

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



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.



Keep Calm & Enjoy The Sun!

It is hard to believe we are into the month of August already! These warm summer days may seem long, but the weeks are flying past. Whether you have AC or a pool at home, or you find relaxation under a shade tree, be sure to make time to enjoy these numbered summer days.

August is the last summer month and is known for dry and hot temperatures. This is the best time to see sunflowers at their most vibrant peak. These huge, towering blooms, with their bright yellow petals and large faces following the sun, symbolize the warmth and energy of summer. You may see a few of these beauties throughout our grounds at Brevillier Village.

Erie Gives Day - August 12th

Please remember Brevillier Village on your list of non-profits for Erie Gives Day this year! Donations are accepted online and phone all day Tuesday, August 12th.

www.eriecommunityfoundation.org PHONE: (814)454-0843

Did You Know ...

- Brevillier Village has been a non-profit in the Erie Community for over 50 years!
- Benevolent care provided to residents over the years have surpassed \$6.5 million dollars.
- We are a learning site for local colleges and provide an onsite Certified Nurse Training Course.
- We have over 200 employees and provide housing and health care to over 300 residents annually.



Your generous donations made on Erie Gives Day contribute to one of our largest annual fundraisers. In previous years Erie Gives Day proceeds have been used towards the purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles, a new nurse call system, technology, and improvements made to our facilities and grounds. Contributions received in 2025 will continue to be invested in the improvement of our facilities and ground, maintaining safety and security for all. **Thank you for your support!**

An August Blessing: Deacon Chuck Adamczyk



May God turn your can not's into can's, your confusion into clarity, your burdens into blessings, and your stress into peace. May He bless you with joy, love, happiness, and prosperity and may He provide a shield of protection over you and your family during the month of August, and always. **Happy August!**

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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

SAFETY FIRST: 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, VPI/Ball Pavilion Nursing Home Administrator
Vickie Gilchrist, Barnabas Court Personal Care Home Administrator

Construction Work at BC North Courtyard

You may be aware of some construction going on at the Barnabas Court North Courtyard. For better use of the outdoor space, it was decided to have a concrete pad and gazebo constructed. This newly designed space will be a retreat for residents and family members to enjoy. Please be patient while maintenance and construction crews are busy preparing the space. We ask that you please be mindful of signage when parking alongside the visitor parking spaces.



Graduation for Nurse Aide Training Opportunity Students



This is exciting news! Our Nurse Aide Opportunity will be having their graduation on August 12th. Ten students, two of our own Personal Care Aides, will be completing their training so it is only right to have a commencement to celebrate this very special achievement. Our recent collaboration with HVA Senior Alliance and creation of this program at Brevillier Village will have produced 18 graduates since May. The program provides students with hands on learning and experience, in a realistic training environment. We are incredibly proud of the students and commend everyone on a job well done! Keep up the great work! Be sure to check out photographs from the graduation in our next Brevillier Village Insider.

Fun at the Baseball Game!



Team RAD Presents: A Night With The SeaWolves!

Join us Thursday, August 21st as the Erie SeaWolves take on the Harrisburg Senators. Game time 6:05 PM

Enjoy Smith's hot dogs, popcorn, 12 oz Pepsi fountain beverages and select domestic draft beers for just \$2 each!

TICKET INFORMATION: Ticket cost is \$10 per ticket (A \$3 Savings). Please pay for tickets in advance at the Ball Pavilion Clerical Office by Friday, August 15th.



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Summer Gazebo Entertainment Schedule

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

August

- 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



Additional Services: September 14 | October 12 | November 9 | December 14

In the Neighborhood: Upcoming Activities & Events

Whitford Park Concerts

Wednesdays 7 pm

- 8/13 - Kurt Novakowski: As Elvis!
- 8/20 - David Julius
- 8/27 - Gem City Band

Harborcreek Township

- Food Truck Fridays at Shades Beach upper parking lot
 - 8/15 - Passalingua's Pizzeria
 - 8/22 - Spanglish Skillet
- October 10th & 11th Fall Fest & "HarborCreep" Nights.

Back To School Line-Up

- Mon. 8/25 - Erie City Schools
- Tues. 8/26 - Erie County Technical School
- Tues. 8/26 Iroquois School District
- Tues. 8/26 - North East School District
- Tues. 8/28* & 9/2 - Harbor Creek School District
- Tues. 9/2 - Millcreek School District

The Walk to End Alzheimer's



Last call for signing up to walk on our Brevillier Village Team! **The Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, Sept. 19th.** Registration is at 9 a.m. | Opening Ceremony at 10 a.m. Vickie Gilchrist (814)899-8600 or vgilchrist@brevillier.org. If you would like to join our team there is still time, but to be guaranteed a Team T-shirt, you must register by Friday, Aug. 8th.

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Resident Activity & Events Schedule



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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

- 8/1 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party
 - BP - David Devine
 - BC - Pat's Jazz BCN Recreation Room
- 8/6 - Mike Donnelly 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 8/8 - Misery Bay Dulcimer Club 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 8/10 - 2:00 Religious Services St. Barnabas Chapel
- 8/13 - Country Blue Band 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 9/20 - Jam Starrs 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 8/21- 8/23 - Tall Ships passing by Brevillier Village
- 8/22 - Wear a Vacation Shirt Day
- 8/29 - 1:30 Carl & Barb Hultman BCN Recreation Room

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

- 8/8 - Misery Bay Dulcimer Club 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 8/10 - Sunset Service
- 8/13 - Conrad House Reunion Picnic 11:30 am Gazebo (signup with Jen K.)
- 8/13 - Country Blue Band Gazebo
- 8/19 - Birthday Celebration 11:30 AM
- 8/20 - Jam Starrs 1:30 PM Gazebo
- 8/22 - Wear a Vacation Shirt Day



Erie County Library - Book Mobile

- August 11th - Conrad House 2:30 PM



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
- 6:00 pm Card Game MPR

WEDNESDAY

- 10 am Exercise MPR
- 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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Teaming Up!

Josh and the maintenance crew have been working nonstop to catch up on some groundskeeping. This has enlisted the help of everyone and the hard work is paying off. New resident Ian Gurd of Barnabas Court South was looking to volunteer and has been helping with the cumbersome task of landscaping the giant tree outside of the mansion. He has been seen outside working mornings and afternoons. Many thanks to all who are helping keep our grounds looking fabulous!



Respect and Dignity: Team RAD

Team RAD consists of several staff members from cross department representation and resident input. The Team finds ways to encourage and boost morale for all, creating a fun and respectful work environment. Respect and Dignity are just two of the positive characteristics we strive to achieve for our residents and staff. Life can be hard enough as it is. At Brevillier Village we choose to make it better by celebrating life and one another together. Team RAD began over 10 years ago when several of our staff members participated in the Dignity & Respect Campaign. Since then we have found various ways to host teambuilding activities and events where together, we create a positive culture of belonging.



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.

30 Tips of Dignity & Respect

Practice the Tips!

Sometimes it's the smallest things that have the biggest impact. By practicing one of the 30 Tips of Dignity & Respect every day, each of us can make our world a better place for ALL to live—with ALL of our differences.

TIP 1 Start with you. Reflect on how you see others, and how others see you.	TIP 2 Sweat the small stuff. It's often the small things, such as being kind and courteous, that make a difference.	TIP 3 Smile. A smile can be contagious.	TIP 4 Say "Hello." You could make someone's day.	TIP 5 Say "Thank you." Gratitude is a gift that's never too small to give.	TIP 6 Treat others the way they want to be treated. Find out what respect means to others.
TIP 7 Build cultural awareness. Differences are barriers only if we allow them to be.	TIP 8 Make a new friend. Start a conversation and learn something new.	TIP 9 Demonstrate mutual respect. Inclusion means being respectful regardless of position or title.	TIP 10 Ask. It's ok to ask when you're not sure.	TIP 11 Find common ground. Discover what you have in common.	TIP 12 Communicate respectfully. It's not just what you say, but how you say it.
TIP 13 Practice patience. Take the time to get the full story.	TIP 14 Seek understanding. It's better to not fully understand than to fully misunderstand.	TIP 15 Share your point of view. Everyone has a perspective. Let others benefit from yours.	TIP 16 Get someone else's point of view. After sharing your perspective, give others a chance to share theirs.	TIP 17 Reinvent the wheel. Do something that hasn't already been done.	TIP 18 Be open. Try to experience new thoughts and ideas as learning opportunities.
TIP 19 Be flexible. Things don't always go as planned. Adapt to changing conditions when necessary.	TIP 20 Join the team. Do your part to support teamwork.	TIP 21 Be a relationship builder. Seek ways to expand your network.	TIP 22 Build trust. Be fair. Limit bias and favoritism.	TIP 23 Lead the way. Let your inclusive behavior light a path for others.	TIP 24 Listen. People feel respected when they know you're listening to their point of view.
TIP 25 Remember, we all make mistakes. Resist the urge to point out the ones others make.	TIP 26 Do the right thing. Make a difference. Get caught being good.	TIP 27 Become a mentor. You—yes, you—can help others realize their potential.	TIP 28 Lend a hand. A little help can go a long way.	TIP 29 Live a healthy life. Do something good for your mind, body, & soul. Encourage others to join you.	TIP 30 Be a champion of dignity and respect. Demonstrate respect for self, others, and your community.

For Care Givers: Looking After Yourself

Dementia may also change the relationships between the person and those closest to them. A partner, friend or child may find themselves becoming defined as the care giver or “**Carer**”. This is often a role that is taken on without a conscious decision being made and many people may not think of themselves as a carer. A carer may find they have an increasing number of roles in a relationship. While taking on more responsibility may be necessary, it is important that the person with dementia continues to feel involved with, and able to contribute to, the relationship. Carers often have to balance supporting the person's emotional needs with their own. For example, accessing replacement/respite care may help. A person with dementia may feel confused, anxious or isolated if their usual carer is temporarily replaced by respite care, but it is equally important for carers to have time to rest and recuperate.

Shared from: www.alzheimers.org

Dementia Tip: Local Resources

Support groups create a safe, confidential, supportive environment or community and a chance for participants to develop informal mutual support and social relationships. They also educate and inform participants about dementia and help participants develop methods and skills to solve problems.

24/7 Helpline: (800) 272-3900

<https://www.alz.org/help-support/resources>

Iroquois Library Caregiver Support Group

1st Friday of the Month

Iroquois Avenue Branch Library

4212 Iroquois Ave Erie, PA 16511

Friday, July 4, 2025, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

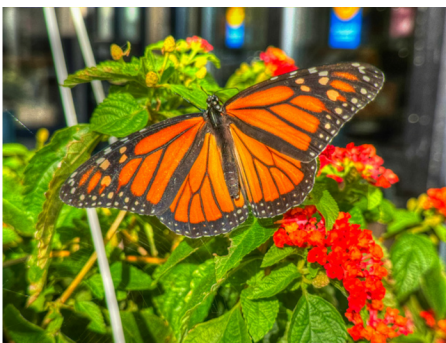
Community Nursing Services of North East Caregiver Support Group

4th Thursday of the Month

Community Nursing Services of North East

7 Park St North East, PA 16428

Thursday, July 24, 2025, 3:00 - 4:00 pm





Ball Pavilion

Nancy Petroff

Barnabas Court North

Tom Nietupski

Dan Tomczak

Roger Urmann

Barnabas Court South

David O'Brien

Conrad House

Sev Brocki

Mary Putnam



“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.

Kenneth Boyer

Ruth Green

Pearl Kelly

Nancy J. Petroff

Carol Schroeck

Bernard Tuszynski



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/>





CELEBRATE



Happy Birthday

Michael	Quirk	8/15/2000	25 Years
Janet	Dubich	8/20/2002	23 Years
Louise	Wiley	8/8/2002	23 Years
Bobbi Jo	Gariepy	8/8/2005	20 Years
Diana	Carson	8/28/1985	40 Years
Taylor	Klinzing	8/1/2022	9 Years
Sarah	Dorosch	8/3/2023	2 Years
Ashley	Perry	8/17/2021	4 Years
Samantha	Ferrick	8/10/2022	3 Years
Dijana	Feratovic	8/30/2023	2 Years
Christie	Adams	8/21/2023	2 Years
Brianne	Reed	8/7/2024	1 Year
Mark	Taylor	8/21/2024	1 Year
Sue	Hill	8/19/2024	1 Year

Dawn	Hartman	8/2
Colleen	Herman	8/4
Dontayja	Carr	8/6
Angela	Anderson	8/8
Priscilla	Torres	8/11
Dez-Ray	Confer	8/11
Kayleigh	Grinnell	8/12
Jamie	Zdunski	8/13
Dawn	Baldwin	8/14
Mark	Taylor	8/16
Emma	Neri	8/19
Taylor	Quirk	8/26
Ellianna	Pardee	8/27
Cheyenne	Kopta	8/28
Melanie	Sutton	8/30

Resident Birthdays

Ball Pavilion

Deborah Wisinski	8/06
Shirley Hamilton	8/07
Fred Higginbotham	8/11
Robert Dodds	8/11
Dorothy Scholze	8/14
Betty Bish	8/18
Dawn Rzepecki	8/28

Barnabas Court North

Maureen Brennan	8/14
"Jackie" Rzomp	8/17
Jane Nies	8/21

Barnabas Court South

Christine Andrews	8/04
Vicky Norvaisa	8/11
Lois Jordan	8/17

Conrad House

John Duenhoeffer	8/01
Barbara Roseborough	8/01
Joe Shesman	8/05
Fran Fisher	8/06
Bill Fisher	8/09
Vicki Mosbacher	8/10
Delores VonBurg	8/16
Jon Chisholm	8/21
James Protho	8/26

The more
you
celebrate
the more there
is
in life
to
celebrate



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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CELEBRATION DAYS

August: National Wellness Month

- 8/1 - Happy International Friend Day
- 8/6 - Farmworker Appreciation Day
- 8/7 - National Purple Heart Day
- 8/12 - Erie Gives Day
- 8/13 - Happy Left Handers Day
- 8/16 - Roller Coaster Day
- 8/22 - Wear a Vacation Shirt Day

September: Healthy Aging Month, National Workforce Development Month, National Senior Center Month, and National Preparedness Month

- 9/2 - Labor Day
- 9/4 - National Wildlife Day
- 9/7 - Happy Grandparents Day
- 9/8 - Literacy Day
- 9/9 - Emergency Services Day
- 9/11 - Always Remember 9/11
- 9/17 - Constitution Day
- 9/18 - US Air Force Day
- 9/21 - International World Peace Day
- 9/22 - First Day of Fall

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August 12th - Erie Gives Day



ERIE GIVES CHECK CONTRIBUTION FORM

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR FAVORITE NONPROFITS ON ERIE GIVES!
A **\$25 MINIMUM DONATION PER ORGANIZATION** IS REQUIRED.
PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM FOR CHECKS, STOCK GIFTS, OR IRA
DISTRIBUTIONS. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE ERIE COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION AND MAIL OR DELIVER TO 459 WEST 6TH STREET, ERIE, PA
16507 BY **TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2025.**



First Name(s): _____ Last Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ State (Abbreviated): _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

To ensure a quick and accurate process, please clearly provide your email address — you will receive an emailed receipt for your donation.

Check Number: _____ Contribution Total \$: __0__

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