

# 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.*



*Healthy Aging Month | Workforce Development Month | National Preparedness Month*

## A Labor of Love

The very first day of this month also happens to be Labor Day. The work we do at Brevillier Village provides care to our residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. We recognize that not all are fortunate to have had this day off, and we are immensely grateful for the dedication and compassion our staff extends to our residents. Many people in a variety of professions work where the work never really stops. These individuals are the angels among us. When the rest of the world celebrates with a day off or simply takes time for rest, you are here. Being a caregiver is something very special. You choose to spend your time making someone else's life better. This is an incredible gift of love you share. Be proud, share grace with yourself as you do others, and may the warmth of the love you share wrap you in peaceful fulfillment.

The first of September is also known for the unofficial beginning of Autumn. The beaches are closing for the season, students and educators have returned to the classroom, annual harvesting of local agriculture has begun, and the days have become seemingly shorter. The seasonal shift and return of school schedules changes our entire energy and mood. Anticipation takes over for the excitement of events yet to arrive. While many of us settle into the cooler temperatures and look forward to the excitement of holidays to come, it is important to acknowledge that peaceful moments are all around us now. Time for expressing gratitude does not require scheduling, but only the intention of recognizing all we have been blessed with. It was a remarkable summer, filled with joyful group events and memorable activities to fill our internal photo albums. At Brevillier Village, we are grateful for the time spent together with residents and family members. We look forward to keeping you informed of the exciting events planned for this last quarter of the year! **Be sure to continue reading more in this newsletter to learn more about the return of our Family Holiday Buffet.** You do not want to miss this beloved celebration for residents and their loved ones.

## A September Blessing: Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

Welcome September! – May this month bring you satisfaction, peace, and joy. May all the desires of your heart be granted. May this be the beginning of new things in your life. Stay strong, be positive and fulfill your dreams! Happy new month friends!



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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, VP/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.

Progress is being made with the concrete pad in the Barnabas Court North courtyard. You can now see the pad has been poured! Soon there will be an octagon shaped gazebo to provide shelter for residents and visitors to convene outside. We look forward to providing this upgraded space once the structure has been installed and filled with appropriate furnishings.

Thank you for your patience while we enhance this gorgeous outdoor space for your enjoyment.



# SAVE THE DATE

### Ball Pavilion

Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
12 pm

### Barnabas Court North & South

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
12 pm



## December 2025 - Family Holiday Buffet Returns!

We are very excited to announce the return of our Family Holiday Buffet this December. This event is particularly special for our residents and their loved ones because it provides the opportunity to spend time celebrating the holidays together. It is difficult, if not impossible for most of our residents to leave due to Erie winter weather and/or mobility issues. This makes having our celebration all the more important by providing the needed accommodations, food, and most importantly holiday cheer. As the holiday season approaches there will be sign up sheets available at the front offices.

\$24 adult and \$13 kids 10 and under.







## In the Neighborhood: Upcoming Activities

### 2025 Senior Fair

Thursday, September 18

Annual Senior Fair with State Representative Bob Merski. Seniors will receive personalized guidance on the Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program, learn how to secure senior bus passes, and get free health screenings. A complimentary flu-shot station will also be available —just remember to bring your insurance card.

Thursday, September 18  
10 am - 12 pm

Harborcreek Social Hall  
7275 Buffalo Road  
Harborcreek, PA 16421

### Wind Phone Dedication

Sunday, September 21

Faith Lutheran Church will be celebrating the installation the very first “Wind Phone” of Northwestern, PA. This unique addition to the community will provide a quiet space where anyone can reach out to loved ones they’ve lost, share what’s on their heart, and let the wind carry their words.

Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm

Faith Lutheran Church  
5414 East Lake Road  
Erie, PA 16511



### Fairfield VFD Open House

Sunday, September 21

Stop by the Fairfield Hose Company for their Annual Open House event to support our local volunteer emergency fire and rescue department. There will be a basket raffle, demonstrations, bounce house, kids activities and more!

Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2 pm

Fairfield Hose Company  
4896 East Lake Road  
Erie, PA 16511



### Harborcreek Fall Fest

Saturday, October 11

Bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun!

- Games & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Music
- Food Trucks
- Traveling Magician
- Pumpkin Decorating
- Lights-On Haunted House...and so much more!

“Harbor-Creek” Nights  
October 11 & 12

Harborcreek Township  
5601 Buffalo Road  
Harborcreek, PA 16421

hand  
crafted

### Craft Show & Bake Sale - Saturday, October 25

Join us for our Annual Craft Show & Bake Sale featuring local crafters, homemade baked goods, silent auction baskets, and 50-50 cash drawing. Conrad House MPR.

### Brevillier Village Book Sale - Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> & Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

Our Annual Book Sale will take place on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 am - 2 pm. All book/media purchases are made by donations which benefit Conrad House residents. **Friday, October 31, Saturday, November 1 @ 9 am - 2 pm. Brevillier Village - Education Room**



### *Annual Memorial Service*

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
4 pm Education Room

Please Note: Families will receive an invitation to the memorial service to honor residents who have passed away between September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025



## 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](mailto:cadamczyk@brevillier.org)



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

# BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS

## 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

- 9/5 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party:
  - BP Johnny G BP Recreation Room
  - BC David Devine BCN Recreation Room
- 9/7 - Grandparents Day
- **9/10 - Inside Out Day: Wear Your Shirts Inside-Out!!**
- 9/11 - Patriot Day - Always Remember 9/11
- 9/12 - 1:30 Gospel Singers BP Recreation Room
- 9/14 - 2:00 Religious Services St Barnabas Chapel
- **9/19 - 1:30 Show Your Wild Side Party**
  - BP Grumpy Men Magical Memories Show Recreation Room
  - BC Angelo Phillips BCN Recreation Room
- 9/22 - First Day Of Autumn, Rosh Hashanah, Begins At Sunset
- 9/25 - 1:30 Music Bingo with Cindy Sue & Bryan

## 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:

- 9/16 - Birthday Celebration 11:30 am
- 9/22 - First Day Of Autumn, Rosh Hashanah  
Begins At Sunset
- 10/6 - Conrad Chorus - Rehearsal begins



## Erie County Library

### Book Mobile

- September 8<sup>th</sup>
- October 6<sup>th</sup>



## 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





### **Ball Pavilion**

Margaret Rudzinski

Annette Slater

### **Barnabas Court North**

Mary Custer

### **Barnabas Court South**

### **Conrad House**

Carol Starks

Lois Parkhurst



“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.

Carol Schroeck

Kenneth Boyer

Pearl Kelly

Leah Moore

Mary Reske

Marjorie Eaglen

Helen Savoia

Edward Dalglish

Betty Wheeler

Janice Bradway

Beatrice Gleason

Jerome Kruszewski



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](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org)

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



# BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



## 40 Year Work Anniversary - Diana Carson

On Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Brevillier Village family, staff, and friends gathered in the Education Room to celebrate with Diana as she reached her 40 year work anniversary! Diana has been a true example of what a caregiver should be. She shares all of herself with her residents. She is a great team player and mentor to others. We are beyond blessed to have her on our team and wish



## Congratulations HVA Students!

On Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, ten students from the HVA Nurse Aide Training Opportunity graduated! This is simply fantastic. Each student was celebrated and commended on their hard work! Thanks to instructor Rhonda Baxter, Amy and Sandy of HVA, and the support from everyone at Brevillier Village to help these students, now CNAs succeed. It was a momentous occasion and we wish everyone the best!





# BREVILLIER VILLAGE NEWS



## About the Caregiver Support Program

The Pennsylvania Caregiver Support Program helps people who take care of others. It offers resources and support to make caregiving easier and to keep a good relationship with the person being cared for. The program aims to reduce caregiver stress by focusing on the caregiver's well-being. It provides:

- Respite Care: Temporary relief for caregivers.
- Support Services: Both formal and informal help.
- Financial Reimbursement: Money to help with caregiving costs and supplies.

The program is administered by your local Area Agency on Aging. Each caregiver is assigned a care manager who will come to the care receivers' home, conduct a comprehensive assessment of the needs of the caregiver, provide support, and work with them to develop a person-centered plan of care.

<https://www.pa.gov/services/aging/apply-for-the-caregiver-support-program>

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## 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.



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## 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](http://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



# CELEBRATE



## Happy Birthday

First	Last Name	Hire Date	Years
Rebecca	Wargo	09/06/2019	6
Jessica	Ferrara	09/11/2022	3
Janeen	Himrod	09/12/2019	6
Sandy	Danilov	09/12/2023	2
Breann	Tate	09/12/2022	3
Bernadette	Myers	09/13/2022	3
Amaryliz	Lopez	09/14/2020	5
Baylin	Vega	09/17/2022	3
Maureen	Rizzo	09/18/2018	7
Amanda	Bretz	09/22/2020	5
Saida	Harper	09/22/2022	3
Allison	Duda	09/23/2009	16
Kacy	Slivinski	09/27/2023	2

First Name	Last Name	Birthday
Kalindy	Skitka	9/2
Casey	Holland	9/2
Elizabeth	Dunkle	9/3
Jennifer	Schultz	9/6
Jessica	Edinger	9/8
Gabriel	Charles	9/8
Rayna	Huggler	9/9
Kelsi	Herman	9/11
Amaryliz	Lopez	9/13
Jennifer	Huff	9/17
Janeen	Himrod	9/17
Samia	Jibul	9/18
Emy	Valencia	9/19
Venessa	Cochran	9/19
Michelle	Crouch	9/20
Kimberly	Cottrell	9/20
Chris	Glassman	9/21
Tamra	Samulewski	9/22
Andrew	Achille	9/24
Lilly	Zielinski	9/27
Kataleigha	Stuchul	9/27

## Resident Birthdays

### Ball Pavilion

Pat Granger	9/03
Eunice Patton	9/05
Bud Bohrer	9/08
Judy Kruger	9/13
Patrick Bucceri	9/14
Roberta Dufala	9/14
<b>Dot Beatty</b>	<b>9/15</b>
Yvonne Doerr	9/19
Linda LiCausi	9/23
<b>Harry Nye</b>	<b>9/27</b>

### Barnabas Court North

Barbara Burghart	9/12
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### Barnabas Court South

Ian Gurd	9/20
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### Conrad House

Dolores Smith	9/04
Marjorie Thompson	9/07
John Chrzanowski	9/11
John Martin	9/12
Marilyn Thompson	9/16
Judy McCool	9/23
Linda LiCausi	9/23
Surya Anesi	9/27



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



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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## CELEBRATION DAYS

**September:** Healthy Aging Month | National Workforce Development Month | National Senior Center Month & National Preparedness Month

- 9/1 - Labor Day
- 9/4 - National Wildlife Day
- 9/5 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party:
  - BP Johnny G BP Recreation Room
  - BC David Devine BCN Recreation Room
- 9/7 - Grandparents Day
- 9/8 - Literacy Day
- 9/10 - Inside Out Day: Wear your shirts inside out!!
- 9/11 - Patriot Day - Always Remember 9/11
- 9/12 - 1:30 Gospel Singers BP Recreation Room
- 9/14 - 2:00 Religious Services St Barnabas Chapel
- 9/19 - 1:30 Show Your Wild Side Party
  - BP Grumpy Men Magical Memories Show Recreation Room
  - BC Angelo Phillips BCN Recreation Room
- 9/22 - International World Peace Day
- 9/22 - First Day Of Autumn, Rosh Hashanah, Begins At Sunset
- 9/25 - 1:30 Music Bingo with Cindy Sue & Bryan



**October:** Resident's Right Month | National Physical Therapy Month | Breast Cancer Awareness

- 10/1 - International Coffee Day
- 10/7 - Taco Tuesday
- 10/10 - Mental Health Day
- 10/16 - Boss's Day
- 10/25 - Make Difference Day
- 10/31 - Happy Halloween
- **10/31 & 11/1 - Brevillier Village Book Sale!!!!**

