

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



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We enter this New Year of 2024 with gratitude and grace. We reflect upon our achievements, the times we've held one another together, and the life-defining experiences, both good and bad. We come to accept that love and change are two constants in life, neither of which we have much control of. With each passing year we are confronted with many choices. As change happens we must embrace the good times and learn to grow through the trying times. When we remain teachable, we can make the best of any and all situations.

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.

TEAM RAD - CHAMPION OF THE YEAR!!



Read More Inside!

For the past three years Team RAD has honored staff members who have faithfully demonstrated Respect and Dignity. Votes were collected in December and unanimously **Our Champion for 2023 is Dennis Rodland!** Anyone who knows Dennis would agree, he is made of pure gold! Dennis has been a part of our Brevillier Village family for the past three years. He takes pride in his home at Conrad House and even more as a staff member and volunteer. He goes out of his way to treat everyone he encounters with kindness, inclusivity, joy, and compassion.



Seven Pillars of Dignity & Respect

Start With You - Sweat the Small Stuff

Build Cultural Awareness - Find Common Ground

Join the Team - Lead the Way - Do the Right Thing

www.dignityandrespect.org



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Joy AND BLESSINGS



January is a time of quiet and new beginnings – is the perfect time to reflect on how you want to live your life. January is the perfect time to refocus on your priorities and set goals. May God grant you always...a sunbeam to warm you, a moonbeam to charm you, a sheltering angel so nothing can harm you, laughter to cheer you, faithful friends near you, and whenever you pray, heaven to hear you.

- Deacon Chuck Adamczyk





TEAM RAD - PROMOTING A CULTURE OF RESPECT & DIGNITY

Team RAD Philosophy

“As Champions of Dignity & Respect, we pledge to lead, create, and demonstrate a positive environment by promoting mindful awareness through our words and actions.”



Its hard to believe that Team RAD is entering it’s 11th year at Brevillier Village. This journey began when the very first “Champions” were selected to participate in a special training in coordination with HVA in early 2013. Vickie Gilchrist, current Barnabas Court Administrator and former social worker, Patty Curtain received formal training from the Dignity and Respect Campaign. Between their educational backgrounds and hands-on compassionate care experience they were an exceptional choice to introduce this concept to the Village.

Eleven years and counting, the Team has evolved into a group of passionate leaders within our campus. The Team is inspired by the work that is done at Brevillier Village and through the accomplishments we achieve together. Respect and dignity are core components of the daily operations at Brevillier Village. Each resident and staff member deserve to feel welcome.



INSPIRE

CHAMPION



FOLLOW THE LEADER!

CHAMPION OF THE YEAR ***Dennis Rodland***

“Always greets with a smile and remembers my name even though we don’t encounter each other often.”

ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OTHERS, JUST SUCH A POSITIVE ENERGY FOR THE VILLAGE!

“Always has a smile on his face and is nice to everyone.”

“Always willing to help, goes over and above on everything he does.”

“The families and residents love him! He is so polite and respectful. He goes out of his way to bring residents to special events.”

“I saw the compassion of Christ in his face.”

BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



We love sharing all of our great news, but we want to hear from you! This is your chance to become a published author, please feel free to share your positive experiences with us. Selected stories will be shared throughout our communication formats. Contact Maureen Rizzo (814)899-8600 or by email: mrizzo@brevillier.org

HOMECARE SERVICES

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance with light housework, chores, bathing, laundry, and/or medication reminders, look no further. Our Homecare Program has returned and we are offering these services to current residents at Brevillier Village and in our local community.



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

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 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, grounds keeping, and much more! Our December volunteer hours totaled: 225

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

ELLA COCHRAN FOOD PANTRY - SERVICE PROJECT



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your recent support in donating towards our service project. We were able to assist the Ella Cochran Food Pantry with supplemental paper products. While these items may seem basic to others on restricted incomes they may not always make the cut for necessities. Thank you for helping our community! Ella Cochran Food Pantry provides food, paper products, holiday meals and presents to over a hundred families in the Harborcreek community. For more information you can contact Susan Moreno at (814)480-9979

DISCOVER HARBORCREEK

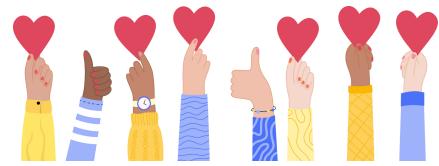
Join Us for A Meeting - Harborcreek residents and business leaders are invited to attend an open meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at 6:00 pm at the Township Building.

To learn more visit: www.DiscoverHarborcreek.org



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BREVILLIER VILLAGE AS A NON-PROFIT



We all have our own idea of what the term non-profit means, but when we take a moment to learn about a specific organization our appreciation is expanded. On the surface some may just assume that a non-profit is a business that operates without paying taxes. This is not true of Brevillier Village, as we believe in the importance of investing in our community. Listed below are a few areas we demonstrate how we are an organization that cares about the entire community.

- **Historical Roots** - Maintain and enhance the Mission of predecessors.
- **Mission Based** - Personalized care provided to older adults and/or disabled individuals.
- **Service Projects** - Provides resources to local agencies such as Fairfield Fire Dept., Ella Cochran Food Bank, and sponsorships to local teams and schools.
- **Volunteer & Intergenerational Programming** - Brevillier Village provides hundreds of required community service hours to local students. Recreation department coordinates learning opportunity through compassion and love by creating enrichment programs for youth and seniors.
- **Community Relations** - Through our leadership team and specifically development department, we also engage in community outreach. We work with local schools and universities to provide hands-on educational experiences.
- **Tax Saving Benefits** - Donations to Brevillier Village help sustain our mission while providing donors with many benefits such as capital gains tax breaks, tax write-offs through reportable donations, & more!

Ruth Pedersen Benevolent care fund has given \$6,511,129 in care and services to those residents that no longer have the resources to pay for their care.



YOUR GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

thank you

We would like to acknowledge a special thank you to those of you who contributed to our request for assistance towards the Employee Christmas Fund. The bonuses were made possible by the generous donations from our Families and Friends. This year's bonuses were over \$14,000 in total and we received over \$8,000 in donations. Shown below is a list of the donors who contributed to our request. We are grateful for your support, as your gift has provided all of our caregivers a fair and equal Christmas Bonus.

George & Sue Hunter
Jeff & Cathie Wieser
Rita Slomski
Terry Bishop*
Willard & Polly Hicks*
Arthur Coombes
Bob Walls
Susan Plizga*
Dora Francis
Doris Causgrove
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Joseph & Mary Ellen Tssario
Jeannette Hutchinson
Madeline Miele
Judith Kruszewski
Dorothy Beatty
Family of Marilyn Garfield
Mary Harned
Lawrence Park Athletic Club
Camilla Stadtmueller
Amy Shannon
And several anonymous donors



*Indicates Board Member

We apologize if we have missed anyone's name, as donations have been coming through sporadically. Please accept we acknowledge your gift with gratitude.



RESIDENT ACTIVITY & EVENTS SCHEDULE

January is just the beginning, literally, of yet another fun and exciting year 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 & BARNABAS COURT

- Mon. 1/1** *HAPPY NEW YEAR!!*
- Sun. 1/14** 2:00 Religious Service at St. Barnabas Chapel
- Fri. 1/19** 1:30 Be Happy Party: BP Lake Erie Banjo Jammers & BN Johnny "G"
- Tues. 1/30** BP & BN Resident Bowling Banquet

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.

Monthly Events

- 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
- Wednesday** Exercise 10 am MPR
- Thursday** Bible Study 10 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

- 01/16 - Birthday Lunch 12 pm MPR
- 01/17 - Erie Flagship Chorus 7 pm MPR
- 01/24 - Harry & Donna Acoustics 6:30 MPR
- 01/25 - Cornhole Tournament
- 02/04 - OLM Church Spaghetti Dinner*
- 02/08 - Mike & Marie 6:30 pm MPR
- 02/12 - Library Book Mobile 2:30-3:15 pm
- 02/14 - Valentine's Day

**Indicates an offsite and not Brevillier Village event. Please see the flyer board for more details.*

Saturday Game Night 6:30 pm MPR, every other Saturday, check board





Ball Pavilion

Joanne Dahlstrand

Dolores Dowler

Mary Janoski

Lina Pampalone

Mamie "Amy" Shannon

Joanne Snyder

Barnabas Court North

Eileen Bohrer

Mary "Joan" Hedlund

Barnabas Court South

Joseph Smelko

Conrad House

Lyle "Cy" Damon

At Brevillier Village it is our Mission to make everyone feel like they are home. Please let us know if you or your loved one is in need of anything.



❄️ Winter Safety Reminder ❄️

The harsh winter weather is upon us! When we are experiencing unsafe conditions please try to consider the following: travel only when absolutely necessary, wear appropriate footwear, and please notify staff members when encountering areas of the Village that need attention.

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.

Helen Behringer

Thomas Kulich

Elizabeth Ostroski

Ingelie Nordin

Jeanne Rhodes

Carol Turick



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



CELEBRATION



HAPPY WORK Anniversary

- Marti Colliss 35 years
- Gabe Charles 24 years
- Kim Cottrell 18 years
- Kayla Turk 14 years
- Christina Crockett 5 years
- Dennis Rodland 3 years
- Kiaunna Sutton 1 year
- Alyssa Kehl 1 year
- Julianna Storm 1 year
- Bella Walker 1 year
- Nathon Gallus 1 year
- Rose Cceberio 1 year
- Shay Gregory 1 year
- Alyse St George 1 year
- Caiden Taft 1 year



- Jessica DAnolfo 01/03
- Kayla Burkett 01/04
- Rose Cceberio 01/05
- Beth O'Baker 01/08
- Nathon Gallus 01/11
- Paulina Bizzarro 01/14
- Teyana Tate 01/14
- Kiaunna Sutton 01/16
- Alaina Barton 01/17
- Tiffany Stora 01/17
- Braydon Kehl 01/18
- Jacklyn Reynolds 01/18
- Gabriella Storm 01/20
- Emma Sloan 01/21
- Jammi Kosiorek 01/22
- Jessica Mezzacapo 01/23
- Brynn Gummerson 01/26

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*

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

APPLY NOW

www.brevillier.org/careers

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Hazel Bair 01/09

Barnabas Court South

Robert Corey 01/30

Barnabas Court North

Phyllis Moore 01/06

David Beals 01/11

Jackie Boyer 01/19

Conrad House

Mary Ann McQuiston 01/04

Michelle Tortorelli 01/06

Greg Mottern 01/09

Mary Jane Garbart 01/31



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



NEW & UPCOMING ...

- **January 2024** - National Blood Donors Month
 - 1/15 - MLK Jr. Day
 - 1/22 - 1/28 National Recreation Professionals Week

- **February 2024** - National Seniors Independence Month | Black History Month
 - 2/2 - Groundhog Day
 - 2/14 - Ash Wednesday | Valentine's Day
 - 2/17 - Random Acts of Kindness Day
 - 2/19 - President's Day

- **March 2024** - National Social Workers Month | Women's History Month
 - 3/10 - Daylight Savings Time Begins - Spring Forward!!
 - 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day
 - 3/19 - Spring Begins
 - 3/29 - Good Friday
 - 3/31 - Easter Sunday

- **April 2024 National Volunteer Month | Diversity Month**
 - April 8th - Solar Eclipse
 - April 13th - Bingo Fundraising Event

January is National Blood Donor Month, a time when we honor the generosity of America's blood donors and remind people about the importance of donating blood regularly for those who are able to do so. The winter months also bring on reduced donations due to increased illness from COVID-19, flu, and RSV.

To give locally please see the Erie Community Blood Bank website for details: www.fourhearts.org

