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ELLIOTT EXPRESS

THE Elliott COMMUNITY

Mission Statement

Quality choices in a caring and inclusive, home-like community.
A tradition of promoting dignity and independence
for those we serve and their families.



Help Make Our Boo Bash a Treat!



Saturday, October 24th at 2:00 PM

We are looking for donations of individually wrapped chocolate bars or chips.

Donations can be dropped off in the tote by the sign-in station near the back parking lot entrance, Eliott reception, or Ellridge main lobby by Wednesday, October 21st.

Your support will help us ensure a fantastic and fun-filled event for everyone.

The Elliott Fall Reflection

October 2026

Our Progress This Year

As we look back on 2026 so far, we are proud of the progress made and the strong sense of connection that defines our community. This year brought meaningful growth, strengthened our person-centered approach to care and celebrated the people who make The Elliott Community a special place.

Safety & Security

- Enhanced Emergency Preparedness Program
- Implemented overhead paging in the Elliott & Ellington buildings for emergency announcements
- Adjusted access hours at the main entrance to enhance security to the Elliott building

Recreation

- We offer evening programs five nights per week accross the home
- Hosted activities and events to experience and celebrate different cultures
- Welcomed a new Spiritual Care & Culture Coordinator to honour diverse beliefs, values and needs
- Partnered with the YMCA Child Care Centre creating meaningful connections with children

Services Offered

- Enhanced complimentary coffee & tea in 3 areas
- Embedding a person-centered approach throughout our services

Dining

- We play music in dining rooms during all meals
- Adapted 16 family favourite recipes to our seasonal menus

Person-Centred Care

- 80 additional team members completed 8 training workshops in person-centered dementia care
- Progressed implementation of The Butterfly Approach in the Eramosa and Paisley home areas
- Introduced the RNAO Best Practice Clinical Pathway for Palliative Care, which increases knowledge and awareness of values and goals for our team, families and people who live here



Guelph Storm Tickets Available

Interested in attending a Guelph Storm game this season? We have tickets available for select games throughout the season!

If you're interested in attending a game, please contact: Michelle Holland

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Special thanks to our Partnership with The Guelph Storm Adopt-a-charity Program that made these tickets possible.






CHRISTMAS



















OCTOBER OUTINGS



Thursday October 1st Leaving at 1:00pm
Country Drive & Baden Coffee Company Outing
Cost is $10 transportation plus spending money

Thursday October 8th Leaving at 11:30
Swiss Chalet Lunch Outing
Cost is $10 transportation and cost of Lunch



Sunday October 18th Leaving at 1:15pm
Guelph Storm Game Outing
Cost is $10 transportation plus spending money



Thursday October 29th Leaving at 9:30am
Stroms Pumpkin Patch Outing
Cost is $10 transportation plus spending money

All outings require sign-up through Recreation. Please note that spots are limited, so while we strive to accommodate all requests, availability is not guaranteed.

October Community Centre/Chapel Programs & Events

Monday October 5th at 2:00pm

Meet the Guelph Mayoral Candidates

Tuesday October 6th at 2:00pm

Fall Fair with Diamonds in the Ruff Dog Show

In the Back Courtyard

Wednesday October 7th at 2:00pm

Young Guys & Girls 2.0 Performance

Thursday October 15th at 2:00pm

Birthday Party with Celebrity Productions

Wednesday October 21st at 2:00pm

Guelph Wellington Mens Choir Concert

Saturday October 24th at 2:00pm

Halloween Boo Bash

Wednesday October 28th at 2:00pm

Accordion with Gary

Friday October 30th at 2:00pm

Halloween Party with The Remedy Group

October Chapel Spiritual Programs

Sunday Chapel Services

10:00am in the Community Centre Chapel
2:00pm in the Edinburgh LTC Home Area

Wednesday October 7th at 10:00am
St. George's Service

Wednesday October 14th at 10:00am
St. Andrew's Service

Wednesday October 21st 10:00am
Roman Catholic Mass

Wednesday October 29th at 2:00pm
Memorial Service



Working on our Wings

Updates on The Butterfly Approach for Residents and Families



We are excited to share some important updates about The Butterfly Approach at The Elliott Community.

In June 2025, we achieved accreditation in The Butterfly Approach from Meaningful Care Matters (MCM) in our Wellington, Fountain and Edinburgh home areas. This made The Elliott Community the first home in Guelph to be accredited in this internationally recognized approach to person-centred and emotion-focused care.

Following this achievement, we began implementing The Butterfly Approach on the second floor in our Paisley and Eramosa home areas. Our goal is to become an accredited Butterfly Home across all five home areas by the end of 2026.

As we get closer to accreditation in Paisley and Eramosa, we are also taking the next step in our partnership with Meaningful Care Matters.

A New Partnership with Meaningful Care Matters

The Elliott Community is beginning a new partnership with Meaningful Care Matters through **The Sustainability Approach.**

The Sustainability Approach provides ongoing support and coaching to organizations that have implemented The Butterfly Approach. This helps us maintain the changes we have made and continue to build a meaningful culture of care across The Elliott Community.

Here is what this means for each area of our community:

Paisley and Eramosa – Butterfly Home Areas in Progress

This fall, Tiana Gabbidon, Nurse Consultant with Meaningful Care Matters will visit The Elliott Community for two days to observe daily life in the Paisley and Eramosa home areas.

This visit will help MCM understand what life is like for people who live here, their family members and the team and determine whether the home areas have achieved accreditation in The Butterfly Approach.

Wellington, Fountain and Edinburgh – Accredited Butterfly Home Areas

Wellington, Fountain and Edinburgh achieved Butterfly accreditation in May 2025. As part of our new Sustainability Approach partnership with Meaningful Care Matters, our accreditation will now follow a three-year cycle and will be extended to 2028 in these home areas. This means there will not be a MCM accreditation visit to these home areas this year.

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Instead, while MCM is on-site for the Paisley and Eramosa accreditation audit, Elliott leaders will complete an internal observation to see how the Butterfly Approach continues to be experienced in Wellington, Fountain and Edinburgh.

Retirement Living – Ellington and Nottingham

Our new partnership with Meaningful Care Matters also gives us an opportunity to explore what person-centred and emotion-focused care can look like in Retirement Living.

Beginning this fall, we will work with the Meaningful Care Matters, Elliott team members and the people who live in Ellington and Nottingham to develop a vision and plan for these areas. We are pleased to be the first organization in Ontario to partner with Meaningful Care Matters in Retirement Living.

As a first step, members of the MCM team will spend one day in the common areas of Nottingham and Ellington in October. They will observe and learn in these areas. This will help us understand what daily life is like in Ellington and Nottingham and develop a plan that reflects the needs of the people who live, work and visit there.

We Are Transforming Together

We are looking forward to these next steps in our journey. We believe this partnership will help us create an even more meaningful experience for everyone who lives, works at and visits The Elliott Community. Everyone has a role to play in this transformation.

Staff, residents, families, volunteers and visitors will all have opportunities to be involved. We will continue to share updates and opportunities to participate through The Elliott Express newsletter and monthly updates to Resident and Family Councils.

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Help Us Bring Our Vision to Life

This expansion of person-centred and emotion-focused care at The Elliott is made possible in part by the generous support of our community.

Visit our website to learn how your support can help us bring this vision to life and build a better tomorrow for everyone we serve at The Elliott Community.

https://www.elliottcommunity.org/fundraising

Thank you for your ongoing support as we continue this journey of change together.

Questions?

If you have questions about The Butterfly Approach or any of the information in this update, please contact:

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Infection Control and Prevention Update

October Vaccination Clinics at The Elliott
Protecting Our Residents This Fall

As we enter the fall and winter respiratory illness season, vaccination is an important part of protecting our residents and community.

We are pleased to announce that vaccination clinics will be held at The Elliott in October for our residents. A local pharmacy team will be coming to The Elliott to provide vaccinations to residents.

📅 **Clinic Dates: To Be Announced**

The dates and times are still being finalized.

Information will be shared with residents and families as soon as the clinic dates and times are confirmed.

What to Expect

✅ The pharmacy team will come directly to The Elliott to vaccinate residents.

✅ Residents and families will receive information about the clinic once the details are confirmed.

✅ Vaccination will be provided according to each resident's eligibility and consent.

✅ Please speak with a member of the care team if you have questions about your loved one's vaccination.

Why Vaccination Matters

Residents in long-term care may be at greater risk of serious illness from respiratory infections. Vaccination can provide an important layer of protection against illnesses such as influenza and COVID-19.

Vaccination works together with other infection prevention measures, including hand hygiene, staying home when unwell, respiratory etiquette, and following IPAC precautions.

Infection Control and Prevention Update

Fall Reminder

As we prepare for the respiratory illness season, let's continue working together to protect our residents.

✅ Vaccinate when eligible

✅ Clean your hands

✅ Stay home when unwell

✅ Follow IPAC guidance

❌ Myth: “I am healthy, so I don't need a vaccination.”

✅ Fact: Even healthy people can get respiratory infections and pass them to others. Vaccination provides an additional layer of protection and is especially important in long-term care communities.

More information about the vaccination clinics will be shared once the dates and times are confirmed.

Thank you for helping us keep The Elliott community safe and healthy!

General Store
Hours of Operation

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	Closed	12:30-3:30pm
Wednesday	9:30-12:30pm	12:30-3:30pm
Thursday	9:30-12:30pm	12:30-2:00pm
Friday	9:30 - 12:30pm	Closed
Saturday	Closed	12:30-3:30pm
Sunday	9:30-12:30pm	Closed

Thank you for your business!