

SPM NEWS

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Happy New Year to you and your family!: 2018 has started off with a lot of snow but promises to be a promising and interesting year.

It is Flu and Cold Season: So please remember to wash your hands, and if you have a cold or the flu we would discourage you from coming to visit your loved one as they are vulnerable to cold and flu and so is the home to an outbreak. It is not too late to get your flu shot at most local pharmacies and your doctors office. Thank you.

Paratransit changes for 2018

Beginning January 2018 families will be required to cover the cost of resident outings for more than one social outing in a month and any missed medical appointments.

Life Enrichment will cover medical appointments, group outings with Life Enrichment staff and one resident social outing home or in the community per month.

If they have any further questions, please have them contact Nancy Nesbitt Boucher at 613-342-5531 ext. 126.

Scent Free Home: Please be reminded that Sherwood Park Manor is a scent free home and as such to remind and we are asking you not to bring in heavy perfumes and colognes as some people are allergic.

It is tax season and residents and their POA's will be receiving Summary of Accommodation charges in February 2018 for (Taxation year 2017) with their monthly invoice statements. A letter will accompany this summary which needs to be sent to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Please note the following when preparing tax returns:

1. The tax receipts you receive are for **Medical Expenses only** not for rent.
2. Sherwood Park Manor does not pay property taxes so you are not able to claim for rent paid in that area of the income tax form.
3. When you prepare the resident's income tax return in hard copy or electronically you must attach the tax receipt and letter to the income tax form and send it in to Canada Revenue Agency.

It is important for all residents and their POA's to note that it is especially critical for those residents that wish to continue to claim a Rate Reduction of their monthly accommodation fees to have completed their income taxes each year as it is based upon the Letter of Assessment received from Canada Revenue Agency that the resident will send in with the completed the Rate Reduction form where the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) will reduce your monthly accommodation fees.