

July Birthdays

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Birthday Tea

Thursday | July 30
2:30 pm | Camelia
With the music of the
incomparable Greg Alcock !!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Neil M.	July 1	Leslie H.	July 14
Mary P.	July 5	Rose B.	July 14
Linda M.	July 7	Garry C.	July 16
Julia H.	July 8	Audrey F.	July 17
Glyn D.	July 12	Margaret R.	July 31
Kimiyo I.	July 13		



OUR PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE DAY



Our Rec Department is looking for any donations to use in gift baskets for

our upcoming Christmas Craft Fair. If you have something you would like to donate, please contact:

patricia.foley@salvationarmy.ca.

Items can include but are not limited to:

- ♦ Tickets for sporting/other events
- ♦ Gift cards
- ♦ Bath products (new loofas, body wash or lotions, nail files, nail polish, manicure sets)
- ♦ Kitchen items (new serving dishes, Tupperware, pampered chef, herbs or spices, mixes, etc.)
- ♦ Reusable drink cups/mugs
- ♦ Writing supplies (note books, pens, stickers)
- ♦ Scented candles
- ♦ Bottles of wine or other bottled beverages

Also, any empty baskets that we can use to make up our gift basket sets would be greatly appreciated ❤️

2026 FUNDRAISING PROJECT



SUGGESTIONS & DONATIONS WELCOME!



T.E.A.M.

Together Everyone Achieves More

Appreciate the differences and diversity among our staff and residents so that we are always learning and improving.



BUCHANAN LODGE



To all my Dear Canadian friends:
"Happy Canada Day!"
I trust you are enjoying it in your own special way.

It's a big, beautiful country with nature at its best: mountains, rivers, meadows, lakes, and coastlines north, east and west.

Opportunities thrive here, something for everyone. We have many freedoms and take advantage of each one.

I'll take a quiet moment today to be grateful I am here in Canada, this glorious land, to celebrate another year.



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Buchanan Buzz

NEWS FROM 409 BLAIR AVE.

JULY 2026



June Memories



Staff
Intro
Info

Introducing Ajay

Ajay Matharu, our Administrative Coordinator, moved to Canada in 2016 as an international student. He enrolled in the Business Administration and Management program through Sprott Shaw college. He had also earned an MBA from the university back home in Panjab (equivalent to dual Bachelors degrees).

Besides his work as a student, Ajay paid for his own tuition and living costs by working at a gas station, 7-Eleven, Home Depot, Urban Barn, and night shifts as a security officer at a sawmill. He also took on arduous odd jobs requiring some heavy lifting, including working in a freezer with minus temperature. His work experience also accumulated 6 years of office administration, some from back home as well as a variety of office work here in the Lower Mainland: two furniture stores, SUCCESS Chinese Service Centre, and George Derby Centre (LTC).

With that background in business administration, Ajay became our Administrative Coordinator here at Buchanan Lodge in September, 2024. He arrived just in time to help us transition to a centralized HR department and the challenging new operating program, Workday! The road here was not easy: facing cross-cultural challenges, achieving permanent residency, living through COVID-19 restrictions, and managing his college fees and personal expenses all on his own. He remained strong and determined by staying focused on his goals.

The rewards for that perseverance included meeting and marrying Harwinder, who moved to Canada a year before Ajay. They met at a coffee shop appropriately named "Connect Café," never imagining at that time they would become connected forever. They married December 10, 2025. All of Ajay's experience prepared him well for this new chapter in their life together. Be sure to let Ajay know how much we love and appreciate all that he does in coordinating our work here!

Fortunate folks born in Canada can be inspired by those who legally immigrated here. Often they had to start over again. As in Ajay's case, the process required a relentless work ethic and unwavering commitment, two very valuable character qualities.

The Bible has lots to say about the benefits of hard work, especially Proverbs: *"Lazy people want much but get little, but those who work hard will prosper"* (Proverbs 13:6). I like this reminder that the work we do should be "good" work, much like we enjoy here at Buchanan: *"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct. ...So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up"* (Galatians 6:4,5,9). To Ajay and the rest of our hard-working team at Buchanan, keep up the good work!

~ Chaplain Rob



Ajay & Harwinder on Dec. 10, 2025!

Coming Soon

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION
Thursday | July 2 | 2 pm | MPR
With music by Bruce



Thursday - July 2 | 2 pm | Bruce | Canada BDay | MPR
Saturday - July 4 | 10 am | Pete | Camelia
Tuesday - July 7 | 3 pm | Jesse | Rose
Friday - July 10 | 2 pm | Steven | Magnolia
Monday - July 13 | 10 am | Alastair | Magnolia
Saturday - July 18 | 2 pm | Alastair | Willow
Thursday - July 23 | 2:30 pm | Pete | Camelia
Wednes. - July 29 | 2 pm | Steven | Willow
Thursday - July 30 | 2:30 pm | Greg | Camelia | BDays

SUMMER HOUSE BBQ's

With summer upon us, the Rec Team is hosting a lunch time **Hamburger BBQ** for each house in July and **BBQ Steak Dinners** in August!

HAMBURGER LUNCH

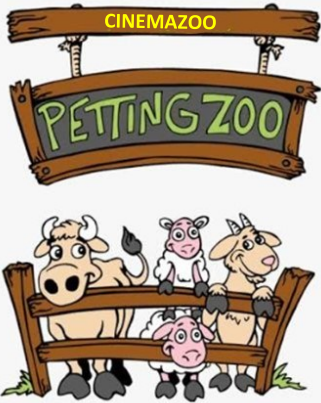
Thursday - July 9 | Magnolia
Thursday - July 16 | Willow
Thursday - July 23 | Rose
Thursday - July 30 | Camelia

Your family member living at Buchanan will automatically receive a BBQ hamburger meal, if they are on a regular or cut up diet, unless you let Recreation know otherwise.

If you are planning on joining in the lunch please include:

1. Residents name
2. Your name
3. Total # of guests attending (not counting your family member living here)

The cost for families will be **\$12 each** & will include: a beef or veg burger (with cheese, mustard, ketchup, relish & mayo), potato chips, lemonade, and an ice cream novelty (sandwich, fudgsicle or drumstick)



HAMBURGER LUNCH continued...

The ticket cost will be submitted to your resident's comfort fund account at Buchanan. All proceeds will go towards fundraising for additional special musical entertainers throughout the year.

STEAK DINNER BBQ

Magnolia & Camelia Houses
Thursday August 13 | 5 pm
Rose & Willow Houses
Thursday August 20 | 5 pm
More details in August Buzz.

Buchanan Lodge Petting Zoo

Wednesday | July 8 | 9:30-1:30 pm

Free for Residents - Join the goats, sheep, chickens, rabbits, donkey & miniature horse - Camelia Garden. Family are welcome to escort their loved ones down for a visit, but please let Rec know ahead of time. If you have grandchildren that would enjoy this as well, please RSVP before July 6. The children can be with the animals from 11:45-12:45 only, while our residents are at lunch. Min. donation \$5 per child.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH SUMMER 2026



Mondays
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
Tuesdays
SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am
Wednesdays
MASS - 1st Wednesday at 11 am
COMMUNION - 3rd Wednesday at 11 am
Thursdays
CHAPELS
Rose at 10 am | Willow at 11 am
Sundays
Camelia at 10 am | Magnolia at 11 am

On The Road Again!

July 3 Morning Drive
July 15 Lunch Outing
Aug 7 Morning Drive
Aug 27 Morning Drive

