

Elim Village Voice

A newsletter by the residents and for the residents of Elim Village

A Christian
retirement
community

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Re-design, Yes, But this Is Radical!

A Message from the Elim Village Voice Newsletter Team

Over our annual two-month summer break we had planned to re-design the newsletter, but even we were surprised with the radical result. Essentially the beloved Elim Village Voice will switch from a story oriented newsletter to an information bulletin.

As we started up the press again in September, the editor (Maria) had to deal with a family emergency. The layout and designer (Terri-Anne) felt she wanted to gear more of her energy toward pastoral care at Elim. All this left us re-evaluating the amount of time and energy we spend on the newsletter. Believe us, it's significant, especially as Elim continues to grow and we have to cover more territory. After seven years and 70 issues of the

Elim Village Voice, we have decided to scale back and change our approach.

However, there's always information that needs to get out into the community so we will try to put out a monthly information bulletin along with the usual activity and birthday calendars. Over the next few months we will experiment with how that will all work and look. But for now, the days of stories, profiles, reflections and other fluff are over.

That's the state of the newsletter at this point. If you have suggestions or comments, please drop us a line at elim.villagevoice@shaw.ca. Meanwhile we shall try our best to keep information flowing into the community.

The Buzz About the Bus

Assisted living and residential care residents at Elim love joyriding! A few times every week, some of them pile into the new mini-bus and go out for scenic rides, shopping or other adventures.

Elim Christian Care Society purchased the 18-passenger bus this summer. It will be primarily used for the Emerald and Harrison residents but the bus will at times be available to the rest of the village once the policies and procedures are solidly in place. Already many residents who otherwise have no opportunity to venture out have thoroughly enjoyed the freedom the bus brings.



The mini-bus is essentially a big rolling advertisement for Elim. Imagine the possibilities. The marketing office is working on a tasteful design, but meanwhile with a little computer magic, the Newsletter Team can put any dressed-up resident on the side of that bus. Got any rockin' wild ideas? Let us know. You too could be a rolling ad for Elim Village.

"Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there by the waters." Exodus 15:27 (NKJ)