

# BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



# March

## A Spring Prayer - From Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

“Life shoots from the seeds that sweet earth may enclose, like the dawn from the dark, like the opening rose unfurling its petals for all to behold, God’s bountiful, beautiful blessings unfold. From invisible hope, from heart-hidden prayer, from mustard-seed faith in time of despair, from a desert of doubt in a season forlorn, all the joy and the wonder of life is reborn.”  
RH Greenville

**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.

## March is Social Workers Month!

The theme for Social Work Month 2025 is Social Work: Compassion + Action



### Special Thanks to our Social Services Team!

This group provides countless hours of round the clock support to our residents and their families. Social Work is not a career designed for the faint of heart, but specifically for those with extraordinary hearts and who are willing to go the extra mile to help those in need. We are blessed to have a team of professionals who understand the Brevillier Village Mission and make it their goal to provide person-centered care of Body, Mind, and Spirit.

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# 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.** Tickets can be purchased by scanning the QR Code, online [www.brevillier.org](http://www.brevillier.org), our Facebook page, or by visiting the Ball Pavilion Office Mon.-Fri. 8 am -5 pm.

Bingo Tickets  
SCAN Here



Interested volunteers, sponsors, and donations should be forwarded to Maureen Rizzo (814)899-8600 ext. 210 or [mrizzo@brevillier.org](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org).



# 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*

## 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). 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*

## Personal Care Accommodations at Barnabas Court

Barnabas Court provides services for seniors who need help with personal care including hygiene, dressing, medication reminders, and other activities of daily living. Residents receive a wide variety of personal care services that are chosen based on individual need and ability. Barnabas Court North and South offer 24 hour nursing assistance with activities of daily living. A communal dining room offers 21 meals a week and encourages socialization. Additional features include secure buildings, housekeeping, laundry, linen service, recreational, social, and spiritual activities services.



# BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



## Nursing Home Transition Information Session



Ball Pavilion will be hosting resident/family education sessions which The Department of Human Services Office of Long-Term Living has contracted with PA Council on Independent Living (PCIL) to provide. These education sessions are required to be conducted in each Medical Assistance (MA) enrolled nursing facility across the state. They will supply information about Nursing Home Transition (NHT), including transition services available under the Community Health Choices (CHC) Managed Care program, and other home and community-based programs that support MA participants in their homes and communities, such as the OBRA waiver or Living Independence for the Elderly (LIFE) program.

The overall goal of these sessions is to provide residents and their families with information about alternatives to nursing facility services and care. These sessions are a convenient avenue by which facilities can comply with their responsibilities to their residents' civil right to reside in the least restrictive setting possible.

These presentations are approximately one (1) hour in length and focus on the services and supports that the NHT program can provide to a nursing facility resident facing barriers to moving into the community. They include information about recognizing when to make a referral for NHT, how to access NHT services, what specific services are available, and who provides these services. They also discuss the services and supports that can be provided by the CHC program and other home and community-based programs, such as the OBRA waiver and LIFE program, by providing a nursing home level of services and supports to the person in their home.

**When: March 27th, 1:00-2:00**

**Where: Ball Pavilion Recreation Room**

*RSVP to Grace Clark requested but not required - call (814)899-8600 or email [gclark@brevillier.org](mailto:gclark@brevillier.org)*



## Staff Longevity Celebrations



**Sherry Payne**  
Nursing - 5 Years



**Cindy Steinhoff**  
Beautician - 10 Years



**Didi Howard**  
Nursing - 10 Years



**Kayla Turk**  
Rec/Soc. Service - 15 Years



## 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

March 2025

- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/6 - 2:00 Food Show with GFS BC
- 3/7 - 1:30 Residents Birthday Party
  - BP - Z-Praise & BC -David Devine BCN Recreation Room
- 3/9 - Day Light Savings Time Begins Spring Forward!
  - 2:00 Religious Services Barnabas Chapel
- 3/11 - 10:30 Music Bingo With Cindy Sue & Bryan BCN Recreation Room
- 3/16 - All Day, come visit your family day, no scheduled groups
- 3/17 - St Patty's Day
- 3/18 - 1:30 Therapy Piggy BCN Recreation Room
- 3/20 - First Day Of Spring!
- 3/21 - 1:30 St. Patty's Day Party - BP - Rick Brunning & BC BC – Elizabeth Tomcho



### 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

#### Upcoming Events

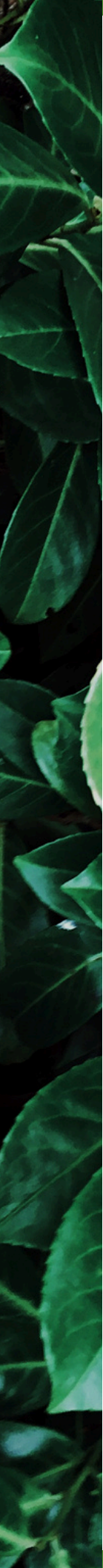
- 3/4 - Ash Wednesday, Ash distribution to begin at 10 am by apartment visits.
- 3/18 - Conrad House Birthday Celebration 11:30 am
- 3/22 - Pancake Breakfast 8 am MPR
- 3/23 - Impact Singers 6:30 pm MPR
- 3/31 - Fraud Prevention - Special Agent McGill
  - 1:30 pm MPR
- 4/28 - Tech Scam Presentation - 1:30 pm MPR

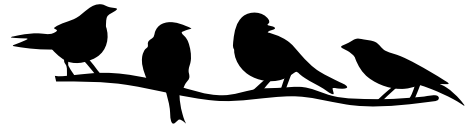
#### Independent Residents - Walmart & Giant Eagle

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

- East Side YMCA Bus Pick-Up: M, W & F 8:35 am
  - Erie Public Library Book Mobile: March 10 & 24 2:30 - 3:15 pm





## Homecare Services Available

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](mailto:jkehl@brevillier.org).

## 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.

## 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 [mypath.pa.gov](http://mypath.pa.gov), or contact any of my offices for help.

## 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](http://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](mailto:jkehl@brevillier.org)



### Conrad House Volunteer Needs:

- Lunch Program Meal Delivery
- Appointment Companion

## NWPA PRSA Holds Women’s Leadership Panel Discussion



Erie, Pa. – In commemoration of Women’s History Month, the Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America (NWPA PRSA) will hold its second Annual Women’s Leadership Panel Discussion on Thursday, March 27. The special “Lunch and Learn” session, which will be held at noon in the board room of Erie Homes for Children and Adults (226 East 27th Street), features three regional professionals who are leaders in public relations, marketing communication and related fields. The panelists are Sarah Grabski, Social Media and Digital Content Manager at Gannon University; Elise Michaux, Marketing and Communications Director at Erie County Community College; and Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development at Brevillier Village.

## 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](http://www.brevillier.org/careers).

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

SOCIAL SERVICES	DINING SERVICES	MAINTENANCE
<b>Social Worker</b> Full-Time, 1st Shift Pay TBD	<b>Dietary Aide</b> FT, 1st Shift, From \$13.00/hour	<b>Maintenance Tech.</b> FT, 2nd Shift, From \$13.50
NURSING	RECREATION	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
<b>ADON/Infection Control Nurse</b> Full-Time, Pay TBD  <b>CNA - Full &amp; Part-time, 2nd Shift</b> PA Nurse Aide Registry From \$18.50/hour  <b>LPN - Full &amp; Part-time, All shifts</b> PA Nurse Aide Registry From \$25.75/hour	<b>Salon Stylist - 1st Shift</b>  	<b>Housekeepers</b> Full-Time, 1st Shift From \$13.50  



### **Ball Pavilion**

Norine Burkett  
Alice Schubeck

### **Barnabas Court North**

### **Barnabas Court South**

Karen Manross

### **Conrad House**

Danielle Bakula  
Eita Ovonja



## DON'T FORGET



**SPRING FORWARD**  
Set your clock an hour ahead

## March 9th

“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.

Shirley May  
Adeline Ronald



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](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org)  
<https://www.networkforgood.com/resource/what-is-legacy-giving/>

## HAPPY WORK Anniversary

## Happy Birthday!

Sheryl Galbreath	03/01/2016	9 Years
Alicia Roberts	03/01/2016	9 Years
Amari Stewart	03/04/2022	3 Years
Renee Martin	03/07/2023	2 Years
Anthony Szyplik	03/07/2024	1 Year
Jillian McGill	03/08/2022	3 Years
Jennifer Schultz	03/11/2003	22 Years
Dianne Blanchard	03/11/2024	1 Year
Belinda Baldwin	03/12/2019	6 Years
Sophia Stinson	03/14/2024	1 Year
Gabriella Storm	03/13/2023	2 Years
Grace Clark	03/18/2024	1 Year
Samia Jibul	03/20/2023	2 Years
Timothy Bennett	03/22/2021	4 Years
Jennifer Adams	03/23/2016	9 Years
Hatija Hucic	03/26/2024	1 Year

Corrine Geiger	3/2
Alexis Engel	3/7
Geraldine Rickrode	3/9
Rhonda Baxter	3/12
Megan Kelly	3/14
Sandra Corey	3/16
Becca Shepardson	3/17
Todd Whaley	3/18
Carley Estok	3/19
Michelle Johnson	3/19
Erica Vicary	3/20
Deborah Learn	3/21
Nolan Molloy	3/23
Bella Walker	3/26
Joseph Fenno	3/27
Randy Post	3/29
Dani Seibert	3/30



## Resident Birthdays



### Ball Pavilion

Marilyn J Garfield	3/06
Corkie Sands	3/07
Evelyn Senger	3/07
Rita Miller	3/11
Beatrice Pruzenski	3/12
Janice Bradway	3/19
Carolyn Henry	3/26

### Barnabas Court North

Carl "Jim" Ahlgrim	3/09
Esther Northrup	3/19
Janice Meyer	3/30

### Barnabas Court South

Leah Moore	3/01
Betty Stokes	3/04
Sally Rhines	3/09
Clarence Beveridge	3/17
Patricia Bablak	3/25

### Conrad House

Kathy Sharples	3/1
Ann Groves	3/8
Denise Foster	3/8
Jan Stryker	3/9
Doris Causgrove	3/13
Kim Austin	3/13
Cal Wurst	3/22
Rose Gensheimer	3/23
Joan Rickel	3/28



# BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



## Residents & Neighbors



January 31st residents at the Conrad House hosted a Cornhole tournament. Several teams battled for the winning title while having fun, and sharing moments of fun and laughter!

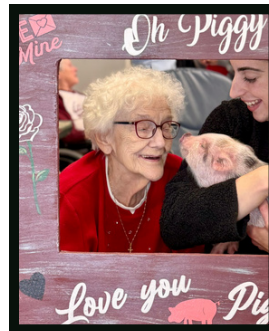
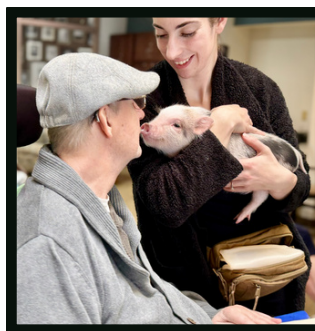
### Winning Teams:

**1st Place Scorchy & Jack**

**2nd Place John and Fred!**



On February 21st residents and Staff at Ball Pavilion were greeted by Cedar and Aspen, from Tree Family Party Piggies. There were plenty of smiles and kisses for all! Be sure to see them again on 3/18 - 1:30 Therapy Piggy BCN Recreation Room



## Harborcreek Historical Society

For new exhibit to open summer 2025 at the Gifford-Blanchfield House The Harborcreek Historical Society is currently working on a new exhibit due to open later this year that will highlight Harbor Creek School District faculty, staff, and students who performed on the district's athletic fields and courts, but not as athletes... as marching and pep band members, twirlers, cadets, majorettes, and color guard members. "Swirling, Twirling & Marching" will celebrate the lengthy and robust histories of these programs.

Individuals wanting to contribute to the exhibit are encouraged to contact the society directly at (814) 899-447 (office phone) or harborcreekhistory@gmail.com.



## Harborcreek Township

Save the date! ...for the spring clean-up Please join us Saturday, April 26th 10 am – 12 pm for the annual clean-up of the Gifford-Blanchfield House and grounds.





# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## MARCH CELEBRATION DAYS

- 3/4 - Happy Mardi Gras
- 3/5 - Ash Wednesday
- 3/6 - Happy Dentist Day
- 3/8 - International Women's Day
- 3/9 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 3/12 - National Plant a Flower Day
- 3/14 - Happy PI Day
- 3/17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19 - Hello Spring
- 3/20 - International Day of Happiness

### 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](mailto: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



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