

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



June

Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness | National Safety Month

Sweet Summer Vibes

Hip-hip-hooray! We are happy the summer months are upon us. After an intense winter and brisk spring season, we are ready to soak up some sun! While we encourage everyone take time to smell the roses, you will not find the grass growing under our feet at Brevillier Village. Our summer is packed full of wonderful events, celebrations, and so much to be grateful for. We hope you will have time to enjoy one (or more) of our upcoming events, or just stop by to say, Hello! We look forward to seeing your smile, and appreciate the positivity and sunshine you share with us!

Congratulations Class of 2025!

To our incredible high school senior employees— We are so proud of you! Your hard work, dedication, and positive spirit have been a gift to our team. As you celebrate this major milestone, know that your future is full of possibility—and we can't wait to see where your journey takes you next. Thank you for being a part of our family. Wishing you success, happiness, and everything your heart is dreaming of. Happy Graduation! 🎓🌟

Celebrating Staff Week June 15 - 21

Each year at Brevillier Village, our entire group of employees are recognized for the compassionate care they provide to our residents. As a healthcare and housing provider we do not have “off hours” and there is always a group of vital caregivers on staff 24/7, 365 days per year. Our staff are often working overtime, on holidays, and making many sacrifices in their own life to provide care to our residents. The committee has been working to create a variety of special activities and kind gestures to share with our staff. We will report back next month with plenty of photos from the celebration!

A Father's Day Prayer

From Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

Thinking of all you Dads on Father's Day and offering a prayer that God will keep you always, in the shelter of His care - may He guide you in your daily work, bless everything you do, and grant you all those special joys that mean the most to you!

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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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



Dementia Tip - Laugh Often and Share Joy

Shared from: Brevillier Village Rehabilitation Team

Countless sons, daughters, and siblings of residents at Brevillier Village have shared – often through tears – that they can't talk to their mom, dad, brother, or sister the way they used to. It's heartbreaking and often leaves family members and loved ones at a loss over how to communicate or connect with their family member.

"Dad doesn't even know who I am anymore," one daughter shared, holding back tears.

As people we love progress through their journey with dementia, 90 percent of what people understand aren't words at all. Though people with dementia typically do not understand spoken language like they used to, they often retain the abilities to read body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice. One way to connect with our loved ones through the fog is dementia is through laughter.

"Laughing enhances our sense of well-being, reduced stress, and improves our ability to survive a crisis," said Jolene Brackey in her book *Creating Moments of Joy*. "Physically, it increases circulation, reduces blood pressure, promotes brain functioning, relaxes muscles, reduces pain by increasing endorphins in the bloodstream, and stimulates the thymus gland, which improves the immune system."

Sharing bad or distressing news with your loved ones will likely trigger stress, angst, increased heart rate, tears, fear, or worry. The next time you have the privilege of visiting a person with dementia, try some of the following techniques – even if you're the one experiencing pain, fear, or worry:

- Hold your loved ones' hand, smile broadly and pay a compliment about their appearance.
- Hold your loved ones' hand, say their name, and tell a familiar joke. Even though they might not understand your words, laugh wildly at the punchline. See if your loved one follows your lead.
- If you're having a rough day, verbally share your frustration: "My coworker is driving me crazy; I hope she quits tomorrow!" and laugh broadly at the end. See if your loved one follows your lead.

"Whatever it takes to laugh, do it! You will be healthier for it and so will the people around you. I love it when someone's laugh is funnier than the joke."

-Jolene Brackey, *Creating Moments of Joy*

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Community Events at Brevillier Village

June 6th

Community Blood Bank

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

- Thurs 6/6
- 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 or
Thursdays 1:30-3:00
June 26 to August 14

June 20

Lemonade Stand

In recognition of The
Longest Day, a day to
raise awareness about
Alzheimer's, Brevillier
Village will be hosting a
lemonade stands at the
entry of each building.
Friday, June 20th 11-4 pm



June 26

Strawberry Festival

Guests can enjoy a
Strawberry Shortcake
between 2 - 4 pm CH
MPR. Dine in or take
home for \$6/per person
and 50/50 tickets will be
available for purchase. All
proceeds benefit the CH
Resident Association.



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 (Wed.)



6/18 - Paul McCartney Tribute by Angelo Phillips (Wed.)

6/20 - Legend Show (Fri.)

6/25 - Johnny "G" On the Keys (Wed.)



July

7/2 - Peaceful Easy Feeling (Wed.)

7/9 - Mike & Marie (Wed.)

7/10 - Dr. Olson's Christian Band (Thurs.)

7/11 - Elvis Is Alive (Fri.)

7/16 - Cindy Sue & Bryan (Wed.)

7/23 - Elizabeth Tomcho (Wed.)

7/30 - Music with Darren (Wed.)

August

8/6 - Mike Dennehy (Wed.)

8/13 - Country Blue Band (Wed.)

8/20 - Jam Starrs (Wed.)



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



June 8 | July 13 | August 10 | September 14 | October 12 | November 9 | December 14

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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.



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BALL PAVILION & BARNABAS COURT ACTIVITIES

- 6/6 - 1:30 Birthday Party BP - Country Blue Band, BC - Gospel Singers
- 6/8 - 2:00 Religious Services - Barnabas Chapel
- 6/11 - 1:30 Summer Gazebo Concert - Pat's Jazz
- 6/13 - 1:30 Social Hour With Rick Brunning - BCN Recreation Room
- 6/14 - Flag Day!
- 6/15 - Happy Father's Day!!!
- 6/18 - 1:30 Gazebo - A Tribute To Paul McCartney By Angelo Phillips
- 6/20 - 1:30 Summer Gazebo Concert - Legend Show
- 6/20 - Tie Dye Day & Lemonade Stand
- 6/21 - Summer Solstice

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

- 6/14 - Flag Day
- 6/15 - Father's Day
- 6/20 - Lemonade Stand 11 am - 4 pm CH entry way
- 6/26 - Strawberry Festival 2-4 pm MPR
- 6/30 - Conrad Chorus - Patriotic Program 4:30 pm MPR



Erie County Library - Book Mobile

June 16 & 20, July 14 & 28 from 2:30 - 3:15 pm



In the Neighborhood

Whitford Park Concert Series Wednesdays 7 pm



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| 6/11 - Generic Grass | 7/23 Mike and Marie Acoustics |
| 6/18 - The Mountain Thyme Ramblers | 7/30 - Shady Side |
| 6/25 - Country Blue | 8/6 - Polka Relations |
| 7/2 - Abbey Road | 8/13 - Kurt Novakowski: As Elvis! |
| 7/9 - Jack Stevenson | 8/20 - David Julius |
| 7/16 - Shani Bills | 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

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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



The Longest Day

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. The Longest Day 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

Conrad Wii Bowling Tournament

Conrad House residents had their Wii Bowling Tournament on May 22nd. It was a packed crowd with a nail biting clencher. Dawn Julius for the Win and Fred White in 2nd Place. It was a well attended event by the Conrad House residents. Snacks and refreshments were provided, and the participants received a party favor! Thank you to all who made this event possible!



Nurses Week Celebrated

Nurses Week was celebrated beginning on May 6, 2025 with a luncheon and treats throughout the week. We are grateful for everything our nursing team does to keep our residents safe and comfortable while with us at Brevillier Village.





Ball Pavilion

Barnabas Court North

Barnabas Court South

Conrad House



Legacy Hydroponics made a stop to Conrad House with their mobile fruit stand on June 5th. The fruit stand will be on site on the first and third Thursday of the month at 12 until 1:30 pm, located in the MPR or outside on the westside of the CH.



“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.

Mary Langer

Pat Maciak

Helen McClelland



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

Carla	Danowski	6/1/1988	37
Bridget	Bly	6/2/2011	14
Jacklyn	Reynolds	6/2/2023	2
Jackie	Mba	6/3/2024	1
Stephen	Eimers	6/7/2011	14
John	Silvis	6/7/2023	2
Angela	Lingenfelter	6/8/2017	8
Jolene	Armstrong	6/10/2024	1
Tara	Gann	6/10/2023	2
Sondra	Ramos	6/10/2021	4
Paulina	Bizzarro	6/13/2023	2
Emy	Valencia	6/13/2024	1
Colleen	Herman	6/15/2004	21
Geraldine	Rickrode	6/16/2020	5
Sofia	Masi	6/16/2023	2
Srisha	Kondur	6/24/2024	1
Teresa	Gorman	6/26/2024	1
Meghan	McCurdy	6/26/2024	1
Stevie	Taylor	6/28/2024	1
Deborah	Learn	6/30/2009	16
Lilly	Zielinski	6/30/2023	2

Happy Birthday

Kylee	Cole	1-Jun
Ladaijah	Tate	1-Jun
Alena	Poplavski	2-Jun
Stephanie	Sweeney	2-Jun
Jennifer	Kehl	3-Jun
Rebecca	Wargo	4-Jun
Sophia	Stinson	4-Jun
Helena	Burgos	5-Jun
Lisha	Young	7-Jun
Michele	Latzo	13-Jun
Bella	Coletta	13-Jun
Sue	Hill	15-Jun
Gerri	Slater	18-Jun
Alexis	Walburn	21-Jun
Kacy	Slivinski	21-Jun
Bernadette	Myers	22-Jun
Brandy	Brigham	24-Jun
Kathy	Garcia Alecci	24-Jun
Sarah	Dorosch	26-Jun
Alissa	Ridenour	27-Jun
Jack	Dolak	27-Jun
Jonathan	Learn	28-Jun
Patrick	Fuller	28-Jun
Louise	Wiley	29-Jun

Happy
Birthday!

Resident Birthdays



Ball Pavilion

Mary Lou Janoski	06/21
Francis Alonge	06/28

Barnabas Court North

Leah Schlipf	6/02
Eleanor Bird	6/04
Constance Peck	6/13
Betty Wheeler	6/13

Conrad House

Ruth Heath	06/05
Matt DeForce	06/23
Beth Swanson	06/28
Sheila McLaughlin	06/29

Barnabas Court South

Diana Coy	6/02
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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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JUNE CELEBRATION DAYS

Alzheimer's Awareness Month | National Safety Month

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 - BC - Gospel Singers - BCN Recreation Room
- June 8 - 2:00 Religious Services - Barnabas Chapel
- June 11 - 1:30 Summer Gazebo Concert - Pat's Jazz
- June 12 - 11:00 Veterans Elk Club Picnic At Presque Isle
- June 13 - 1:30 Social Hour With Rick Brunning - BCN Recreation Room
- June 14 - Flag Day!
- June 15 - Happy Father's Day!!!
- June 18 - 1:30 Summer Gazebo Concert
 - A Tribute To Paul McCartney By Angelo Phillips
- June 19 - Happy Juneteenth!
- June 20 - 1:30 Summer Gazebo Concert - Legend Show
- June 20 - Longest Day Fundraiser - Lemonade Stand
- June 20 - Tie Dye Day
- June 21 - Summer Solstice

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