



**Bowmanville Creek**  
Retirement Community



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Monthly News Buzz



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## Happy Thanksgiving!

October is the time to be thankful, a time to remember, and to embrace those who enrich our lives.

At Bowmanville Creek, we are thankful for a lot of things – and we are especially thankful for you: our community, our residents, and their families. We have grown into our own family here at the Creek and appreciate your support and trust in caring for your loved ones.

We will gather this Thanksgiving to be thankful for what we have, for the family we love, the friends we cherish, and for the blessings that will come. We are sending you warm wishes from our home to yours for a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Jenn Churchill, Marketing Manager



## Fall in Love with Bowmanville Creek Open House a Huge Success

We were so pleased to invite our community to our Fall in Love with Bowmanville Creek Open House and Antique Car show on Sunday September 22nd. We love to showcase our beautiful home and offered tours of our stunning amenities and model suite, and complimentary food samples courtesy of Chef Brandon.

As our home is currently at full occupancy, we invited those interested in making a move to Bowmanville Creek in the near future to join our waitlist – and encourage you to do the same!

If you have not yet been through our doors, or would like a refresher tour, please give Jenn a call at 905.623.8228 to book your personal visit!



## Upcoming Events

### Oktoberfest

Friday, October 4

3:30 pm

Join us for refreshments and festive live entertainment!

### Speakers Corner: "Mistakes that Changed the World"

Friday, October 18

10:30 am

Join us in the theatre for this fun and informational seminar presented by author George Laidlaw.

### BOO-Fest

Thursday, October 31

2:30 pm

Join us for our Halloween bash with live entertainment. Be sure to wear your costume!

Please RSVP to Jenn at 905.623.8228 or online at [bowmanvillecreek.ca/events](http://bowmanvillecreek.ca/events)

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## Help Us to Bring Joy to Children this Christmas

This year, Bowmanville Creek residents, families, and staff will participate in “Operation Christmas Child,” a hands-on project that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes packed by Canadians. It is one way to remind children suffering as a result of war, poverty, famine, disease, and disaster that they are loved and not forgotten.

The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you. From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to help children in need around the world. The boxes are filled by groups and taken to designated drop-off locations during the week of November 18-24. The boxes are inspected and shipped internationally by volunteers.



During the month of October, we are asking residents, families, and friends to help us in this initiative by donating items for the shoeboxes. If you are unable to drop off items, we will accept cash donations and purchase items to go into the shoeboxes. At the beginning of November, residents will pack the shoeboxes with the donated items and drop them off for shipping. Below is a list of items required. A donation box will be set up at Bowmanville Creek for you to drop off your donations.

### DONATION SUGGESTIONS:

**“Wow” Item:** Delight a child! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child’s attention the instant he or she opens the box. Ideas include a stuffed animal, toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), musical instrument, outfit, shoes.

**Toys:** include items children will immediately embrace like toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries).

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books.

**Non-liquid hygiene items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths.



**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (self-charging or wind-up kind, no batteries).

**Crafts:** make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, friendship bracelets.

**A personal note:** you may enclose a note to a child and a photo of yourself, your family or group. If you include your name and an address, the child may be able to write back.

**Do not include:** candy, toothpaste, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes (powdered or liquid), liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, aerosol cans.

**If you are interested in helping Bowmanville Creek support Operation Christmas Child, please bring your donations to our drop box during the month of October.**