

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.



Long Term Care Awareness Month | National Hospice & Palliative Care Month

Thankful, Grateful & Blessed!

Thank You for Voting!! On October 9th we learned that we have been voted Erie's Choice Retirement/55+ Community for the 9th year in a row! This is simply fantastic news and speaks volumes to the Village that exists here! It is nearly impossible to summarize the feelings of validation this gives us. Not only did we maintain this title, but we also earned Erie's Choice in the categories of Apartment Complex and Rehabilitation. Brevillier Village was also a top three finalist for Best Employer 101-500. This is remarkable!

We have said it before, and will say it again, caring for residents is more than just a job. As leaders in caregiving, we are called to be here, and it shows. There is a seemingly beautifully made formula mixed with compassion and dedication from staff, and the support from our community that enables Brevillier Village to operate with charismatic energy. This can be seen throughout day-to-day activities, and for that we are grateful.



Maureen Rizzo, Vickie Gilchrist, Amy Learn, Jeff Wieser & Jennifer Kehl

Advertising and marketing of the Erie's Choice campaign began in May running through September. Activities from throughout the year are highlighted to showcase memorable moments. Leadership staff accepted awards at the annual gala, but the real MVPs are Brevillier Village staff. A group luncheon will be held in early November to celebrate our employees and their hard work! We do not do this alone and feel blessed to have the support of our Team!

A November Blessing: From Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

Hello November, thanks for the reminder that change can be beautiful! God is in control. Angels have been assigned to our case. His miracle is coming. Do not worry and do not give up...EVER!



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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.

Help Keep Our Residents Safe: 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

Jeff Wieser
BV President/CEO

Amy Learn
Ball Pavilion

Vickie Gilchrist
Barnabas Court

Jennifer Kehl
Conrad House



Congratulations to Our Second Graduating Class

On Tuesday, October 28th, eight students from our nurse aide training opportunity class graduated! This is simply fantastic. Each student was celebrated and commended on their hard work! Thanks to instructor Rhonda Baxter and the support from everyone at Brevillier Village to help these students succeed. It was a momentous occasion and we wish everyone the best!



Parker-Lord Grant Received



Brevillier Village and Parker Lord staff met on Thursday, October 30th for a grant check presentation. Brevillier Village was nominated by Parker staff, Emily Wargo and Nick Rizzo. Over 600 staff members at Parker vote on the nominations and submitted to the Parker Hannifin Foundation. We are thankful for this generous gift of \$4,560. Amanda Russell, HR Specialist, shared with Becca and Maureen of the various community initiatives offered to non-profits in the Erie area. Donation match, volunteer services, and additional grant opportunities. This partnership between staff and family members strengthen the entire community, especially our residents. Thank you Parker-Lord!

Photographed above: Emily Wargo, Becca Wargo, Amanda Russell, Jessica, Maureen Rizzo, and Nick Rizzo



In the Neighborhood: Upcoming Activities

hello
November



Swiss Steak Dinner

Saturday, November 8th

First Presbyterian Church is having their Swiss Steak dinner. Drive through take out. \$15 per meal.

**Saturday, November 8
4:30 - 6:30 pm**

**6724 Buffalo Road
Harborcreek, PA 16421**



Thankful
Grateful
Blessed

Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 11

This year, Veterans Day is on Tuesday, November 11, 2025. Every year, numerous restaurants and businesses extend their gratitude to veterans by offering discounts or complimentary meals on Veterans Day, as well as retail promotions, free events, and attractions.



Produce Market

Thursday, November 20

A produce Market will be at the Conrad House Multipurpose Room from 12 Noon to 1:30 pm Thursday, November 20.

Please stop by and pick up some fresh produce and bakery items.

**November 20
12 - 1:30 pm**

**Conrad House MPR
5416 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511**



Annual Memorial Service

Thursday, November 6th
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



Additional Services: November 9 | December 14

December 2025 - Family Holiday Buffet



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. Sign up sheets are now available at the front offices. See menu on page #6.

Ball Pavilion Sat. Dec. 13th @ 12 pm and Barnabas Court Sun. Dec. 14th @ 12 pm. \$24 adult and \$13 kids 10 and under.

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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

- 11/2 - Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back!!
- **11/4 - 9:30 Election Day - BV Van Available For Free**
- 11/6 - 6:00 BP & BC Spotting Deer Outing
- 11/7 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party
 - BP - With Cindy Sue & Bryan BP Recreation Room
 - BC - With Pat's Jazz BCN Recreation Room
- 11/8 - 1:30 Stephanie & Piano Students BP Recreation Room
- 11/9 - 2:30 Religious Services St Barnabas Chapel
- **11/11 - Happy Veteran's Day - Thank You For Your Service**
- 11/12 - Brevillier Village Wear Your Favorite Football Team Shirt
- 11/13 - 1:30 Therapy Piggies BCN Recreation Room
- 11/14 - 1:30 Social Hour
 - BP - With Rick Brunning
 - BC - With Carl Haltman & Barb
- 11/21 - 1:30 BC - Social Hour with Grumpy Men Magical Memory Show BCN Recreation Room
- **11/27 - Happy Thanksgiving**



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:

- 11/6 - Memorial Service St. Barnabas Chapel 4 pm
- 11/20 - Birthday Celebration MPR 11:30 am
- 11/20 - Conrad House Thanksgiving Celebration
 - Entertainment
- **11/27 - Happy Thanksgiving**
- 12/4 - Deck the Halls
- 12/8 - Conrad House Choral Concert

Erie County Library Book Mobile

- November 3 & 17
- December 1, 15 & 29



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

Charles Cline

Betty Stokes

Barnabas Court North

Barnabas Court South

Mary Ann Dolak

Conrad House

Darlene Cash



“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.

Doris Galbreath

Joan Hall

Annie Newara

Esther Northrup

Vincent Pepicello

Jack Stephenson



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/>

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Christmas In Our Village 2025

Don't forget to sign up for the Holiday Buffet with your loved one. Ball Pavilion will be served on Sat. Dec. 13th @ 12 pm and Barnabas Court Sun. Dec. 14th @ 12 pm. \$24 adult and \$13 kids 10 and under. Please make your family reservations with clerical staff.

Buffet Menu

Artichoke Dip with Crackers

Stuffed Mushrooms

Shrimp Cocktail

Burrata Bites

Glazed Ham

Roast Beef

Dinner Rolls

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Roasted Red Potatoes

Baked Macaroni and Cheese

Glazed Carrots

Green Beans with Bacon and Onions

Pumpkin Pie

Apple Pie & Petit Fors

Tis' The Season

Check out all of our fun Christmas and Christmas-spirited events created to keep families together this holiday season.

Thursday, December 4th Deck the Halls - Join us in the festivities with Christmas carols, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, crafts, holiday backdrops for photos, and possibly a visit from the jolly man in red! Ho-Ho-Ho!!

Friday, December 5th Christmas Bling - Dig out your holiday bling and wear your most festive holiday apparel!

Paint & Sip Events - You are invited to come Paint & Sip with your loved one. Enjoy painting a snowman side by side with your loved one a memory you can hold onto forever. Cost is \$10.00 Per Canvas. Limited seating available. Please sign up at front office. Refreshments are provided but feel free to bring your own beverage & snack to share.



- Tues. Dec. 9th - Barnabas Court North @ 6 pm BCN Recreation Room
- Wed. Dec. 10th - Ball Pavilion @ 6 pm BP Recreation Room
- Thurs. Dec. 11th - Conrad House - 6 pm Conrad House Multipurpose Room

Monday, December 8th - Conrad House Chorus Concert - 4 pm Multipurpose Room



Thursday, December 11th Gingerbread House - Decorate a Gingerbread House with residents.



Friday, December 12th Christmas Headgear - Let's continue our fashion statements by wearing our favorite holiday headband (or hat)! The brighter the better!

Friday, December 19th Ugly Christmas Sweater Day - For the finale, let's wear our most decorative, fancy, colorful, and festive holiday sweaters! Some might find them ugly, but the more decorations, the merrier!!



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New Volunteer & Village Photographer

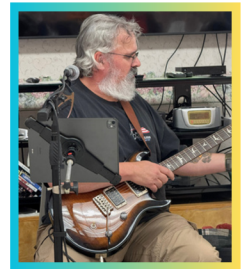
Conrad House resident, Bill Fisher has recently agreed to volunteer as a Village photographer, assisting Director of Development Maureen Rizzo in capturing the various events and activities. Bill and his wife Fran have lived at the Conrad House for nearly two years. They are both active and try to attend entertainment events. If you see Bill and his wife Fran, please be sure to say hello and give them your best smile! You can see some of his contributions on this page from the Music for Veterans event below.



Bill & Fran Fisher

Music For Veterans

On Friday, October 17th Music for Veterans, directed by Vinny Stefanelli, played at the Conrad House. They are a group of Veterans who perform music entertainment and also a source of peace. Music for Veterans is a 501(c) 3 non-profit designed with the intention of offering hope through music. Whether listening to a concert, learning to play, or joining in one of their jam sessions, their music creates a space of healing and camaraderie. You can learn more by visiting their website at: <https://music4veterans.org>



Better Together, In Pink!

On Monday, October 13th staff members showed united support by wearing Pink, as October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is through the simple acts of kindness and compassion that bring us closer as a team. Thank you to all who participated.



thankful

**2025
Book Sale
proceeds
over \$900**



A Walk Down Memory Lane Christmas Tree

Help us decorate the Ball Pavilion "Memory Lane" Christmas Tree. Think of those old photos that when you look at them, they make you smile and warm your heart. Those are the ones. They can be of your family or from our residents if they desire. Please bring to the BP Clerical Desk and Laura can quickly make a copy and return it to you. It would be very helpful if you can share the names of those in the photo and when it was taken. If it holds a special memory, please include this too. Example: "1st Christmas in new house, 1960". Everyone's contribution is appreciated as we stroll down memory lane with these photos.

To get us started here one from Laura's Family: Christmas on the Pekelnicky Farm. Grandma & Grandpa with the Grandkids 1985



**2025
Craft Show &
Bake Sale**

\$1,334





Staff Birthdays

Alissa	Ridenour	11/02/2022	3 Years
Priscilla	Torres	11/02/2022	3 Years
Lealyn	Hinkler	11/03/2009	16 Years
Kayla	Burkett	11/05/2012	13 Years
Bella	Coletta	11/11/2023	2 Years
Rayna	Huggler	11/11/2022	3 Years
Leanna	Birtciel	11/12/2024	1 Year
Carley	Estok	11/12/2024	1 Year
Aurelia	Garner	11/15/2024	1 year
Michelle	Johnson	11/15/2023	2 Years
Melissa	Veith	11/16/2024	1 Year
Andrew	Achille	11/19/2019	6 Years
Danielle	Simmons	11/22/2024	1 Year
Julia	Chludzinski	11/30/2022	3 Years

Angela	Przybyszewski	1-Nov
Timothy	Bennett	2-Nov
Jillian	McGill	2-Nov
Simeon	Castano	3-Nov
Grace	Clark	3-Nov
Shakeria	Gambill	11-Nov
Kristin	Laine	13-Nov
Carla	Danowski	15-Nov
Sheldon	Davis	16-Nov
Carlajzah	Mendez	17-Nov
Gavin	Snyder	19-Nov
Belinda	Baldwin	26-Nov
Eric	Peterseim	27-Nov
Julian	Roberts	27-Nov

Resident Birthdays

Ball Pavilion

"Pat" Dennis	11/04
Lucy Markle	11/10
Bob Lapenz	11/15
"Bob" O'Leary	11/15
Dot Plonski	11/26
Carl Marshall	11/26
Laure Smith (106)	11/28

Barnabas Court South

Marilyn McDaniel	11/07
Jack Wear	11/09
Tony Martter	11/21

Conrad House

Marsha Blanchard	11/1
Carolyn Smith	11/6
Don Ward	11/11
Lucille Yeany	11/15
Susan Kohler	11/17
Donna Standley	11/22
Margaret Young	11/25
Linda Brice	11/28

Happy Birthday

Count your life by
smiles, not tears.
Count your age
by friends, not
years. Happy
birthday!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CELEBRATION DAYS

November

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December

- 12/4 - Deck the Halls
- 12/8 - Conrad House Choral Concert
- 12/11 - Wear Your Favorite Christmas Headband
- 12/19 - Wear Your Festive aka Ugly Christmas Sweater

CHRISTMAS IN OUR VILLAGE

The kick-off to our Brevillier Village Christmas Holiday Season will begin Thursday, December 4th. Be sure to read this newsletter for upcoming announcements for details about our holiday celebrations.



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BODY MIND SPIRIT

November Gratitude Journaling

About Ordinary Things

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26  Ordinary & Happy	27	28	29 	30	31	1 Pleasant scents you smelled today.
2 Morning routines that ground you.	3 Nearby nature that calms you.	4 Sounds you enjoy hearing.	5 Small acts of kindness you did or witnessed recently.	6 Technology that makes your life easier.	7 Moments in your day when everything feels just right.	8 What makes your house comfortable.
9 What you like about your local area.	10 Someone or something that always sets the world right for you.	11 Favorite items you use a lot but rarely appreciate.	12 Tools or objects that make life easier.	13 People you're grateful for in everyday life.	14 Feelings of warmth and coziness at home.	15 Moments of quiet beauty you've experienced this week.
16 Ordinary memories that bring you joy.	17 Things that never change that make you happy.	18 Foods you can make that bring people together.	19 Things you read recently that made you hopeful.	20 A favorite piece of clothing and a story behind it.	21 Plants at home or in your garden that bring you joy.	22 Good choices you've been able to make recently.
23 Things you're looking forward to before the year ends.	24 A heart-warming story behind an everyday object you own.	25 Fabrics and textures at home that comfort you.	26 Great conversations you've had recently.	27 Often-overlooked work of others that makes your neighborhood tick.	28 How the night sky makes you feel when you look up.	29 Your town or city at its most beautiful, and why.
30 Everyday routines you enjoy.						