

May 2019

Fiddick's Forum

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Celebrating May

**Physical Fitness & Sports
Month**

Older Americans Month

Meditation Month

Be Kind to Animals Week

May 5–11

Teacher Day

May 7

Mother's Day

May 12

Nylon Stockings Day

May 15

Memorial Day: U.S.

May 27

Paper Clip Day

May 29

Road Trip to the Odd and Awesome

May 5–11 is Travel and Tourism Week, and while you could spend all seven days visiting popular destinations such as Niagara Falls, Mount Rushmore, or the Grand Canyon, you could also pile into the car and take the path less traveled to see some of America's odd and awesome roadside attractions.

In Houston, Texas, you'll find the home of John Milkovisch. Back in 1968, he grew tired of mowing the lawn, so he decided to landscape his yard entirely in brick, marbles, concrete, rock, and wood. He didn't stop there: Milkovisch continued to cover his house entirely in siding made from aluminum beer cans. For the next 18 years, he used an estimated 50,000 beer cans to both insulate and decorate his home. The "Beer Can House" is not just a monument to the power of recycling, but it is an artistic center complete with guided tours and a gift shop.

If you're interested in giant-sized sculptures, options abound along America's highways. Thirty-foot-tall dinosaurs loom above Interstate 10 south of Palm Springs, California. An 80-foot-long blue whale rests in a lagoon along Route 66 in Catoosa, Oklahoma. Two giant milk bottles are all that remain of the Benewah Dairy Company of Spokane, Washington. The Longaberger Basket Company of Newark, Ohio, spent \$30 million to build its headquarters in the shape of a seven-story picnic basket with two 150-ton handles. (The Longaberger Company has since vacated the property but the unique building still remains.)

For those with an itch to see the exotic, you can find a replica of the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Niles, Illinois, but it's only half as tall and half as leaning. A small-scale replica of China's Forbidden City exists in Katy, Texas, complete with a miniature army of 6,000 tiny terra-cotta soldiers. You need travel no farther than Lake Havasu City, Arizona, to see the London Bridge. Oil baron Robert McCulloch moved all the pieces of the "fallen down" London Bridge to Arizona and put them together again as a ploy to draw tourists, which it has for almost 50 years.

Message from Mike

I believe that the beginning of spring temperatures may have just arrived. We've had some nice sunny days, blue skies and the temperature is starting to increase. The farmers will soon be getting ready to plant and the flowers are starting to bloom, the robins have arrived so you can tell that spring is definitely in the air. I know that all of our residents will enjoy getting outside on the warm spring days after our cold and grey winter.

Our Activity Department has many activities planned for the month of May, including our Mother's Day Tea, which I hope many of you will be able to attend.

I would like to thank all of our Residents and their families for allowing us to care for their loved ones, as it is our privilege. If we can do anything more for anyone, please do not hesitate to ask and my office door is always open.

As it will soon be Mother's Day I will leave you with this....

"Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever."

Michael Fiddick,
Administrator

Family Council

Our next Family Council meeting will be on **Wednesday, May 29th at 4:00pm** in the Victoria Way Conference Room. We will be discussing upcoming spring/summer events and other facility updates.

The Family Council invites you to help us clean up the courtyards. May 7th and 8th from 9am to 12pm

"A Family Council is an organized, self-led, self-determining, democratic group composed of family and friends of the resident of a Long-Term Care Home. The main purposes of a Family Council are to improve the quality of life of Long-Term Care residents and to give families and friends a forum for sharing their experiences, learning and exchanging information."

- Family Councils Ontario

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers out there!

We will be hosting a **Mother's Day Tea** on Friday, May 10th at 2:30pm in Victoria Way for Ruby Hall, Victoria Way and Fairbanks Court residents and in Retirement Home for Barclay Lane and Retirement Home residents. Please come join your mother for some coffee, tea, and baked goods.



Friendly Reminders:

- All clothing has to be machine washable in hot water for infection control.
- We ask that all residents have AT LEAST 7 day's worth of clothing.
- All clothing items brought in must be dropped off at MAA for proper labelling and documentation.

Adopt-A-Garden

The Fiddick's Adopt-A-Garden program is designed to encourage resident and family involvement in our continuing efforts to keep Fiddick's a beautiful place to live, work and visit. These gardens are a visual representation of the pride that we have in our home.

If you would like to Adopt-A-Garden please contact Carly Gill the Activity Director at 519-882-0370 or bmcgill@fiddicksnursinghome.com



Fiddick's Nursing and Retirement Home Welcomes...

Margaret Turner
Maxine McKay
Jack Norris
Ollie Gudz
Willard Kelly
John Douglas Phippen
Hartfrid Hentschel
Lisa Gruening
Ruth Hassett

And mourns the loss of...

Ernest Gray
Jeanne Bellemore
Doreen Mahon
Joan Labelle
Al Butler
Michael Beal



For the Love of Pugs



Pug lovers of every stripe will flock to Milwaukee on the weekend of May 18–19 for the annual Pugfest. The focus of the festivities revolves around three adorable costume contests, where pug owners parade their dogs for all to see. The costume categories are: "Hand-Crafted," "Ready-Made," and "Strollers and Floats." When visitors aren't ooh-ing and aah-ing over the cute dogs, they will be watching pug races and allowing Father John Allen to perform the annual Blessing of the Pugs. Why do people love these tiny and, some might say, ugly dogs? They were originally bred as companion animals for Chinese royalty. When the dogs were brought back to Europe in the 16th century, European royalty adopted the practice. Today, anyone can feel like a king or queen with their own pug pup.

Resident Birthdays

Barclay Lane

Lydia Panniers- May 22nd

Christena Pauling- May 25th

Bob Mills- May 31st

Fairbanks Court

Bob Brown-May 10th

Ruby Hall

Margaret Wiles- May 10th

Terry Brander- May 17th

Cecile Hill- May 28th

Nancy MacDougall- May 30th

Victoria Way

Elenor Horton- May 5th

Margaret Stewart - May 15th

Thelma Kember- May 18th

Reta Henderson- May 21st

Retirement Home

Doris Fraser- May 3rd

Nellie Luck- May 28th



*Join us for our May Birthday Party on **Thursday, May 16th** with musical entertainment from **Joel Horvath!** As always, cake and refreshments will be served. We hope to see you there!*

May Birthdays

In astrology, those born May 1–20 are Bulls of Taurus. Bulls are stable, reliable, patient, and determined. They will work hard and finish the job no matter what gets in their way, but they expect to be rewarded! Those born May 21–31 are Gemini's Twins. Twins seem to have two personalities and can blend into any situation. They have an energetic and fun-loving side that is the life of the party but also a deep and emotional side that needs love and nurturing.

Bing Crosby (singer) – May 3, 1903
Audrey Hepburn (actress) – May 4, 1929
Nellie Bly (journalist) – May 5, 1864
Orson Welles (director) – May 6, 1915
J.M. Barrie (author) – May 9, 1860
Salvador Dali (artist) – May 11, 1904
Florence Nightingale (nurse) – May 12, 1820
Liberace (pianist) – May 16, 1919
Lorraine Hansberry (playwright) – May 19, 1930
Peggy Lee (singer) – May 26, 1920
Bob Hope (comedian) – May 29, 1903

May Special Events

May 3rd

Phil's Retirement Party

May 9th

Strangway Choir Performs

May 10th

Mothers Day Tea Party

May 13th

Music with Marc & Kim Reid

May 14th

Birthday Party with Joel Horvath

May 22nd

SUES Ukulele Ensemble

