

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



Black History Month | Heart Healthy Month | National Senior Independence Month

Experiencing Love



February is known for many things such as Ground Hog's Day, the Super Bowl, and most famously for Valentine's Day. This is the holiday when we are encouraged to profess romantic love by way of flowers, chocolate, or gifts. But the love experienced at Brevillier is something special we share. It often looks much different than the kind of love that is typically celebrated on Valentine's Day. Love presents itself here each day through the small acts of kindness, the bonds formed between residents and staff, the gentle brushing of hair, patience during times of frustration, moments of laughter through tears, a hug after a long day, company to the lonely, and through faith. The truth is love can be hard. When we open our heart to love, we accept that we are being vulnerable. Everyone who works at Brevillier Village accepts to some degree vulnerability but with it comes the gift of love. Knowing that our residents and family members graciously share their love with us makes our job rewarding. Despite the chilling temperatures of these winter months, Brevillier Village is warm with the loving and compassionate care we are known for.



Thank you for your continued support in our Brevillier Village Mission. It is an honor to provide comfort and solace to your loved one. Wishes of joy, happiness, and love this February.

With An Open Heart ... Welcome February!

New Beginnings, New Month, New Start, New Focus, New Blessings.

Looking forward to more lessons, more laughter, more joy, and more love.



CA\$H BA\$H Fundraiser

Saturday, April 5th - Bingo begins at 6:00 pm

Please join us at the Harborcreek Social Hall on Saturday, April 5th for our annual Bingo Fundraiser. Doors will open at 4:30 and bingo games will begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Price: \$30 - per ticket or \$250 VIP Table. A link for ticket sales will be posted on our website and Facebook page, or tickets can be purchased by visiting the Ball Pavilion Office M-F 8-5. Interested volunteers, sponsors, and donations should be forwarded to Maureen Rizzo (814)899-8600 ext. 210 or mrizzo@brevillier.org.



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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:

We are dedicated staff and volunteers who serve older adults with dignity and respect while following a not-for-profit mission of the Episcopal church.

BV Vision:

Quality of Life Matters.

BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



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

Keeping Our Residents Safe

Resident safety is our top priority. We ask that you be mindful of who is going through the coded doors at the front office. Please take care to NOT to hold the door open for a resident that is not accompanied by staff or their family. **Any visitors taking a resident off campus must notify the nurse before doing so. They have paperwork to fill out to ensure the safety of your loved one.**

Amy Learn, Ball Pavilion Nursing Home Administrator

Pharmacy Update



Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court at Brevillier Village changed from Vantage Care Apothecary to Symbria Pharmacy January 23rd. The Administrative team is always looking for ways to enhance services to those under our care as well as be prudent in spending. We determined the move to Symbria will have several benefits. Please note you will start receiving bills from Symbria instead of Vantage for any medications.

Ball Pavilion Residents and Families: If you or your loved one is currently receiving medication through Vantage Care Apothecary, all services will automatically switch to Symbria. Nothing else is required on your end as it is all being handled by a transition team.

Barnabas Court Residents and Families: Symbria will be replacing Vantage Care Apothecary for our residents, too. As some of you may know, the Personal Care Home regulations are very specific about how medications are packaged. Symbria will be offering medications packaged appropriately according to those regulations. A representative from Symbria will be on site again in March to answer any questions you may have regarding this transition.

If you have any questions before then, please feel free to reach out to Jammi Kosiorek - Director of Nursing, Vickie Gilchrist - Barnabas Court Personal Care home Administrator, or Amy Learn Ball Pavilion Nursing Home Administrator.

Brevillier Village to Host Nurse Aide Class



We're excited to announce our partnership with HVA Senior Living Alliance! We already collaborate with them and serve as a clinical site for students enrolled in their nurse aide training program. What's new is that Brevillier will also be hosting the students for their classroom instruction.

Theory and classroom lectures will be held on campus, in Barnabas Court South apartments. Once students complete that portion of their training, they then move to Ball Pavilion and demonstrate their skills learned. They work closely with their instructor and our staff to master the skills needed to provide excellent, compassionate care.

Not only do we welcome students from outside Brevillier, we also reserve a few of these openings so we can send our staff looking to become a CNA (certified nursing assistant). The first group starts January 7th and runs through March 6th. If you see them on campus, be sure to welcome them, you just may be seeing them around soon as a nurse aide once they graduate!

Know someone interested in becoming a CNA? Feel free to reach out to Jammi Kosiorek, Director of Nursing, or myself and we can discuss opportunities available.
Amy Learn, Ball Pavilion NHA



Resident Activity & Events Schedule

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 & BARNABAS COURT ACTIVITIES

February 2025

- 02/7 - 1:30 Resident Monthly Birthday Party: BP - With Music By Darren, BCN - With Grumpy Men Memory Show
- 02/9 - 2:00 Religious Services - St Barnabas Chapel
 - 6:00 Super Bowl Party BP - Lakeside Dining Room, BCN - Sunset Lounge
- 02/14 - Happy Valentines Day, BP - Social Hour With David Devin
- 02/17 - Happy Presidents Day
- 02/18 - 1:30 Therapy Piggy Visits - BP
- 02/21 - 1:30 Winter Pool Party
 - BP - With Johnny "G"
 - BCN - With Peaceful Easy Feeling

CONRAD HOUSE

Independent living residents enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities. The lists below include the upcoming 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
- 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

- 01/30 - Cornhole Contest
- 02/14 - Valentine's Day Happy Hour @ 5 pm
MPR be sure to bring a dish to share! Live entertainment at 6:30 pm
- 02/18 - Birthday Celebration

Independent Residents - Walmart & Giant Eagle
2nd Wednesday of the month. 9 am pickup, return at 12 pm. \$15/per person, minimum of 4 residents. Sign up with building office staff.

Community Sponsored Activities

- 02/2 - Our Lady of Mercy Spaghetti Dinner
- 02/10 - Wings of Wonder 6 pm Faith Lutheran
- 02/14 - ICA Valentine's Senior Lunch (814)835-7487
- East Side YMCA Bus Pick-Up: M, W & F 8:35 am
- Erie Public Library Book Mobile: Feb. 10, 24
 - 2:30 - 3:15 pm





Homecare Program

As we age, daily tasks can become more challenging. Brevillier Village provides compassionate, non-medical home health care in Erie, PA, assisting seniors with daily living activities right in their homes. Get the support you need to maintain comfort and independence every day. Our goal is to help seniors preserve their dignity, enhance their quality of life, and minimize the challenges of aging. In-home care ensures a safer, healthier, secure environment for our loved ones. With in-home care, those who are going through the aging process have assistance in carrying out activities of daily living, housekeeping tasks, and medication management. Just know that you're not alone and we're here to help.

How to Access Our Services - Senior residents can access the services of our PA Department of Health licensed program by calling (814) 899-8600. All of our home care services are provided by Brevillier Village Home-Care Aides. Some of the services they can provide include:

- Assistance with bathing
- Assistance with Personal Grooming
- Grocery Shopping/Errands
- Light Housekeeping and Laundry
- Light Meal Preparation
- Medication Reminders



If you or a loved one is interested in Brevillier's services, please call Jennifer Kehl at (814)899-8600 or by email: jkehl@brevillier.org.

2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Now Open



The application period for the state's 2024 Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program is now open for eligible Pennsylvanians to begin claiming rebates on property taxes or rent paid last year.

Income limits increased again this year to \$46,520 for both homeowners and renters. This is due to a 2023 law supported that calls for adjusting the income limit based on annual increases in the Consumer Price Index. Remember to exclude 50% of Social Security when determining your income. The maximum rebate is \$1,000.

The program is open to residents aged 65 years and older; widows and widowers 50 years and older; and people with disabilities 18 years and older.

Remember – you do not need to pay anyone for assistance to apply for the rebates. Apply online at my.path.pa.gov, or contact any of my offices for help.

[Additional information about the program is available here.](#)

Apply for a Retired Status Vehicle Registration



Retired Status Vehicle Registration is a discounted vehicle registration processing fee that is available for retired people who meet the requirements.

Customers who qualify for Retired Status Registration pay a Retired Person's processing fee instead of the full registration renewal fee. To find out if you qualify for retired status registration, please refer to our "[Retired Status Fact Sheet](#)." The appropriate Retired Person's registration fee can be found on the "[Bureau of Motor Vehicles Schedule of Fees\(opens in a new tab\)](#)" form.

[Check online to see if you qualify!](#) www.PA.gov



Volunteering at Brevillier Village

As a non-profit, Brevillier Village is happy to provide many volunteering opportunities that serve our residents and community needs. If your student needs service hours or if you are looking for a way to share your time and talents, there are a variety of ways you can do this here. Volunteers may sign up to deliver and read mail, meal delivery, recreation activities, groundskeeping, and much more!

For details please contact Jen Kehl at (814)899-8600 or by email at: jkehl@brevillier.org



- Conrad House Volunteer Needs:**
- Lunch Program Meal Delivery
 - Appointment Companion



Barnabas Court South Social Services Update



Congratulations to Kayla Turk, who is moving into a new role at South. As you may know, we are implementing some changes to the staff at South and she will be working as a "Resident Resource Coordinator." She will still be hosting activities for the South residents, and she will also be taking over some of the Social Work duties.



Check Out Our Current Job Opportunities

Join Erie's Choice Retirement Community as a caregiver. By joining our work force you will gain hands-on experience, essential career skills, and friendships that last a lifetime in a friendly environment. We have several openings in a variety of positions.

Qualified candidates can apply online at www.brevillier.org/careers.

Please forward any questions to Sue Hill, Human Resource Manager (814) 899-8600 or email at shill@brevillier.org. EOE

NURSING	DINING SERVICES	MAINTENANCE
Medical Secretary - Full-time, 1st Shift From \$18.00/hour	Dietary Aide FT, 1st Shift, From \$12.50/hour	Maintenance Tech. FT, 2nd Shift, From \$13.50; <i>Pay will reflect experience</i>
NURSING	RECREATION	
CNA - Full & Part-time, 2nd Shift PA Nurse Aide Registry From \$17.50/hour LPN - Full & Part-time, All shifts PA Nurse Aide Registry From \$24.75/hour	Rec. Aide II - PT - \$12.50 Salon Stylist - 1st Shift Transportation Van Aide - 1st Shift	
*FT = Full-time PT = Part-time EOE		





Ball Pavilion

Betty Bish

Shirley Dine

Lavern "Vern" Hurlburt

Margie Hubbard

Betty Stokes

Barnabas Court North

Jim Ahlgrim

Barnabas Court South

Welcome HVA

Classrooms!

Conrad House

Danielle "Dani" Bukala

Eita Ovonja



“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.

Antonina “Nina” Hepp

Adeline “Cindy” Ronald

Mary Stinson



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/>



HAPPY WORK
Anniversary



Staff			
Brittany	Sterling	02/06/23	2 Years
Melanie	Sutton	02/06/24	1 Year
Kelly	Million	02/09/96	29 Years
Emma	Neri	02/10/23	2 Years
Sherry	Payne	02/12/20	5 Years
Tyler	San Felice- Eanes	02/13/23	2 Years
Deirdre	Howard	02/19/15	10 Years
Tracy	Steele	02/23/24	1 Year
Rhonda	Baxter	02/25/02	23 Years
Cindy	Steinhoff	02/27/15	10 Years



Staff		Birthday
Melissa	Klinzing	02/02
Alexis	Schultz	02/03
Jennifer	Adams	02/04
Jessica	Ferrara	02/05
John	Silvis	02/06
Xavier	Meola	02/07
Christie	Adams	02/08
Nicole	Borkowski	02/09
Amari	Stewart	02/09
Kelly	Million	02/11
Amanda	Bretz	02/13
Kaitlin	Herman	02/22
Baylin	Vega	02/23
Matthew	Sinn	02/26
Everett	Kruse	02/27
Michael	Quirk	02/28



Resident Birthdays



Ball Pavilion

Shirley Crisswell	02/08
Helen McClelland	02/23
Pamela Wolf	02/26
Mae Palkovic	02/27

Barnabas Court North

Annie Newara	02/05
Mary Ann Waltner	02/26
Kathy Byerly	02/27

Conrad House

Barb Mottern	02/02
Madge Miele	02/09
Marlene Squeglia	02/10
Jan Newhard	02/10
Anthony Lastowski	02/20
Barb Mattis	02/21
Fred White	02/21
John Mulligan	02/23
Diane Adamaszek	02/24

Barnabas Court South

Philip Malinowski	02/02
Carol Starks	02/02
Angela Monti	02/03



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



FEBURARY CELEBRATION DAYS

Listed below are are fun days to celebrate in February!

- 02/02 - Ground Hog Day
- 02/04 - World Cancer Day
- 02/05 - World Read Aloud Day
- 02/06 - Pay a Compliment Day
- 02/09 - Superbowl & National Pizza Day
- 02/10 - Clean Out Your Computer Day
- 02/14 - Valentine's Day
- 02/15 - Happy Singles Awareness Day
- 02/18 - Presidents Day
- 02/21 - Happy National Caregivers Day
- 02/26 - Stop Bullying #PinkShirtDay
- 02/27 - Retro Day



COMMUNITY BLOOD BANK

Brevillier Village

Mobile Blood Drive
Thursday February 27th
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Brevillier Village Worship Schedule

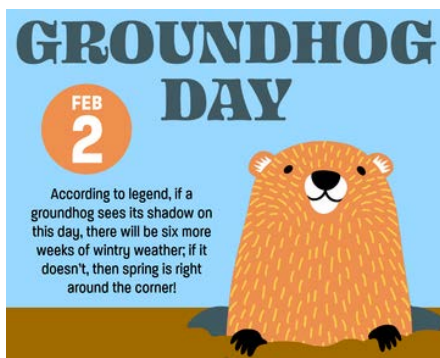
Services begin at 2 pm in the St. Barnabas Chapel. For questions or information, please contact Deacon Chuck Adamczyk at cadamczyk@brevillier.org

Date	Leader
February 9	Zach Irwin
March 9	Sarah Brock
April 13	Mary Lord
May 11	Jean Keubler
June 8	Sarah Brock



Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging (PDA) is reminding older adults the annual Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period runs now through March 31. During this time, beneficiaries who currently have a Medicare Advantage plan can switch to a different plan or to original Medicare. Contact your local Area Agency on Aging to schedule a personalized counseling session. In Erie County, contact GECAC 1-814-459-4581. Or call the toll-free PA MEDI Helpline at 1-800-783-7067 from 8 am to 5 pm M-F.



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Spread the Love, Donate Blood!

Kylie lives with Stiff Person Syndrome. She receives plasma apheresis which helps her live with her rare and debilitating diagnosis.

When Kylie receives plasma at local hospitals, that plasma comes from local generous donors in the communities we serve.

“The people who donate are heroes. People take time out their day to come to the blood bank to have a needle stuck in them just to help other people. Do you know how amazing that is?”



Mobile Blood Drive

Brevillier Village

Thursday February 27th

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Walk-ins Welcome!

All Blood Types Needed

WALK INS WELCOMED
SCAN TO SCHEDULE:



COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK

DONORS MUST:

- Be at least 17 years old or 16 with parental consent
- Weigh at least 110 pounds
- No tattoo or piercings in past 3 months
- Be in general good health and eat before donating
- **PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

Complete QuickPass
FILL OUT DAY OF DONATION

