

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



Older American's Month | Military Appreciation Month | Mental Health Awareness

May Your Love Grow

The month of May is associated with many reasons to be joyful. From the excitement of the *real* arrival of Spring, having more sunshine and daylight, to the more formal holidays ahead. The grounds are in full bloom at Brevillier Village and it is purely miraculous to recognize the transformation that has taken place. Solid ice just a few weeks ago, the Lake now shows off her beauty in various hues of blue. The birdsong greets us each day in merriment, everyone is a bit more eager to enjoy a stroll, and our activities calendar is filling up fast. We hope you share in the feeling of being blessed, as the gifts of companionship, nature, and humanity we all share at Brevillier Village are nothing short of divine.

Nurse's Week May 6 - 12



Celebrating all Nurses! We thank you for your compassion, dedication, and medical expertise. We look forward to highlighting all of the ways we will make our team of nurses feel appreciated and celebrated. Be sure to share your gratitude for all they do for our residents and entire Brevillier Village community, as they are the heart of healthcare!

Happy Mother's Day!

Mother's Day is Sunday May 11th. This is a special day designated to celebrate maternal love. We send a special heartfelt wish to the women who have embraced this title and help cultivate the world into a better place.

A Mother's Day Blessing, From Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

May those with children feel appreciated, may those grieving empty arms be comforted, and may those mourning and missing the one who gave them life be wrapped in goodness and love today, and every day.

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.

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Erie's Choice Nominations May 7 - 28th

The time has come again to begin voting for your favorite Erie businesses and service providers. We hope that you will take the time to vote for Brevillier Village. We are proud to hold the Eight-Year title as Erie's Choice Retirement Facility and to have been awarded Erie's Choice for Rehabilitation, Apartment Complex, and finalist for Best Employer 100+. **Scan the QR Code to vote beginning 5/7!**

SCAN ME!



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

DO NOT Hold Doors Open

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 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



The Longest Day

The Longest Day (June 21st) is a day to raise awareness about Alzheimer's. We will be creating a Brevillier Village team for the Annual Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, September 20, 2025. If you are interested in being a part of our team, please contact Vickie Gilchrist (814)899-8600 or vgilchrist@brevillier.org

Dementia Tip - DOING JUST ENOUGH

Shared from: Michael Molitoris, Speech Pathologist.

The more we can help our residents do for themselves — the longer they will retain that skill. For many residents, "independence" might simply be the ability to take a drink, choose a clothing item they'd like to wear, complete a craft activity, or hold a bowl and eat out of it. Get curious about your residents, learn their abilities, make use of dementia strategies found on nursing units, and share tips and strategies with one another. Certain tasks like feeding or engaging in tabletop leisure activities might take more time to complete if we're cueing and assisting a resident rather than doing the task for them — but the benefits are priceless. Helping our residents help themselves can boost self-confidence, create calm, reduce stress, feel valued, and know they are loved.

Bingo Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped with our CASH BA\$H Bingo event! We had a great turnout with over 200 people in attendance, plus all our volunteers! Special thanks to our sponsors, Church and Murdock, GFS, and Bianchi Honda of Erie. Listed below are the businesses and individuals who donated towards our basket auction and raffles. We couldn't do what we do without the support from our Brevillier Village family - THANK YOU!



BrewErie Union Station
BV Clerical
BV Development
BV Dining Services
BV Environmental Services
BV Finance/Mansion
BV Nursing
BV Maintenance
BV Recreation
BV Social Services
BV Therapy
BV Team RAD
Cellar 54
Champion Ford
Chick-Fil-A

Complete Marketing
Dawn Hartman/Mary Kay
Erie Zoological Society
Infinity Bonds Permanent Jewelry
Interim
Karen Tomlin
Lakeland Hospice
Larry's Central Meat Market
Maureen Rizzo Photography
Nanci Lorei- Marsha Marsh
Nostrovia
Park Tavern
Peak N' Peak
Pet Supplies Plus
PopLuck

The Park Coffee & Bread Co.
UPMC Home Health and Family Hospice
Vickie Gilchrist
Wegman's
Jeff and Cathie Wieser
Werner Book
WP\$E - Erie Philharmonic
Young Erie Professionals (YEP)

thank you



Community Events at Brevillier Village

May 15th

Legacy Hydroponics
Presents: **Mobile Fresh Market 12 - 1:30 pm** - Stop by the Conrad House multipurpose room to shop a selection fresh fruits and vegetables.



May 15th

Conrad House Spring Bake Sale - Thursday, May 15th from 11 am - 1 pm located in the Multipurpose Room.

- 50-50 Tickets \$1
- Fresh Coffee \$0.50
- Mobile Market

June 5th

Erie Community Blood Bank - Donating blood saves lives! Stop by one of these dates to help support the Erie Community Blood Bank.

- Thurs 6/5
- Thurs 9/4
- Tues 12/16

June 10 - July 31

A Matter of Balance - 8-week structured group intervention that emphasizes practical strategies to reduce fear of falling and increase activity levels. CH MRP Tuesdays 11:00-12:30 June 10 to July 29 Thursdays 1:30-3:00 June 12 to July 31

Summer Gazebo Entertainment Schedule

Our summer entertainment schedule has arrived!

The dates listed are subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Updates can be found on our Facebook Page or by simply calling the day of to be certain plans have not changed. We hope to see you! Music runs from 1:30 - 2:30 pm



June

6/11 - Pat's Jazz
6/18 - Paul McCartney Tribute by Angelo Phillips
6/20 - Legend Show
6/25 - Johnny "G" On the Keys



July

7/2 - Peaceful Easy Feeling
7/9 - Mike & Marie
7/10 - Dr. Olson's Christian Band
7/11 - Elvis Is Alive
7/16 - Cindy Sue & Bryan
7/23 - Elizabeth Tomcho
7/30 - Music with Darren

August

8/6 - Mike Dennehy
8/13 - Country Blue Band
8/20 - Jam Starrs



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

May 11 - Jean Keubler & June 8 - Sarah Brock



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

- 5/9 - 1:30 Social Hour with Carl Haltman & Barb Songbook - BP
- **5/11 - Happy Mother's Day**
- 5/11 - 2:00 Religious Service - Barnabas Chapel
- 5/23 - 1:30 Alice In Wonderland Tea Party
 - BP - Angelo Phillips
 - BCN - Music With Darren
- **5/26 - Happy Memorial Day**



CONRAD HOUSE

Resident activity calendars have been updated! Be sure to mark your planner and join in for some fun. Use of the CH multipurpose room is approved through Jen Kehl, Building Admin. Please make arrangements prior to use. *Thank You!*

Upcoming Events

- **5/11 - Happy Mother's Day**
- 5/15 - Spring Bake Sale 11 am - 1 pm MPR
- 5/20 - Birthday Celebration 11:30 am MPR
- 5/22 - Wii Bowling Tournament 12 pm MPR
- **5/27 - Memorial Day**



Erie County Library - Book Mobile

May 5 & 19 June 2, 16 & 20 from 2:30 - 3:15 pm



In the Neighborhood

Whitford Park Concert Series Wednesdays 7 pm



6/11 - Generic Grass
6/18 - The Mountain Thyme Ramblers
6/25 - Country Blue
7/2 - Abbey Road
7/9 - Jack Stevenson
7/16 - Shani Bills

7/23 Mike and Marie Acoustics
7/30 - Shady Side
8/6 - Polka Relations
8/13 - Kurt Novakowski: As Elvis!
8/20 - David Julius
8/27 - Gem City Band

Weekly Schedule

MONDAY

- 10 am Exercise MPR
- 12:30 pm Book Club Library*
Meets tri-weekly
- 2 pm Pinochle Library
- 6 pm Craft Group MPR
- 6 pm Card Game MPR

TUESDAY

- 2 pm Bingo MPR
- 6:30 pm Rosary Library
- 6:30 pm Card Game MPR

WEDNESDAY

- 10 am Exercise MPR
- 3 pm Music Reading Library
- 6:00 pm Card Game MPR

THURSDAY

- 11 am Bible Study Library
- 2 pm Pinochle Library
- 6 pm Card Game MPR

FRIDAY

- 9 am Coffee & Donuts MPR
- 10 am Exercise MPR
- 11:15 am Religious Svc. MPR
- 5 pm Happy Hour MPR
- 6 pm Card Game MPR

BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS

Volunteer Program

We use volunteers in every building and in just about every department! Our volunteers help with resident activities, landscaping projects, Conrad House meal delivery, and in the Village Store! Some people choose to volunteer once a week, and some individuals are only here once a year. Any amount of time given is very much appreciated! We are proud to say our Volunteer Program has been active for over 50 years and are grateful for the support received over the years.

On Thursday, April 24th Volunteers were celebrated with a luncheon in our Education Room. The theme was "Life is A Journey," describing how the volunteers are with us along the way. Jennifer Kehl was recognized by Conrad House residents for her coordination of the entire volunteer program. Deacon Chuck Adamczyk said a blessing before lunch and shared words of appreciation to the group. Jeff Wieser, CEO/President was also present and shared his immense gratitude for the difference our volunteer program makes.



Junior Volunteer Program - Summer Details

Now that summer is just around the corner, we invite youth to participate in our Junior Volunteer program. Students and young people ages 10 - 18 are welcome to share their time and talents with us at Brevillier Village from June 23rd - August 22nd. Areas of service may include recreation, dining services, and/or possibly landscaping. An in-person meeting with Jennifer Kehl will allow time for parents and volunteer to explore what area will be the best fit. This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours and gain friendships, while also enriching the lives of our residents. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jen Kehl at (814)899-8600 or jkehl@brevillier.org

Administrative Professionals Day Celebrated

On Wednesday, April 23rd Administrative Professionals Day was celebrated with lunch at Hose 27. From greeting our visitors, scheduling calendars, to making sure all details are in order, these staff members are essential in our day to day operations. Thank you for all you do!

Trysta – Lead Accountant

Jacklyn – Staff Accountant

Tyler – Accounting Clerk

Brittany – Director of Finance

Sue – HR Manager

Jenn S – Administrative Assistant/IT

Maureen – Director of Development

Patty – Medical Secretary

Gerri – Medical Secretary

Laura – BP Secretary

Jessica – BC Secretary

Debbie - Receptionist

Bridget - Receptionist

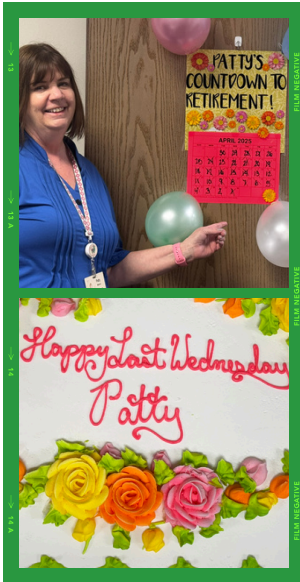
Janeen - Receptionist

Tracy – Receptionist





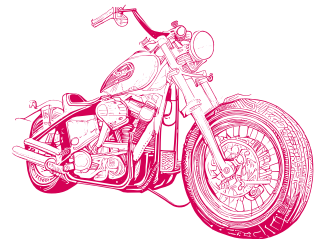
Congratulations! Patty Watson Retires



Patty Watson celebrated her last day of work on April 30th 2025. After 21 years of working at Brevillier Village she decided it was her time to hang up her hat. Patty has been the Medical Secretary at Ball Pavilion since April 13, 2004. Her co-workers celebrated Patty's last day of work with a cake, gifts, and by thanking her for her time she has shared with us.

Patty is looking forward to not having a morning alarm, going for motorcycle rides with her husband, and being able to do whatever she wants. We will miss her but are happy for her next adventure in life. Thank You & Many Blessings on your next chapter!

— HAPPY — Retirement



Social Services Update



New Social Worker:

Ashley Buterbaugh will be joining the Social Service Team on May 5th. We look forward to getting to know her and having her become a part of the Brevillier Village family, as she advocates for resident needs.



Congratulations to Grace Clark, who recently completed her Masters of Social Work Degree from Gannon. Grace conducted her internship here 2023, and we were happy to offer her a position in March of 2024. She spends her time between Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court ensuring each resident receives their individualized care plan. Congratulations Grace!

2025 Staff Bowling Tournament

Each year Brevillier Village staff have an opportunity to participate in the staff bowling tournament. Our event took place on May 1st and you can tell by the photos how much fun was had! This is a great way for everyone to get to know each other outside of work, share in camaraderie, build friendships, and possibly win some extra cash. Those who are scheduled to work are treated to pizza during their shift.



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Fairfield Hose VFD Provides Fire Safety

Thursday April 24th the crew from Fairfield Hose VFD provided hands-on training for Brevillier Village employees to learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher. 80 employees attended this required training. They listened to verbal instructions and then took turns extinguishing the fire. This proactive measure is designed to help prepare staff members for a fire emergency. Our coordinated efforts with the local first responders provide an extra sense of safety for all.



GFS Food Show for Residents & Staff

Angela Lingenfelter, Director of Dining Services worked with sales representatives from one of our suppliers, GFS. Samples of soup, street corn pasta, dessert, coffee and more where shared. Residents were able to vote on their favorite



Fresh Market Comes to Brevillier Village

Access to fresh food has just gotten a little closer! Legacy Hydroponics began its first Fresh Market day at Conrad House on May 1st. Items for sale include fresh fruits, vegetables, and baked goods. They will return for another market day on May 15th. If all goes well the market will be available each first and third Thursday of the month. Weather permitting the market will be set up outside on the concrete space between Conrad House and the Chapel.





Ball Pavilion

Pat Maciak

Barnabas Court North

Bill Kennedy

Marge Zimmerly

Barnabas Court South

Maureen Brennan

Conrad House

Donna Jean Parker



**Our flag doesn't fly
because the wind
moves it, but because
of the last breath of
each soldier who died
protecting it.**

**Remember them with
honor this Memorial Day.**



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

TIA WALKER

In Loving Memory



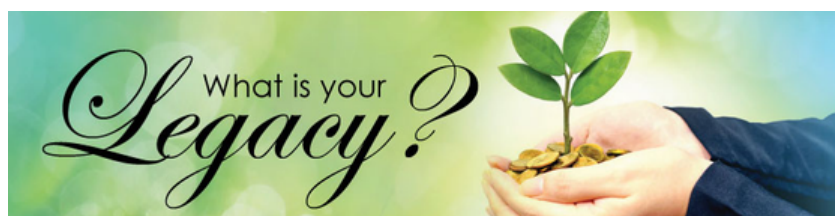
*The ones we love never go away, They walk beside us
even on this day. Unseen, unheard, yet always near.
Still loved, still missed, and very dear.*

Last Goodbyes

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

Marilyn R. Garfield

Cathryn Landis



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 Birthday

Tonya	Carpenter	05/01/2023	2 Years
Lois	Perrin	05/05/2020	5 Years
Beth	O'Baker	05/07/2018	7 Years
Sheldon	Davis	05/07/2022	3 Years
Amaryliz	Lopez	05/10/2016	9 Years
Dani	Seibert	05/07/2019	6 Years
Danielle	Nelson	05/10/2024	1 Year
Kiaunna	Wyant	05/10/2019	3 Years
Amy	Barrett-Heitzenrater	05/12/2008	17 Years
Simeon	Castano	05/13/2014	11 Years
Melissa	Klinzing	05/17/2012	13 Years
Jennifer	Mackall	05/17/2001	24 Years
Victoria	Gilchrist	05/19/2003	22 Years
Parker	Snyder	05/19/2024	1 Year
Alena	Poplavski	05/22/2007	18 Years
Jessica	Mezzacapo	05/23/2017	8 Years
Karen	Rodland	05/23/2018	7 Years
Holly	LaFuria	05/24/2021	4 Years
Angela	Anderson	05/27/2022	3 Years

Ava	Benzo	5/1
Danielle	Saxton	5/2
Kayla	Turk	5/3
Leanna	Birtciel	5/3
Jackie	Mba	5/7
Kim	Whitman	5/12
Brittany	Parker	5/12
Jessica	Smith	5/13
Patty	Watson	5/15
Cindy	Steinhoff	5/15
Molly	Richter	5/23
Breann	Tate	5/24
Sofia	Masi	5/27
Srisha	Kondur	5/28
Bri	Hanson	5/29
Bobbi	Barnes	5/30
Sandra	Alic	5/30



Resident Birthdays



Ball Pavilion

Chris Avery	5/01
Jim Boland	5/16
Eugene Marino	5/19
Nancy Shaffer	5/27
Kathleen DeDionisio	5/28
Kenneth Boyer	5/29
Dorothy Wright	5/31

Barnabas Court North

Don Godmaire	5/07
Margaret Tallman	5/17
Sandra Green	5/25
Katie Weaver	5/26

Barnabas Court South

Grace Reed	5/04
Karen Manross	5/15
Camille Carideo	5/18
Robert Pakela	5/25

Conrad House

Dawn Julius	5/11
Don Mattis	5/17
Tom May	5/20
Danielle Bukala	5/22
Tillie Stachewicz	5/26
Eloise Downing	5/27
Jeff McQuiston	5/30
Dorothy Dudenhoefer	5/31

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



MAY CELEBRATION DAYS

Older American's Month | Military Appreciation

Mental Health Awareness | National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

May 5 - 11th - National Nurses' Week

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo

May 6 - National Teacher Appreciation Day (Celebrated 5/5-9)

May 11 - Happy Mother's Day

May 17 - Armed Forces Day

May 29 - Memorial Day

May 30 - Happy National Creativity Day

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