.

To date, these are our Home's vaccination numbers:

### Residents

First Dose – 94%  
Second Dose – 91%  
Refused – 4 people

### Staff Members

First Dose – 93%  
Second Dose – 89 %  
Refused – 6 people

Second doses are scheduled for residents and staff members who are partially vaccinated.

For staff members refusing the COVID-19 Vaccine, have either provided a medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19, or completed a COVID-19 educational session.

## September Birthdays

***Doug Barkman***

***Niel Bilbe***

***Marion Cowan***

***Rudy De Vos***

***Mary Jean***

***Leonard Lee***

***Nancy Lee***

***Trudy Markarian***

***Jane McIntyre***

***Guido Mundula***