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A Door-a-ble Halloween

This week, we're buzzing with excitement here at Aven Manor, where creativity has transformed our hallways into a vibrant display of fun and imagination! Under the brilliant guidance of our Chief Nursing Officer, Frances Marshall, a fantastic team of staff and residents came together to decorate over **12 resident doors**.

**"I just love
Halloween and
getting our residents
involved"**

Frances Marshal, AVENS Chief Nursing Officer

A huge shout-out to the amazing AVENS crew who made these decorated doors happen:

- Lindsey
- Emma
- Rick and his maintenance team
- Jessica and her wonderful RCA team
- Dina and her fabulous RCA team
- Randie and EJ





Under the banner of the AVENS Social Committee, we'll be holding a little **judging** competition, with prizes to be awarded!



With a sprinkle of silliness and a dash of creativity, everyone had an absolute blast decorating the doors. We kept it cute and fun, steering clear of anything too spooky, ensuring our atmosphere remains warm and friendly.

So, mark your calendars for **Friday, October 31st, 2025**, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM, where in a warm and safe environment, you and the kids

can join our community for a wonderful Halloween. Although these doors will be not part of your décor tour, you will experience and be a part of our infamous Halloween candy giveaway tradition.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and dedication. Let's keep the spirit alive and continue to make AVENS a place filled with community joy and laughter!

Wear Your AVENS Spirit!

I'm thrilled to announce the launch of our **AVENS Leisure Wear Program** this fall! This is a fantastic opportunity for all of us to sport some cozy, stylish apparel while showcasing our AVENS pride.

Here's the scoop:
We've partnered with **Ragged Ass Road Store / Lake Awry Cap & Crest** to provide you with discounted pricing on select leisure wear. Each item will feature our AVENS logo, beautifully silk-screened or embroidered on the left chest. And the best part? You'll only need to cover the cost of the clothing because AVENS will pick up the tab for the embroidery, GST, and freight!

What You Need to Know:

- **Affordable Prices:** With our volume pricing, you can snag these comfy items for just **\$40 to \$65!**
- **Order Deadline:** This amazing opportunity is available for a limited time—**all orders must be placed by Monday, November 17th, 2025.**
- **Easy Payment:** For your convenience, we're offering a one-time payroll deduction on November 21st, 2025. Just select this option on your order form! (staff only)

- **Final Sales:** Please remember, all sales are FINAL—no returns or exchanges. So, be sure to check those sizing charts and try on the samples at the Pavilion Administration before you order!

Style #1
Women's Polo
(\$45.00)



Style #1
Men's Polo
(\$40.00)



With subtle textured piping accents, this H2X-DRY® polo combines classic sophistication with powerful performance technology to outfit you in style and comfort, whether at work or play.

Style #2
Women's Long Sleeve Tee
(\$55)



Style #2
Men's Long Sleeve Tee
(\$55)



The Montebello Performance Long Sleeve Tee combines Certified Cotton for superior softness with durable GRS-Certified Polyester to help maintain shape and transport moisture away from the skin. Reinforced hem and taped neck seam provide extra comfort and durability. UPF Rating 50+ protects the skin from the sun's rays

Extra order forms will be available in the employee lunchrooms and at AVENS Reception. You can submit your completed form to Tiffany at AVENS Pavilion Administration, either in person or via email at tiffany_vannatter@avensseniors.com.

This is not just an opportunity to get some comfy leisure wear; it's also a chance to make some **cool Christmas gifts** for family and friends! So, let's embrace this chance to wear our AVENS

brand with pride and show off our community spirit!



For a top layer that's so soft you won't want to take off, try the UA Butter-soft Stretch - technical knit zip front scrub jacket. It features a brushed interior to keep you warm and comfy cozy.

Happy ordering, and let's get cozy in style!

OPEN TO ALL AVENS Independent Housing Residents Too!

See order form at back of Newsletter

Pickin' And Grinnin' With Taig

Hello AVENS Community!

We're excited to share some fantastic news from the AVENS Pavilion! Our very own resident and board member, **Taig Connell**, has just launched a **Beginner Guitar Course**, and his inaugural session on **October 22nd, 2025**, was a resounding success!

Over **seven enthusiastic individuals** gathered for their first lesson, eager to learn the basics of guitar playing. The energy in the room was electric, and it's clear that music is alive and well

at AVENS! With such an overwhelming response, we've realized that we might need a couple more guitars to accommodate everyone's enthusiasm.

To help with this, we've put out a public announcement seeking assistance and support for additional guitars. If you or someone you know can help, we'd love to hear from you!



Some of our Pavilion residents strumming in our inaugural Beginner Guitar Course (Photo credit Taig Connell)

In the meantime, if you're a resident of the Pavilion, Court, or Ridge, you're welcome to drop by any **Wednesday at 7 PM in the Pavilion Dining Room** to join in on the fun. This is a **beginner program**, so no experience is necessary, and you can start at any time!

A huge thank you to **Taig Connell** for initiating this wonderful free program that brings our seniors together through the joy of music. Let's keep those strings going and make some beautiful melodies together!

Standing Strong For AVENS- A Day At The NWT Legislative Assembly

On **Friday, October 17th, 2025**, a remarkable event took place at the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly, where a dedicated group of our residents, staff, and board members gathered to witness a significant moment for AVENS. Our MLA, **Robert Hawkins**, brought forth a motion that highlighted a pressing issue: the government's failure to fully reimburse AVENS for the heroic efforts we undertook during the **2023 wildfire evacuation**.



Our AVENS Care on Wheels transported some passionate residents who stood beside their caregivers in support

In August 2023, as our community faced an unprecedented wildfire crisis, AVENS stepped up to care for **57 vulnerable seniors** displaced from their homes. This daunting task came with tremendous responsibility and minimal support, resulting in over **\$1.3 million** in evacuation costs to transport, house, and care for our residents. While we were grateful to receive just over

\$900,000 from the federal Disaster Financial Assistance Fund, a substantial **\$400,000** remains unpaid, primarily covering essential staffing costs.

During the assembly, MLA Hawkins eloquently advocated for our cause, emphasizing the critical role AVENS plays in supporting our community and the ethical obligation of the government to reimburse us for our expenses.

His motion called for the government to ensure that **AVENS receives the reimbursement it is owed**, and it was heartening to see all regular members vote in favor of this motion. This support sends a clear message: **we must stand behind our essential services and the dedicated individuals who provide them.**

Key Points Highlighted by MLA Hawkins:

- *AVENS was thrust into a challenging situation with little guidance or support.*
- *The staff who cared for our residents during the evacuation also faced personal hardships, with many being displaced themselves.*
- *The government's lack of timely support and clear guidelines during the crisis resulted in significant financial strain for AVENS.*
- *It is crucial to recognize and reward the hard work of our staff who rose to the occasion during the emergency.*

Please visit for full transcripts of the motion, MLA statements, Government reply and vote:

<https://hansard.opennwt.ca/debates/2025/10/17/robert-hawkins-10/>





other NGO being left to hold the bag on a government responsibility and instructions to leave with your people, our most vulnerable, with no details as to how to do it? No limits, no parameters, Mr. Speaker..." MLA Robert Hawkins

We want to extend our sincere thanks to **MLA Hawkins** and all the members of the Legislative Assembly who spoke passionately in support of our motion. Your commitment to our cause is invaluable. Additionally, a special shoutout to our AVENS family members who attended the assembly in person to show their support. Your presence made a difference!



Several of our AVENS residents, staff and board members advocating for our right to have our legitimate bill paid!

"...So where are we today? AVENS has made choices. They had to make choices in absence of any clear direction, policy, instructions, Mr. Speaker. They had to do their best. And, again, I think they did do their best. Now the problem is it didn't come with the instructions until later. Government wants to share the responsibility, Mr. Speaker, by telling AVENS they are now responsible for these costs. But, Mr. Speaker, that is completely unfair. This, moreover, is why we're here dealing with this particular disappointment today.

Mr. Speaker, AVENS has been treated unfairly. Could you imagine any other community or any



Thank you for your support!

As we move forward, we hope that the government will recognize its ethical and moral obligation to reimburse AVENS and ensure that we are adequately supported in the future.

Together, we can continue to advocate for the vulnerable individuals we serve and uphold the standards of care that define AVENS.

Community Corner

Halloween Update!



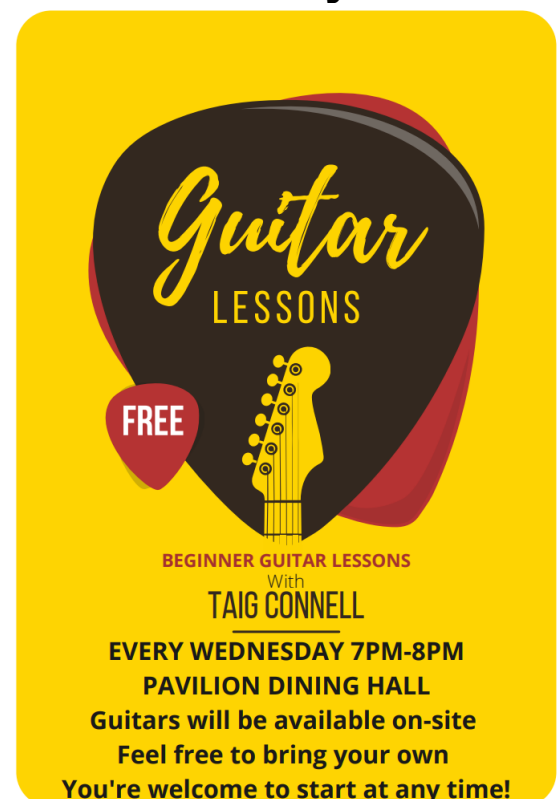
More Seasonal Fun!



Yes...Christmas!



Join in anytime!



AVENS APPAREL ORDER FORM

Please select the style(s) you would like and fill out the information below and submit it to Tiffany at the Pavilion Administration **before November 17th, 2025.**

NAME	
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APPAREL INFORMATION Samples will be available soon for all styles at Pavilion Administration
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☐ Style # 1 Women's Polo Color Available: Black/Granite Cost: \$45.00	☐ Style # 1 Men's Polo Color Available: Graphite Cost: \$40.00
☐ Style # 2 Women's Long Sleeve Color Available: Charcoal Heather Cost: \$55.00	☐ Style # 2 Men's Long Sleeve Color Available: Charcoal Heather Cost: \$55.00
☐ Style # 3 Women's Scrub Zip Up Color Available: Black Cost: \$65.00	

AVENS Administration will assume the cost of the AVENS Logo Embroidery on the left chest and the GST on all the items purchased.

SIZING Size chart available on the back of this page		
Style # 1 (Polo)	Women's	☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG ☐ XL ☐ 2XL
	Men's	☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐ 5XL
Style # 2 (Long Sleeve)	Women's	☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL
	Men's	☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL ☐ 4XL ☐ 5XL
Style #3 (Zip Up)	Women's	☐ SM ☐ MD ☐ LG ☐ XL ☐ 2XL ☐ 3XL
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