December 2025

## Brevillier Village Edition #12

# BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



# **December News & Events**

2025 has simply come and gone in what feels like a blink of the eyes. This month brings many activities we can celebrate together. This December we wish you peace within, that you may look back at the year and recall the good times, the moments of blessings and be grateful. Everyone at Brevillier Village serves a greater good and should be proud of the work done each day. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming holiday celebrations.

# Employee Christmas Fund Sharing Cheen

As I approach the end of my 39-year career with Brevillier Village. I fondly look back at the amazing support the extended Brevillier family has shown our employees. Every year you reinforce my feelings that the Brevillier employee is someone special and you graciously have supported our Employee Christmas Fund in past holiday seasons.

At this time of year, we are reaching out with a heartfelt request that will directly benefit our hardworking team who care for your loved ones as one of their own. As you know, the Brevillier employee is the heart and soul of the Village, and their dedication drives our success. To show our appreciation for their tireless efforts, we are asking your consideration in donating to our Annual Employee Christmas Fund. Our Brevillier policy does not allow our employees to accept tips and gratuities, and we ask that you not put them in that awkward situation of declining your gift. Your donation to our fund will benefit not only the employees you see, but also the ones you don't see when you visit.

To contribute, simply visit our website at <a href="www.brevillier.org/donate">www.brevillier.org/donate</a> or you may scan the QR code on this page. If you choose to donate by check, be sure to include Employee Christmas Fund in the memo line. We are truly grateful for your continued generosity and hope you will consider supporting this effort to spread holiday cheer to those who give so much to others.

I wish you and your loved ones a joyous and peaceful holiday season. Thank you for being a vital part of our extended Brevillier family. Your support means the world to us.

With gratitude,

Jeff Wieser

Jeff Wieser, President/CEO









#### **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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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



# **Resident Mail and Visits**



Residents love receiving personal mail, especially a letter from their loved ones. We have recreation staff and volunteers who are happy to ensure prompt delivery, and spend time reading to them. To be sure your family member receives your message and/or holiday packages, please note the separate addresses for each building.

#### **Ball Pavilion**

(Name & Apt #) 5416 East Lake Road Erie, PA 16511

#### **Barnabas Court**

(Name & Apt #) 5546 East Lake Road Erie, PA 16511

#### **Conrad House**

(Name & Apt #) 5436 East Lake Road Erie, PA 16511

The best gift you can give a resident is an in-person visit. We encourage you to stop by to see your loved one. Visitors are also welcome to enjoy entertainment. When planning for a group visit, please call a reserve a room for your family to gather and enjoy each other's company in a more private space.





# In the Neighborhood: Upcoming Activities

#### **Light The Night**

Friday, December 12

Harborcreek Township presents Annual Light the Night event.

- · Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus in the Barn
- · Horse drawn trolley rides
- Live Reindeer
- · Christmas Carols
- · Christmas Cookies
- · Hot Chocolate and Cider
- · S'mores Station
- · Holiday Crafts
- · Christmas Music DJ Brian Shank
- HCCET presents... "Candy Cane Lane!!"
- Special Guest: Shani Bills from 6-7:30pm

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00 - 8:00 pm

5601 Buffalo Rd Harborcreek, PA 16421



#### **A Merry Mercy Christmas**

Sunday, December 14





# Contrad House Choir Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 4 pm Multipurpose Room

Come see and hear our fantastic group of Conrad House Residents perform a holiday chorus concert.



## **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



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A month filled with good news, many blessings, new opportunities, healing, love, unspeakable joy, and laughter!

Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

## 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**

#### Christmas In The Village - Celebrating During December

- 12/12 Holiday Headband Day Wear your holiday headbands
  - 1:30 BP Social Hour with Carl & Barb BP Recreation Room
  - 1:30 BC Social Hour with Darren Music Entertainment
- 12/13 12-3 Ball Pavilion Holiday Buffet
- 12/14 12-3 Barnabas Court Holiday Buffet
- 12/17 3:00 BP Teachers Administration Bingo with the Residents BP Recreation Room
- 12/19 Christmas Sweater Day Wear your Christmas Sweaters
  - 10:00 BP Harborcreek Vocal Ensemble BP Recreation Room
  - 10:00 BC Gifts Of Love From Klein School BCN Rec Room & BCS Dining Room
- 12/20 1:30 BN Bingo With Girl Scout Troop #36748 BCN Rec Room
- 12/21 First Day Of Winter
- 12/24 1:30 Resident Christmas Celebration
  - BP With Angelo Phillips BP Recreation Room
  - BC With Johnny "G" BCN Recreation Room
- 12/25 Merry Christmas!!
- 12/31 1:30 Resident New Years Celebration
  - BP With Peaceful Easy Feeling & BC With Rick Brunning
- 1/1/2026 Happy New Year!!

## **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.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- 12/8 4 pm CH Chorus Concert MPR
- 12/16 6 PM Paint & Sip (RSVP Event) MPR
- 12/18 11:30 am Birthday Celebration MPR
- 12/18 5 pm CH Christmas Dinner MPR
- 12/31 New Year's Eve Party

#### **Erie County Library Book Mobile**

December 15 & 29



# **Conrad House 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



# Christmas In Our Village 2025



It was a fantastic turnout by all who attended this year's Christmas In Our Village Kick-Off! Special thanks to our staff and volunteers. It takes a lot of energy and great attention to detail to ensure the success of this event. We don't ever want to make Santa late, as he is a very important person especially this time of year!



## **HOLIDAY BUFFET**

We are looking forward to celebrating the holidays with our residents and family members who have signed up for the holiday buffet this year. This is especially exciting, as it is the first time we have been able to host the event in several years due to restrictions and weather.

December 13th Ball Pavilion and December 14th Barnabas Court.

## **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





## **Team RAD Shares Appreciation with Cider & Donuts**

On Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> Team RAD members helped lighten the day by sharing a sweet treat (Cider & Donuts) and motivational messages. One to read and one to share with a friend. Little moments like these are true treasures. We are fortunate to have a group of staff who make the time to let others know they are valued and their work matters.



# Tis' The Season for Giving!

with the holidays upon us very soon you may feel inclined to share some holiday spirit with our residents. Please see the list of items for ideas of ways to share Christmas Cheer! It is also important for safety reasons to check with nursing staff to be certain a resident is able to have the gift.



#### Holiday Gift Ideas for Our Residents

Snuggies, BV Gift Certificates, Magazine Subscriptions, Jigsaw Puzzles, Non Skid Socks or Slippers, Large Print Books, Baseball Hats, Hand held Mirror, Salon Treatment, Sun Hats, Sunglasses, Body Spray, Labeled Family Photos or Albums, Cardigan Sweaters (no wool), New Sheets Sets & Towels, A Roll of Dimes for Bingo, etc.





# **NIAGARA AWARDS 2025**



On Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Maureen Rizzo attended the Annual Niagara Awards at BrewErie. Brevillier Village earned a Silver Award for the Annual Brevillier Village View Newsletter in the category of Publications (Print & Digital). This newsletter is color printed by McCarty Printers and mailed once annually. We are always happy to share the good news and activities that take place at Brevillier Village with our family and friends. Board Member Chris Palattella was also present and accepted an award on behalf of Erie Insurance.



#### **Ball Pavilion**

Marilyn McDaniel Fred Maroglio

#### **Barnabas Court North**

John "Jack" Graham

#### **Barnabas Court South**

Andrea Davis Joan Graham Cynthia Jarzab

#### **Conrad House**

Darlene Cash Patricia Urmann







# "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.

Patricia "Pat" Granger Marianne Martin Bernadette Roche Ed Warner

Special thanks to the Social Services Team and Deacon Chuck Adamczyk for putting together the Annual Memorial Service. The event was held on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The virtual service can be viewed by going to our website www.brevillier.org.



Thank you for mentioning your appreciation for Brevillier Village when composing your loved one's obituary. Whether you mentioned the Brevillier Village name as their home, thanking our staff for care provided, and especially when including 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



# **CELEBRATE**



# HAPPY WORK Anniversary

Brittany	Parker	12/02/2024	1 Year
Dontayja	Carr	12/02/2024	1 Year
Debi	Houser	12/02/2024	1 Year
Sandra	Corey	12/04/2017	8 Years
Cheyanne	Kopta	12/05/2014	11 Year
Matthew	Sinn	12/07/2023	2 Years
Becky	Klimczak	12/13/2021	4 Years
Kalindy	Skitka	12/13/2022	3 Years
Michelle	Crouch	12/13/2023	2 Years
Lisha	Young	12/14/2022	3 Years
Summer	Skinner	12/18/2023	2 Years
Samantha	Bryan	12/18/2024	1 Year
Tiffany	Stora	12/22/2014	11 Years
Melissa	Chimera	12/29/2021	4 Years
Carrie	Argeny	12/30/2022	3 Years

# **Resident Birthdays**

Ball Pavilion	
Jeff Mason	12/20
Barnabas Court N	<u>orth</u>
Emily Sanford	12/04
Lois Hollenbeck	12/14
Terry DiNicola	12/15
Sandra Crissman	12/27
Barnabas Court Se	<u>outh</u>
Dot Green	12/06
Camille Pakela	12/12
Jewel "Judy" Bowe	n 12/14
Patricia "Pat" Weidr	ner 12/15

Pat Kisiel

Lila Krull

John "Bill" Roth

12/18

12/19 12/20

# Conrad House Kay Kuebler

Kay Kuebler	12/05
John Burkhart	12/20
Ann Monroe	12/20
Gary Tomlin	12/24
Roberta Jones	12/26
Toni Barbich	12/27
Becky Frank	12/27
Dennis Rodland	12/29
Dave Julius	12/31



# **Staff Birthdays**

Simmons White Crozier Husagic Collins Argeny Biancosino Crockett	12/01 12/02 12/04 12/04 12/05
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Husagic Collins Argeny Biancosino	12/04
Collins Argeny Biancosino	
Argeny Biancosino	12/05
Biancosino	
	12/07
Crockett	12/07
	12/08
Olson	12/08
Charlton	12/09
Roth	12/09
Manross	12/10
Koszewski	12/10
Perez Jefferson	12/12
Fornalczyk	12/13
Bly	12/14
Galbreath	12/15
Byers	12/15
Reed	12/21
Feratovic	12/21
Perrin	12/24
Houser	12/25
Gilchrist	12/26
GIICHIISU	12/27
Duda	12/28
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	McLellan



# **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS ...** 





#### **December**

Universal Human Rights Month

- 12/8 Conrad House Choral Concert
- 12/11 Wear Your Favorite Christmas Headband
- 12/19 Wear Your Festive aka Ugly Christmas Sweater
- 12/21 Winter Begins
- 12/25 Christmas day
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

### **January**

National Blood Donors Month | Dignity & Respect Month

- 01/01 Happy New Year!
- 01/19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day





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