

# Elim Village Voice

A newsletter by the residents and for the residents of Elim Village —  
a Christian retirement community

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## Elim Residents Spring into Summer

*Most people look forward to slowing down for the summer, but not residents at Elim Village.*

### Elim Village Garage Sale

(Thursday, June 3 at 6 p.m. for residents only)  
**June 4 - 5** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the public

By Richard Oostra

On Monday, May 31 set up for the garage sale will begin at 1 p.m. with prayer for the Lord's blessing on this event. Then there will be a short orientation in the auditorium for this humungous event. Our inventory has grown so big that we almost do not know where to begin. Getting ready for the garage sale will take all week and we need strong and able people to move, sort, display and price all items. Like at our previous garage sale, the auditorium will be packed to the limit, and it will again take a miracle to get rid of all that stuff!

Our thanks to all who have so generously contributed some very valuable items. One lady even said, "I hate to part with it, but I must sooner or later."

The garage sale will be widely advertised and it will be a great way to make Elim known with posters in many churches, newspaper advertisements and a thousand visitors, no doubt.

If you have any questions, suggestions or last minute donations, you may phone Richard or Betty at 778-395-6693.

### "Smorgasbord" of Stories

**June 19** at 10 a.m. in the Oasis auditorium

The Creative Writing Class of Elim Village will be reading some of their literary concoctions. The stories will be served in large print on the big screen so you can read along. With vulnerable hearts, these residents will share a range of delectable delights to heartrending entrees, something to suit everyone's palate.

### All Their Bags are Packed, They're Ready To Go...

This is a first...seven Emerald residents are planning an overnight trip to Harrison Hot Springs. They'll be taking the Elim bus and a few staff along and plan to venture out on **Wednesday, June 16** after breakfast, stay at the Harrison Beach Hotel and return the following day before supper.

Any other residents from the rest of the village who would like to come along on this historic "first" are welcome. There's still room on the bus. The cost is \$95 *per person* for a *shared* hotel room, a minimum \$10 donation for gas, dining out for two meals, an optional boat cruise for \$29 and spending money!

This is your opportunity for an overnight Elim group adventure. Call Jessica in the recreation department at 604-584-7587, ext. 2011 if you'd like to join this fearless group.

If this outing works out well, maybe next time they'll try tenting...



*Only one guy is going on the bus trip...and he wouldn't mind a little male company!*

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

## Accreditation Process Kicks off With a Party



Staff from Marquise and the Harrison office take the great wheelchair challenge.

The Harrison started the accreditation process with a kick-off party on April 30 for residents and staff. Six "hands on" stations were set up to put everyone's practical skills to the test, such as being able to identify hazards and trying to pass the handwashing technique test.

At the most popular station, party guests could sit in a wheelchair and give instructions to the blindfolded pusher to navigate the chair around pillars, over bumps and through doorways—an excellent experiment in communication, instruction and listening skills. Laughter abounded, and all the scuff marks and holes in the walls proves that people don't always communicate as clearly as they think they do.

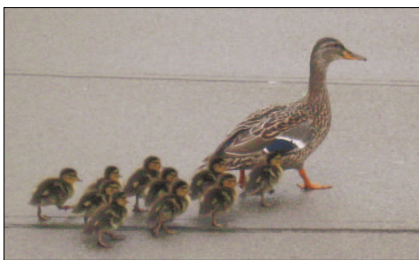
The party was a fun-filled introduction to a challenging accreditation process.

## Spring Rituals at Elim

Spring officially starts at Elim every year when the bedding plants arrive. This year 26 orders totaling almost \$2,000 worth of plants arrived in early May. So just like other years, the village will be splashed with color all summer long.

Work has started on what will become the therapeutic garden in the southeast corner of the Harrison. As you walk by, you will see the results of your gracious donations. There will likely be a grand opening ceremony sometime this summer when the garden is done.

Thanks to Sam VanRanden, Leny Van Heyst and Florence Kalsbeek for finding a home for several flats of plants in the northeast garden of the Harrison. The emphasis in that garden will be annual color so watch for a kaleidoscope of flowers there this summer.



New this year, a mother duck that had been nesting at Elim and her ten chicks made a short-lived debut very early on May 20. They swam a few rounds in the lower pond, waddled over to the North Duplexes and no one has seen them since. Apparently they decided to live somewhere else. How disappointing.

## From Elim Housing Society

Summer is finally approaching and we hope we have enough moisture to have the new grass grow in the centre area of the village. Surrey City Hall staff has approved our development permit for building K and we are now moving through the application process for a building permit. The goal is to begin removing the soil for the foundation in July and receive final approval for the building in September. Once we receive the approval, we are forecasting a period of about 14 months for construction.

Marketing staff is hoping to be moved back into the trailer by June but there is no fixed date.

## In Short ...

### Canada Day Stroll

Yes, there will be a communal "parade" through the Elim grounds on Canada Day. Watch your bulletin boards for details.

### Bird Feeders

Facilities Department reminds everyone that bird feeders are not longer allowed at Elim. They are attracting...let's say, rodents. (Sounds nicer than *rats*.) Your kind cooperation in removing the feeders will be appreciated.

### Heads Up

The Newsletter Team will be taking its usual two-month summer break so after the July issue, you won't see a newsletter again till October.

### Upcoming Events in the Oasis Auditorium

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(for residents only)

June 4—5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### "Smorgasbord" of Stories

By Elim's Creative Writing Class

Saturday, June 19 at 10 a.m.

#### Sound Revival Quartet Concert

Saturday, June 26 at 7 p.m.

## In Loving Memory

*The Atlin:*

John VanderWel: 1925 - 2010

*The Emerald:*

Laura Driol: 1914 - 2010

*The Harrison:*

Mary Smith: 1933 - 2010

Jean Balaban: 1926 - 2010

