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A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT BELLWOODS

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Headlines

Make Your Voice Count: Join BCAC



Want to help shape the future of Bellwoods? The Bellwoods Community Advisory Council (BCAC) is looking for new members!

BCAC brings together clients, caregivers, family members, and community allies to share ideas and feedback that help improve services and quality of life.

Want to apply? Click the button below to fill out the form. Reach out to Beverley Nickoloff (bev.nickoloff@bcclsp.org) to learn more. The deadline to apply is **July 31, 2026**.

BCAC Expression of Interest Form



Supporting Your Care & Protecting Your Privacy

Our team has been reminded to clock in and out of each visit using their work devices. This helps us **keep clear and accurate records of the care you receive!**

We’ve also reinforced the importance of protecting your privacy, including using **secure work devices** when accessing care information **to help keep your information safe.**

Upcoming Event

SAVE THE DATE: CLIENT BBQ JULY 21



You're invited to Bellwoods' Annual Client BBQ!

-  **Tuesday, July 21, 2026**
-  **3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
-  **1082 DUNDAS STREET WEST, TORONTO M6J 1X1**

Join us for an afternoon of great food, music, and community connection. The Client BBQ is a chance for clients to come together, celebrate summer, and enjoy time with friends old and new!

Guests will enjoy a complimentary BBQ meal and refreshments, with accommodations available for dietary needs.

RSVP by July 7, 2026 to help us plan food quantities and accommodations.

Need help RSVPing?

Keylin Mena (Clerk)
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We look forward to celebrating with you! 🍌🌻🍷

RSVP HERE

Community Highlights

Community Garden Day

A big thank you to Blair for hosting Community Garden Day! Together, fruits and vegetables were planted to help grow a welcoming space that everyone can enjoy.

Check out the video below to see some of the great moments. We hope to see you there next time!



Events, Things to Do, Perks & Discounts



Pride Parade

The official Toronto Pride Parade will take place on Sunday, June 28, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as the grand finale of the month-long 2SLGBTQ+ festival.

The route typically starts at Bloor Street (near Rosedale Valley Road), travels south down Yonge Street, and ends near Bay and Queen Streets.

[Click the image above to find out more info.](#)



Celebrate Canada Day: Fireworks & Events

Planning something for Canada Day? There are fireworks and celebrations happening across Toronto and the GTA.

Check out a full list of events and viewing spots [\[here\]](#) and find a celebration near you.

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Save All Summer with Your Presto Card

Your PRESTO card can do more than get you around — it can also unlock discounts on events, attractions, and dining across Toronto this summer!

Enjoy savings on experiences like Ripley's (20% off), City Cruises (20%), the Toronto Zoo (15%), and Cirque du Soleil (20%). Visit the [PRESTO website](#) to explore all available offers and learn how to redeem them.

Staff Updates

 Housing Update: New Manager Role

Bellwoods has introduced a new Manager, Housing role to help strengthen how we support clients and coordinate housing services across our sites. This role focuses on tenant support, addressing housing concerns, and helping ensure safe, respectful living environments.

Please join us in welcoming Sacha Heravi back to Bellwoods in this role! You may see him around the sites as he works with clients and staff to support housing needs.

Welcoming New PSWs

Joining our Bellwoods PSW team this month:

- **Rowland Agirimaonwu (Yonge)** – experience in hospital, long-term care, and developmental support settings. Rowland brings specialized skills in dementia care, safe patient handling, and supporting individuals with complex needs.
- **Kabeer Ayinde (Yonge)** – frontline home care experience and a strong focus on palliative and end-of-life support. Kabeer brings a calm, compassionate approach to meeting clients’ daily needs and promoting dignity.
- **Lucy Mugenyi (Elm)** – brings a unique background in international community development and transitional care, with a strong focus on building trust, supporting recovery, and promoting independence in daily living.
- **Asha Jose (Elm)** – hands-on clinical placement experience with strong skills in vital signs monitoring and medication support, paired with a careful, compassionate approach to person-centred care.
- **Adewunmi Esho (Elm)** – bringing experience across long-term care, community, and school settings, this PSW combines strong clinical skills with behavioural support training and a calm, attentive approach to both emotional and physical care.
- **Sidela Lattibeaudiere (Dundas)** – bringing experience across hospital, long-term care, and community settings, with strong documentation skills and a client-directed approach grounded in promoting independence and safe, respectful care.
- **Maryproscia Okere (Sudbury)** - has a background in psychology and hands-on experience in both acute care and long-term care. Maryproscia brings a strong clinical lens to care, combining sharp observation skills and a responsive approach in fast-paced environments.
- **Aziat Sandda (Shaw-CC)** - experience supporting both children and adults with disabilities, bringing a balance of emotional support and hands-on care in diverse settings.
- **Lidia Okubamichael (Shaw)** - With a background in customer service, education, and leadership roles, Lidia brings strong communication skills, adaptability, and a people-first mindset as she works toward her nursing career.
- **Sofia Araya (Madison)** - With experience in both long-term care and home support, this PSW brings a hands-on, well-rounded approach to care, combining daily support skills with a strong focus on independence and meaningful client engagement.

June and July include a number of important cultural and community observances, such as National Indigenous Peoples Day, Pride Month, and Canada Day. These moments offer opportunities to learn, reflect, and celebrate.

 **National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)**
On June 21, we recognize and celebrate the cultures, traditions, and contributions of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples across Canada.

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