



Yaletown House: Family and Friends Update Winter/Spring 01.31.07



Happy 2007 from Carol Crichton,
Executive Director

Thank you for Being a Part of our Success.



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2007 is going to be an exciting year at Yaletown House. This year we are officially launching our Building Modernization and Renovation Update project, called **Quality of Life Starts at Home**. As we have been sharing with you for the past year, Yaletown House has been working with Architects, Interior Designers, staff, and families to create a future building renovation and modernization plan. The plan includes changes to the following areas:

1. Dining area
2. Main floor lounge area
3. New programming spaces
4. Floor lounges
5. Special Care Unit

The Architects have completed their final report and we now have sketches, designs, models, furniture styles and fabric swatches on display in the main foyer.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns relating to Yaletown House, please contact me at 604 806-4202 or cacrichton@yaletown.org



COLD AND FLU PREVENTION REMINDERS

HAND WASHING – Regular hand washing with soap and water before and after visiting is one of the best defensive measures you can take to help prevent the spread of germs. But if you cannot use soap and water, the next best method is

using our hand washing stations which are located through the facility. Recently we have added four new hand washing stations (handgel) to the 3rd and 4th floors in the following areas: across from the west wing elevator and across from the nursing station near the east wing elevator. The 2nd floor stations will be added shortly. Please use the stations before visiting residents and before leaving the building. Thank you!

ILLNESS-If you have symptoms of illness



(such as fever, chills, headache, sore throat, joints and/or muscle aches, cough), please delay visiting your

family member. Should Yaletown House experience a significant flu outbreak, all recreation programs and family visiting will be limited until the Health Board deems it safe to resume such activities. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. Please check our web site Family and Friends Page for updates concerning any flu outbreak!

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An Invitation to Learn More...

We invite you to learn more about our plans at the monthly Family and Friends Nights held the second Thursday of every month. Starting at 6:30 pm on **February 8, March 8 and April 12**, members of the Management Team will be present to share our vision for Yaletown House, tell you more about **Quality of Life Starts at Home** and answer any questions that you may have. We are very excited about our renovation project and welcome your interest, input, and participation.



Staff Fund Thank you to everyone who

donated to the Staff Fund in 2006. The staff greatly appreciates your generosity. The Human Resource/Information Team, comprised of staff from various departments, manages the Staff Fund and decides how the funds will be spent.

Vancouver Chamber Players



Yaletown House is pleased to be hosting three more concerts by the Vancouver Chamber Players. The Vancouver Chamber Players are a group of elite, classical musicians arranged by Peter Lang. Please join us for our 2007 performances. All concerts are on Mondays starting at 10:30 until 11:30 am: **Everyone welcome.** Next dates: February 26, March 26, April 23, May 21

Family and Friends Nights



Please join residents, families and staff for live music and refreshments at the Family and Friends Night. The party is held the 2nd **Thursday** of every month, unless otherwise posted. The next events are **February 8, March 8,**

April 12, and May 10. The fun starts at 6:30 pm and everyone is welcome.



Parking Review

Visitor Parking - Remember that when you park out back, families need to register their license plate number on the clipboard located in the main reception area.

Underground Ramp Parking - We request that families do not park on the ramp in the front of the building as these parking spots are reserved for service vehicles and authorized staff.

Drive Way Parking - Our front driveway is reserved to allow access for emergency vehicles, handi-dart (BC Transit), drop off/pick up and the Yaletown House bus. We appreciate that families need an area to pick up or drop off their residents; however we would ask for your cooperation in adhering to our **3-minute limit** when using the driveway.

Service Vehicles only Parking - There is a space near the building entrance marked "service vehicles only" – so that companies providing building service needs can easily access their tools and supplies while repairing or servicing equipment. We ask that families do not park in this spot.



ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING

Please let Sharon, Receptionist, know as soon as possible if you change your contact details. Send information via email reception@yaletown.org or call 604.689.0022 local 300.



Monthly Birthday Events – Every month we host a birthday party to celebrate each residents' special day. In addition to cake and singing happy birthday, we give each month's birthday party a theme, sometimes it is cowboys or Mexican salsa Dance or Valentines; generally each theme is seasonal. Please come out, enjoy some cake and wish our residents Happy Birthday. Everyone is welcome. Upcoming **Thursday** Dates: **February 22, March 22, April 26** and **May 24.** The fun starts at 2pm.



RESIDENT AND FAMILY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please join us for the monthly Resident and Family Council meetings, held the second **Wednesday** of every month (excluding August and December) from 2:00pm to 2:45pm. **The dates for 2007 are: February 14, March 14, and April 11 starting at 2pm.** For more information contact Yoying Orosa, Manager Social Work, at 604 806-4201 or by email at yorosa@yaletown.org



BUILDING SECURITY - Please help us keep Yaletown House safe and secure for our residents, staff and visitors. If you are arriving and become concerned that someone has followed you into the facility (after you have pressed the entry code), please contact a staff member immediately and advise them of your concern. If you cannot locate a staff person, there is a phone near the TV on the main floor and **dial 370** for a nurse. As well, if you are visiting and you suspect someone in the building is not an authorized visitor, please again, contact a staff person immediately who can assess the situation and deal with the individual. Thank you for your assistance.

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