

BREVILLIER INSIDER

A Newsletter For Brevillier Village Residents, Families, Friends, And Volunteers.



BV Mission:

Through uncompromising attention to body, mind and spirit, Brevillier Village meets housing and health care needs in a home-like atmosphere.

BV Philosophy:

Continuing a quality not-for-profit outreach of the Episcopal Church, we are dedicated staff and volunteer care givers who serve older adults with dignity and respect.

BV Vision:

Quality of Life Matters.



Read More Inside!

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MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

We simply love our residents and getting to celebrate them each day at Brevillier Village. Having the month of May to honor them is gives us another reason to take the time to make each day count. Time spent with our elders can become some of the most valuable experiences we have. There are life lessons, family traditions, and pure magic to be shared.

National Nurses Week

National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday (founder of modern nursing). These permanent dates enhance planning and position National Nurses Week as an established recognition event. While it may seem impossible to repay nurses, we can at the very least recognize our own in a special way.

Whether just recently becoming a part of our team or a nurse who has been with us for years, we are grateful for the compassionate care you share with us at Brevillier Village. Becoming a nurse is not a job that just anyone can do. It takes grit, stamina, love, and the innate desire of wanting to help others. The truth is, being a nurse can be downright difficult. They witness all of life from start to finish, enduring the raw physical and emotional depletion from being a caregiver. We are eternally grateful for our nurse leaders at Brevillier Village!

Nurses at Brevillier Village:

- Practice Person-Centered Care
- Family Work Environment
- Excellent Benefits Package
- Beautiful Lakefront Campus
- Tuition Reimbursement Program
- Free Parking & Much More!

We welcome interested candidates to tour and job shadow with our staff. This may be the place for you to share your talents, and receive genuine appreciation in return! Call today, to schedule (814)899-8600.





Please be sure we have your most recent contact information on file. This provides us with the means to relay messages, share upcoming activities, and when necessary send emergency notifications. Call the BV Hotline at 898-5900. This phone line is updated daily with the menus and Recreation schedule for each building.

Jeff Wieser
BV President/CEO

Amy Learn
Ball Pavilion

Vickie Gilchrist
Barnabas Court

Jennifer Kehl
Conrad House

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 12, 2024



Wishing all of the Mother's a blessed and joyful day. In honor of Mother's Day we celebrated the women at Brevillier Village the Saturday before by sharing a flower with each of them. Thank you to all the Mothers and those who have shared the gift of maternal love with each of us.



APRIL WAS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH!

Held in April every year, National Volunteer Month is a time to celebrate and recognize the contributions of volunteers. It is an opportunity to join the impact of volunteerism and encourage more people to get involved in their communities. This is a great month to reaffirm your commitment to giving back. The theme for this year is, "Give back and make a difference." www.volunteer.gov

We Our Volunteers

During the year 2023 year there were 3,829 volunteer hours and 47 active volunteers at Brevillier Village. Our programs are made possible through the donated time from these individuals. Our volunteer opportunities extend throughout the entire Village. Areas include: recreation, dining services, clerical, events, groundskeeping, and resident assistance. Our volunteers are residents, their loved ones, friends, staff, and others from the community. They are school groups, local parishioners, students, families, and individuals. Whether they serve on our board of directors, escort residents, serve as floor reps, or help with craft projects, all volunteers are valuable assets to our programming. We would not be able to provide many of the programs that we do without the support and dedication of our volunteers. When you see a volunteer around the Village this month, be sure to thank them for all their dedication and truly making a difference!

It's that time of year again for the Summer Junior Volunteer Program! This year we will be accepting 15 junior volunteers to help throughout the summer months. Junior volunteers typically help two hours per week in one of the following departments: Dining Services, Environmental Services, Clerical, and Purchasing June 10 - August 9th of this summer. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing time with us, please contact Jennifer Kehl (814)899-8600 or email at: jkehl@brevillier.org.





SHARING YOUR TIME

Are you looking to enjoy time with residents? Here's your opportunity!! Recreation is looking for a couple of volunteers to help us with our Zoo and Seawolves Game Outings this summer. Call Marti Colliss for dates and times at 814-899-8600. Volunteer must be able to walk short distances while pushing a wheelchair.



SPRING CLEANING – HANNAH PERRIN

Spring cleaning time! As we start to see the flowers bloom and listen to the birds sing, our residents need a little closet spring cleaning. Please stop by and help us declutter the winter items and make room for the spring/summer attire! Just a reminder that due to regulations, we cannot store anything on top of your loved one's closet space.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES – FACILITY UPGRADES & ENHANCEMENTS

Last summer 10 lamp posts were replaced in the parking areas between Conrad House and BCN. As this project is underway, we are finding that all of the lamp posts are approximately 30-40 years old, and the wires are deteriorating underground. The lighting system provides not only comfort to our residents but also serves as security for our staff and residents. Our grounds and buildings need these upgrades, and we are asking for your help. Listed below is our first request to aid in the financial support of upgrading the parking lot lights. We consider this necessary to provide the needed security for our residents, staff, and guests. The proceeds from the upcoming events will go towards this project. Bingo 4/13, NASCAR Giveathon 5/14-15, Erie Gives Day 8/13, and our annual golf tournament 8/19.



NASCAR DAY GIVEATHON 2024



Raising more than \$600,000 in its first year, the NASCAR Day Giveathon is a joint effort between NASCAR and The NASCAR Foundation to provide much needed funds to the communities where we live, work and race. The NASCAR community's day of online giving will be a 37-hour period which provides an easy and fun way for our racing community to support local nonprofits. You can help by sharing this event with others!



Start: Tuesday, May 14 at 8:00AM - End: Wednesday, May 15 at 9:00PM

NASCAR DAY - "Our goal = raise as much money and awareness as possible for local nonprofits in one spectacular giving day."

***Please share our Facebook Posts and links to this event. The more we share our story, the more philanthropists can learn about Brevillier Village. Thank you!**



ERIE GIVES DAY

Please remember us this Erie Gives Day on Tuesday, August 13th. Your donation will benefit our residents through facility upgrades & enhancements. We appreciate you!

17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, August 19th @ Venango Valley Golf Course. We will be accepting sponsorships, donations and volunteers through 8/1. Please contact Maureen Rizzo for details: (814)898-8600 or mrizzo@brevillier.org

BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS

THE 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE EXPERIENCE

All we can say is, "WOW!" What a spectacular show for everyone to witness. Each building had unique activities for the residents and staff to participate in, however the big show was all Mother Nature. You can see the photos from in this newsletter and on Facebook page what a great experience everyone had!



Community Blood Bank
Brevillier Village is proud to partner with the Community Blood Bank and has been hosting drives for several years. Did you know, 62% of the population is eligible to donate, less than 2% do in our community. That means, you can be a change maker in the battle against blood shortages! It takes just 30-45 minutes from check in to refreshments. You are eligible to donate again in just 56 days. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Upcoming dates are:
6/10, 8/5, 10/24, 12/19

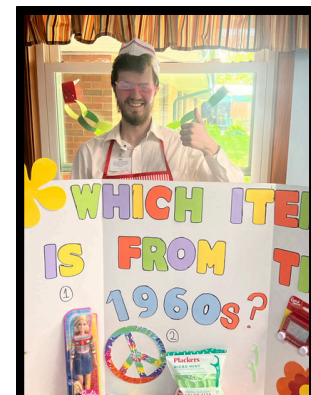
A VISIT WITH BABY GOATS AT BARNABAS COURT

Barnabas Court North had a surprise visit with baby goats. There was some definite "kidding" around!



BRIDGING THE GAPS

LECOM Students who have completed their first year in the College of Osteopathic Medicine are eligible to participate in the Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program. We have been a placement location for the last three years. The Spring 2024 BTG program at Brevillier Village will be starting May 28th and running until July 12th. A meet and greet session took place on April 24th and resulted in placement of Ezri Yuen. We are excited to see what she comes up with for our residents and eager to give her a warm Brevillier Village welcome.



CELEBRATING OUR STAFF

LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT APRIL: JEFF WIESER, PRESIDENT/CEO



Do you remember your first day? I do. My title was Business Manager. I showed up expecting 3 days of training from the previous Business Manager only to find out he was out of town starting his new job. I had to jump in with no training and some of our records were even in his car. It was difficult, to say the least, but I had to blaze my own trail. I also remember my first dementia experience from that day. One of our residents came up to me in the hall with a panic-stricken face. She cried out "I don't know which way to go". I asked her where she was going (expecting to hear her room number), she replied "Buffalo". I simply said, "that way" and sent her down the hall. That was my first dose of dementia training. A lot has changed over the years yet the people we care for have not changed much.

How has your job changed over the years?

On my first day, we had one computer, and it was on my desk. Today we have over 100 computers, devices, networks, etc. Technology has changed so much in my 37 years. My position of Business Manager changed into Director of Finance, then Vice President of Finance/IT, then Senior Vice President and luckily 10 years ago my new title became President/CEO. The job has become more difficult over the years. When I started, the Ball Pavilion was in Barnabas North and today's Ball Pavilion was only woods on the east side of our campus. The residents were not as complex as those we care for today. With the help of technology, the care we give has been expanded to allow us to care for the more complex. The challenges we face remain lack of reimbursement from government payers and finding good people. We were in a very good position going into COVID but that turned our world upside down. We're still trying to fully recover from that.



What is your goal (or goals) for 2024?

My goal is to see Ball Pavilion full again. This will benefit the Village in many ways and help us to recover financially. My other goal is to create a system to address call offs and try to reward those that don't call off and pickup shifts.



Give us a recommendation—anything you think we would enjoy!

My favorite time is outdoors on a stream or in the woods. Spend some time outdoors. Spring is a great time to experience nature. Take the time to detach from your screen and social media and enjoy those around you.

TEAM RAD'S STAR OF THE MONTH APRIL

Saida Harper



We got to do a little Q&A with Saida

What advice would you give to someone who just started here?

— Don't hesitate to ask questions! We are all here to support each other. —

What made you decide to pursue your CNA?

This is simple for me - I love helping people and enjoy learning new things that challenge me!

Could you share your favorite thing about working at Brevillier?

— Many of my closest friendships were formed here at Brevillier. Every day, I gain new insights from my colleagues and peers. —

What do you like to do outside of work?

— I like to spend quality time with my family, cook meals, and explore museums and parks. —

We are so proud to announce that Recreation Aide, Saida Harper, will be joining HVA's CNA class this month! She will, without a doubt, be a fantastic Aide. In fact, plenty of you wrote in to tell us just how great she is!

She is always helpful and is the best coworker!



Goes above and beyond for resident advocacy; knows residents wants and needs remarkably well.

Saida is AMAZING!

I never see her not smiling. She is always welcoming to our residents and treats them with so much love, respect, and is so caring.



CELEBRATING OUR STAFF



LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT MAY: VICKIE GILCHRIST, PERSONAL CARE HOME ADMINISTRATOR

Leadership Spotlight: Vickie Gilchrist Celebrating 21 years!

What would you like to achieve this year?
 Personally, I try very hard to keep my life balanced with work, my kids & helping my mother, who lives at Conrad House. It's not always easy, but I try to find balance each day. Professionally, I would love to make the Admission paperwork process easier for staff & families.

Could you share a valuable lesson you've learned during your time here?
 Change is not a bad thing! I believe that all the changes I've been through have helped shape the employee I am today. You have to keep an open mind and positive perspective!

Can you tell me about your first day?
 I've had a few different "first days" at the Village. I was a student volunteer here when I was in 6th grade, so my earliest memories are from a long time ago! I helped pass out water to residents, delivered mail and helped with the Conrad House Meals Program with Maureen Rizzo! We loved volunteering and visiting with one resident in particular...Her name was Helen Arnold and she was our teacher's mother. On my next first day, I was a Social Work Intern.. it was overwhelming because I kept getting lost at Ball Pavilion. And then my first day of employment happened about a year later when my internship was completed. I shared an office with Marti Colliss, who trained me for my new position as the Volunteer Coordinator!

Favorite memory of BV?
 Probably one of the bowling tournaments in my younger years... that event is always so fun! Also- the Christmas Eve parties with the residents are always so special.

Favorite thing to do in your off time?
 I love to travel, relax at home with my husband and kids, and camping in the summer.

How has your role changed over the years?
 This could take a while... as I have had many roles over the last 21 years! I started out as the Volunteer Coordinator, then I became the Outreach Coordinator and helped with some marketing/networking. A couple years later I moved into the Recreation Department as the Assistant Director. A few years after that I became the Director of the Home Care Program and managed the Share Care Houses Brevillier used to operate. When we closed the Share Care Houses, I moved back into the Social Work Department working in South and North. Finally, when Jean LaFuria announced her retirement, I decided to take on the most challenging role to date: the Administrator at Barnabas Court.

WE ARE NOT A TEAM BECAUSE WE WORK TOGETHER. WE ARE a team because WE RESPECT, trust, and care for each other.

Get to know your leaders! We all are open and willing to discuss any concerns or ideas. Communication is key in all relationships of life.

GREAT LEADERS DON'T SET OUT TO BE A LEADER...THEY SET OUT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. ITS NEVER ABOUT THE ROLE-ALWAYS ABOUT THE GOAL.



TEAM RAD STAR OF THE MONTH: MAY 2024 KAREN RODLAND



Congratulations to Karen Rodland, Team RAD's Star of the Month!

WHAT'S NOT TO LOVE ABOUT KAREN? SHE'S THE LIGHT OF BP-ALWAYS RUNNING AROUND HERE SMILING & TRYING TO MAKE OTHERS SMILE

ALWAYS OFFERS A HELPING HAND!

EVEN IF SHE'S REALLY STRESSED YOU WOULD NEVER KNOW-SHE ALWAYS KEEPS A SMILE ON HER FACE & IS GREAT WITH THE RESIDENTS

WE NEVER RUN OUT OF TOWELS & LINENS WHEN SHE'S HERE!



RESIDENT ACTIVITY & EVENTS SCHEDULE

The months are marching on and here we come to another fun and exciting time at Brevillier Village. Listed below are a few of the upcoming activities for our residents and their families to enjoy! Be sure to check with building staff for any updates or changes in building status. Please be mindful of our residents and staff, if you or anyone in your home is not feeling well please stay home. Our priority is to keep everyone healthy and safe, we ask that you kindly do not share any extra germs with us.

BALL PAVILION (BP) & BARNABAS COURT (BCN)



- May 16** BluSky Sponsored Derby Party 1:30 - BCN
- May 17** Garden Party 1:30 - BP Rick Brunning & BCN Mike & Marie
- May 27** MEMORIAL DAY ~ *Many thanks given to all those who gave their life for us.*
- June 9** 2:00 Religious Services in the Barnabas Chapel
- June 12** 6/12 } 1:30 Johnny "G" On The Keys } Gazebo or if raining BCN Recreation room.
- June 14** Flag Day
- June 16** Happy Father's Day
- June 18** Legend Show 1:30 Gazebo or if raining BP Recreation room.
- June 19** Angelo Phillips 1:30 Gazebo if raining BP Recreation room.
- June 20** Summer Begins
- June 26** Pat's Jazz 1:30 Gazebo

CONRAD HOUSE

Independent living residents enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities. The lists below include the upcoming (and regularly scheduled) schedules of events for independent living residents. Use of the multipurpose room (or any space) is approved through Jen Kehl, Building Admin. Residents and/or family members must make approved arrangements prior to use.

Weekly Schedule

- Monday** Exercise 10 am MPR
Book Club 2 pm Library (or MPR)
Craft Group meets every 3 weeks
- Tuesday** Chats with Deacon Chuck 9:30 am Library
Bingo 2 pm MPR
Rosary 6:30 pm Library
Church Service 7 pm MPR
- Wednesday** Exercise 10 am MPR
- Thursday** Bible Study 11 am Library
- Friday** Coffee & Donuts 9 am MPR
Exercise 10 am MPR
Religious Service 11:15 am Chapel/MPR
Happy Hour 5 pm MPR
- Saturday** Game Night 6:30 pm MPR,
every other Saturday, watch for signs

Upcoming Events

- 5/16 - Conrad House Bake Sale 10 am - 1 pm MPR
- 5/20 - Book Mobile 2:30 - 3:15 pm
- 5/30 - Movie Night "Last Vegas" 7 pm MPR
- 6/5 - Whitford Park Concert Series Country Blue
- 6/12 - Whitford Park Concert Series Generic Grass
- 6/14 - Flag Day
- 6/15 - Father's Day Flower Delivery
- 6/16 - Father's Day



Mother's Day Blessing

Just As God Gives To Each Rose, A Gentle Touch Of Dew, And Gives Unto Each Evening Sky, The Lovely Sunset's Hue. So, May He Give To You, From His Enduring Love, Great Happiness And Heart's Content, And Blessings From Above.

Happy Mother's Day



Ball Pavilion

Sheila Cockburn
Beatrice Pruzenski
Jackie Rzomp
Kathleen Stryker
Janice Valentine
Dorothy Wright

Barnabas Court North

Barnabas Court South

Conrad House

Dave Duttry



“Caregiving often calls us to lean into love we didn’t know possible.”

TIA WALKER

In Loving Memory

The ones we love never go away, They walk beside us even on this day. Unseen, unheard, yet always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear.

Last Goodbyes

We share our heartfelt goodbyes to those who have recently passed.

Merch Bakif
Roberta Buckel
Margaret Cermak
Charlotte Korrell
Jenne Chmielewski
Jack Gehrlein
Marvin Neff
Dewayne Shaffer



We want to thank you for mentioning Brevillier Village in your memorials to honor your loved one. Whether you mentioned the Brevillier Village name as their home, thanking our staff for care provided, or included Brevillier Village as beneficiary to memorial donations, everyone here benefits. We have several fundraising programs that support enhanced quality of life initiatives here in the Village. Our Haven Program (pets, gardening & intergenerational activities), Ruth Pedersen Benevolent Fund, Grounds, Sheltering Oak, Recreation, Employee Appreciation, and current projects like the New Nurse Call System are a few that support resident living.

For more information please contact: Maureen Rizzo
(814)899-8600 or email at mrizzo@brevillier.org

<https://www.networkforgood.com/resource/what-is-legacy-giving/>



CELEBRATION



HAPPY WORK Anniversary

- Bev Conn 27 Years
- Jennifer Mackall 23 Years
- Vickie Gilchrist 21 Years
- Alena Poplavski 17 Years
- Amy Barrett-Heitzenrater 16 Years
- Melissa Klinzig 12 Years
- Simeon Castano 10 Years
- Jessica Mezzacapo 7 Years
- Beth O'Baker 6 Years
- Karen Rodland 6 Years
- Dani Seibert 5 Years
- Lois Perrin 4 Years
- Holly LaFuria 3 Years
- Sheldon Davis 2 Years
- Tonya Carpenter 1 Year
- Jen Majczyk 1 Year



Would you like to work within a fun & team environment? By joining our work force you will gain hands-on experience, essential career skills, and friendships that last a lifetime in an inclusive & friendly environment. *EOE*

- Nursing - 3rd Shift RN Supervisor
- Recreation - Part-Time Salon Stylist
- Recreation - FT Neighborhood Rec. Coordinator
- Dining Services - Full & Part Time
- Housekeeping - Full & Part Time

APPLY NOW

www.brevillier.org/careers



- Kyler Locke 5/1
- Alexis Jenkins 5/2
- Kayla Turk 5/2
- Kim Whitman 5/12
- Jessica Smith 5/13
- Cindy Steinhoff 5/15
- Patty Watson 5/15
- Molly Richter 5/23
- Breann Tate 5/24
- Jackie Henderson 5/24
- Sofia Masi 5/27
- Bobbi Barnes 5/30

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

- Chris Avery 5/01
- Betty Bond 5/14
- Eugene Marino 5/19
- Kathleen Glover 5/27
- Nancy Shaffer 5/27
- Dorothy Wright 5/31

Barnabas Court South

- Grace Reed 5/04
- Camille Carideo 5/18
- Robert Pakela 5/25
- Katie Weaver 5/26
- Jean Kemp 5/27

Barnabas Court North

- Don Godmaire 5/07
- Margaret Tallman 5/17
- Barbara Taccone 5/17
- Sandra Green 5/25

Conrad House

- Dawn Julius 05/11
- Don Mattis 05/17
- Tom May 05/20
- Eloise Downing 05/30
- Dorothy Dudenhoefer 05/31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ...



May 2024 - Older American's Month | Military Appreciation Month & Mental Health Awareness

- o 5/16 - Conrad House Bake Sale 10 am - 1 pm MPR
- o 5/27 - Memorial Day

June 2024 - Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness | Nursing Assistant Week

- o 6/14 - Flag Day
- o 6/15 - Father's Day
- o 6/17 - Erie's Choice Top Five Voting through 6/30
- o 6/19 - Juneteenth
- o 6/20 - Summer Solstice



MONDAY AUGUST 19 - 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING VENANGO VALLEY GOLF COURSE



Thank You BINGO BASH



ERIE'S CHOICE AWARDS – TOP FIVE VOTING JUNE 17 – 30



To Nominate, visit www.GoErie.com

Choose from the following categories:



Beauty & Health

- Rehabilitation

Services

- Apartment
- Non-Profit
- Retirement/55+ Community

Top Employer

- 100+ Employees