

# BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



## ERIE'S CHOICE AWARD 2023



The 2023 Erie's Choice Awards were announced on Sunday, October 29th in a Special Edition of The Erie Times-News. We are happy to announce **Brevillier Village remains Erie's Choice Retirement/55+ Community and Apartment Complex, and our Rehabilitation a finalist amongst fierce competition!** We are grateful for the support of our entire community. From residents, family and loved ones, to our staff, and volunteers we could not do this without your support. It is the little things everyone makes time for that make us outstanding in our industry.

## DOOR DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS!

During October staff members participated in a "Thankful" theme door decorating contest. Various departments added extra flare to doors throughout our buildings. Judges (leadership staff) presented the winners, Jillian McGill and Michael Molitoris with gift cards for their creative and meaningful creation. We hope you enjoy the pictures in this publication highlighting our seasonal events and decorated doors!



Members of Team RAD and the artists photographed with the decorated rehabilitation doors. They created a life-sized tree with colorful leaves, each with a copy of resident portraits. This tree represents all they are "Thankful" for. You must see this in person to truly appreciate the beauty!

*Photo: Hannah Perrin, Emily Maloney, Jillian McGill, Michael Molitoris, Miranda Whaley, and Vickie Gilchirst*

To receive our monthly newsletters like this and other notifications, please contact Maureen Rizzo, [mrizzo@brevillier.org](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org) to be added to our email list.

### Deacon Chuck Adamczyk: NOVEMBER BLESSINGS

Give thanks, not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life.  
Appreciate and never take for granted all that you have.

### 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.

## November

National Celebration  
Month For:

Long-Term Care Awareness

Home Care & Hospice

Hospice & Palliative Care

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## TECHNOLOGY CHANGES AT BARNABAS COURT

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You may have noticed some changes at Barnabas Court! There is a brand-new nurse call system in place, and along with that, an update to our keypad system for all our locked doors. Visitors still have access to enter the "code" posted outside of each locked door to release and open the door.

As always, please be very cautious of any residents that may be close to the exit doors. Barnabas Court North is a licensed, secure dementia unit, and we need to be vigilant not to let anyone outside without proper supervision.

The new nurse call system is the first update at Barnabas since the original system was installed many years ago! So, we are very excited and thankful for everyone who made donations to make this possible!

Also, you will notice that the Personal Care Aides will now be carrying a smart phone. These phones are how they are alerted when a call bell is pulled in a resident's room. There will still be a light that flashes at each door, too, so any other staff person can help when a resident is in need. The PCA's will be able to call or text each other for help, or to notify coworkers when they are unavailable. The Nurse, Director of Nursing, and myself also receive alerts to our computers. These smart phones work ONLY with the new system, not the internet or streaming services.

Everything that has been updated is to ensure our residents are being taken care of promptly and efficiently. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to stop by my office at North or send an email to [vgilchrist@brevillier.org](mailto:vgilchrist@brevillier.org).

*Vickie Gilchrist, BSW, PCHA*  
**Barnabas Court Administrator**

## NURSE CALL FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Nurse Call Fundraiser began during August of 2021 and we have raised over \$187,000 in total, as shown in the graph below. This graph represents the various ways people have donated including: In Memory Of, Payroll Deduction\*, Erie Gives Day, and more. We are in the process of raising \$100,000 the remaining needed to purchase and install the new system at Ball Pavilion. As stated in the article above from Vickie Gilchrist, our technology at Barnabas Court was updated first. We appreciate your assistance in all of our funding raising projects. Thank you!

NURSE CALL SYSTEM FUNDRAISING THROUGH 10/13/2023



IMO Donations	\$18,658.07
Payroll Deductions	\$5,493.00
Golf	\$71,742.42
Erie Gives	\$51,991.39
Other Fundraising	\$7,649.56
Donations	\$31,996.25
	<b>\$187,530.69</b>

\*Payroll deduction is for staff who choose to opt in.

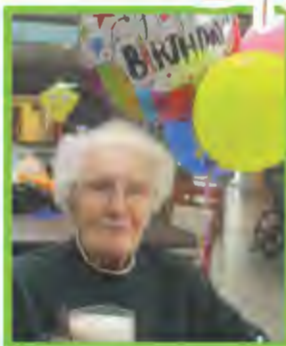




# VILLAGE ACTIVITIES



## FALL FESTIVITIES!



Wonderful  
**AUTUMN**

## DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

*thankful*



*grateful  
thankful  
blessed*





# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## ICE & SNOW, TAKE IT SLOW



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Each year in the U.S., there are over  
**1,000 deaths** and **100,000 injuries** due to  
vehicle crashes during winter weather.

DID YOU  
KNOW?



**Clean off your vehicle before driving.**  
Flying snow from cars causes accidents.



**Keep it slow, and don't use cruise control.**  
Roads can be slick even if they just look wet.



**Leave extra distance between vehicles.**  
Stay especially far from snow plows.



weather.gov



### Erie County Library Book Mobile

**12/4, 12/16 @ Conrad House 2:30 - 3:15 pm.** For questions  
please call (814)451-6935



### Sat. Dec. 16th - Non-Profit Night with the Erie Otters vs. Ottawa

Join us at the Erie Otters Game for Non-Profit Night! Be sure to wear  
your favorite Brevillier Village attire!



### Thurs. Dec. 21st & Fri. Dec. 22nd

Religious Service @ St. Barnabas Chapel

## BREVILLIER VILLAGE OUTREACH



As a nonprofit and historical landmark in the community we  
consider outreach to be an important part of our mission.

During the last month, we have participated in several  
events that may help others learn about our services and  
possible job openings. Listed on the right are some of the  
most recent attended events by leadership staff.

### Community Engagement

Thursday, November 2nd

Harbor Creek High School Job Fair



Friday, November 3rd

Eastside YMCA Health & Wellness Fair





# Christmas in Our Village 2023

Brevillier Village is eager to bring the magic of Christmas back into our community! The theme will be "Christmas in OUR Village" and a month of activities is planned. Start gathering your Christmas gear!

**Dec 1st -Dec 8th:** Resident & families are welcome to decorate resident doors. It's also encouraged that staff and each nursing station to participate. Make it fun!

**Dec 7th:** Conrad House to be tree decorating. Will have cookies & hot chocolate.

**Dec 11th:** Cookie decorating with residents/staff from 1-3PM at BCN & Ball Pavilion

## Dec 14th: Christmas in OUR Village Party!

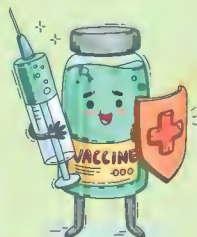
Due to scheduling conflict date & time changed to 6-7:30PM

- Conrad House – Will be having their Christmas Dinner
- Will have Photobooth, Children's Craft Table, Snowman Soup (Hot chocolate bar with all the fixings), Cookies & Punch, and Mr. & Mrs. Claus to make their way through each building visiting residents, staff, & visitors. (will spend approx. 45 min in each building)

## Dec 18th – 22nd:

- Spirit Week! Each day will be a theme to dress up.
  - Dec 18th – Deck the Halls (Ugly Sweaters & Socks)
  - Dec 19th – Night Before Christmas (Coziest-Work Appropriate PJS)
  - Dec 20th- Family Photos (Everyone wears flannel)
  - Dec 21st – All is Bright (Wear your Christmas Bling!)
  - Dec 22nd – Santa's Workshop (Wear Santa Hats, Elf Hats, Reindeer Antlers, etc)
- Christmas Parties for Ball Pavilion & Barnabas Court
  - 1:30 Johny "G" @ Ball Pavilion
  - 1:30 Peaceful Easy Feeling @ Barnabas Court North

**Dec 22nd:** Caroling to take place throughout each building; starting in CH @ 9:15AM. Will then go to BCN @ 9:30, BCS @ 9:45, BP @ 10AM. Sign-ups to go out for this, and we also be encouraging families to sign up.



## COVID Booster Clinic

December 8th we will be hosting a COVID booster clinic. Conrad House residents will need to sign up with Jen Kehl. Barnabas Court consent forms were mailed to families and should be sent back to nursing staff.





# Welcome



## **Ball Pavilion**

*Lois Fobes*

*Carolyn Henry*

## **Barnabas Court North**

*Joan DeAngelo*

*Shirley Dine*

*Maureen Sabol*

## **Barnabas Court South**

*Camile Carideo*

## **Conrad House**

*Eloise Downing*



# WELCOME



## **Apartments Available Barnabas Court South**



## **Contact Kristin Laine**

**(814)899-8600 or [klaine@brevillier.org](mailto:klaine@brevillier.org)**

## **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.

*Florence Croscut*

*Joan Eastman*

*Mary Finazzo*

*Colleen Luke*

*Berdellis Monahan*

*Rita Slomski*

*Winifred Winter*



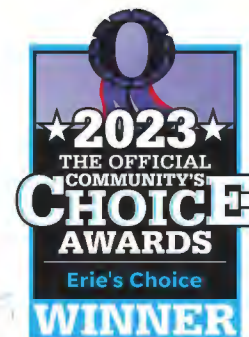
We want to thank you for mentioning Brevillier Village in your memorials to honor your loved one. Whether you mentioned the Brevillier Village name as their home, thanking our staff for care provided, or included Brevillier Village as beneficiary to memorial donations, everyone here benefits. We have 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, 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/>



# CELEBRATION



## HAPPY WORK Anniversary

**Patricia Veres 20 years**

Lealyn Hinkler 14 years

Kayla Burkett 11 years

Andrew Achille 4 years

Falecia Bibbs 2 years

Alissa Ridenour 1 year

Carly Schubert 1 year

Julia Chludzinski 1 year

Mariah Briggs 1 year

Priscilla Torres 1 year

Rayna Huggler 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 RNs
- Dining Services - Full & Part Time
- Maintenance - Full & Part Time
- Housekeeping - Full & Part Time
- Homecare - Part Time

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



Angela Przybyszewski 11/01

Jillian McGill 11/02

Timothy Bennett 11/02

Jen Majczyk 11/03

Simeon Castano 11/03

Talan Whiteley 11/05

Tammy Motherwell 11/06

Darlene Shiolen 11/09

Falecia Bibbs 11/11

Kristin Laine 11/13

Carla Danowski 11/15

Sheldon Davis 11/16

Jessica Torok 11/17

Elizabeth Birmingham 11/22

Belinda Baldwin 11/26

Michelle Henson 11/26

Kayla Cyparski 11/27

Angela Lingenfelter 11/28

Alyse StGeorge 11/29

## RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

### Ball Pavilion

"Kay" Shaddock 11/10  
Andy Gall 11/20  
Sally Smelko 11/25  
Betty Kimmy 11/25  
Dot Plonski 11/26  
Carl Marshall 11/26

### Barnabas Court North

Patricia Dennis 11/04  
Laure Smith 11/28

### Conrad House

Nancy Yost 11/01  
Marcia Blanchard 11/01  
Don Ward 11/11  
Lucille Yeaney 11/15  
Suzie Kohler 11/17  
Donna Standley 11/22  
Jeanne Rhodes 11/24  
Margaret Young 11/25  
Wilma Flemming 11/26

### Barnabas Court South

Marilyn McDaniel 11/07  
Jack Wear 11/09  
Marjorie Hubbard 11/13  
Robert Lapenz 11/15  
Tony Martter 11/21  
DeWayne Shaffer 11/22



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



UPCOMING ...



## November National Celebration Month for:

*Long Term Care Awareness Month | Home Care & Hospice | Hospice & Palliative Care*

- **11/11 - Veteran's Day**
- ~~11/12 - Religious Services @ St Barnabas Chapel 2:00 pm~~
- ~~11/17 - Social Hour @ BP Kirk Hamza & BN Mike & Marie 1:30 pm~~
- **11/23 - Happy Thanksgiving!**
- 11/30 - Bowling Tournament @ CH MPR 12 pm

## *Christmas in OUR Village:*

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**October 28 was National First Responders Day**, recognizing workers such as police, firefighters, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and paramedics. At Brevillier Village we want to take a moment to say "THANK YOU" to all of our first responders. Specifically Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department and all of our Harborcreek Fire Departments. As typically first on the scene, these selfless and very brave individuals show up time after time to assist with a variety of 911 calls. Due to the nature of our vulnerable population we hold dear our first responders in our prayers of protection. It truly takes a Village and we are blessed to be a part of this community, where so many share their talents and love.



*thank you*







# CHRISTMAS IN OUR VILLAGE PARTY!



**THURSDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00-7:30PM**



- PHOTOBOOTH
- CHILDREN'S CRAFT TABLE
- SNOWMAN SOUP (HOT CHOCOLATE BAR WITH ALL THE FIXINGS)
- COOKIES & PUNCH
- MR. & MRS. CLAUS!



# Christmas Spirit Week!

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*(Ugly Sweaters & Socks)*



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- **Dec 20<sup>th</sup> - Family Photos**

*(Everyone wears flannel)*



- **Dec 21<sup>st</sup> – All is Bright**

*(Wear your Christmas Bling!)*



- **Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> – Santa's Workshop**

*(Wear Santa Hats, Elf Hats, Reindeer Antlers, etc.)*







**DEC 1<sup>ST</sup> - DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>**

Spread Christmas Cheer in our Village and help  
decorate your residents' door!