

Brevillier Village

THE INSIDER



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

A NEW YEAR & NEW BEGINNINGS

What a beautiful and wonderful past year we have been blessed with at Brevillier Village. We are grateful for so many positive experiences, especially the support from our entire Brevillier Village community. Sincere thanks to all who shared generosity with us this Christmas Season by donating to our Employee Appreciation Fund and to our other fundraising efforts throughout the year.

As a local non-profit, Brevillier Village operates with a mission that was designed over 50 years ago. To honor this legacy, we will spend the next 12 months sharing details about our historical roots, mission, community connections and involvement, and goals for the future. Caring for our elders is an honor, and we hope you will continue to be a part of our story and learn how your participation makes a difference in the work we do.

HISTORY

MISSION

COMMUNITY

GOALS

As you probably noticed, the layout of this newsletter has been updated. With the new year upon us, we welcome the opportunity to embrace change and growth. But rest assured, the material and content will remain the same (if not better), rich, vibrant, and storytelling from the heart. Sharing news with our family members and community remains an essential priority.



While many of us shy away from change, it is inevitable. When we approach life with curiosity, optimism, and even a bit of enthusiasm, life in general becomes more enjoyable. Currently, our entire team is preparing for the transition of Jeff Wieser, President/CEO to retire at the end of June and welcome Amy Learn into this role. Amy has been a part of the Brevillier Village team for over 30 years and has served in leadership since 2001. Her commitment and dedication will continue to lead our Village as a pillar of standards in the non-profit senior care industry.

January Blessing: Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

May this January be a month of renewal, filled with positive energy, inspiring opportunities, and the promise of a year filled with boundless blessings.

Mission:

Through uncompromising attention to body, mind and spirit, Brevillier Village meets housing and health care needs in a home-like atmosphere.

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.

Vision:

Quality of Life Matters.

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BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Jeff Wieser
BV President/CEO

Amy Learn
Ball Pavilion

Vickie Gilchrist
Barnabas Court

Jennifer Kehl
Conrad House

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. Paperwork is required to ensure the safety of your loved one.

Amy Learn, VP/Ball Pavilion Nursing Home Administrator
Vickie Gilchrist, Barnabas Court Personal Care Home Administrator



EMTA Route 260

Starting Monday January 12th, EMTA Bus Route 260 will be stopping out at Brevillier Village three times per day Monday through Friday. The bus will stop at Port Erie Plastics first and then stop at Brevillier Village. The times will be 8:15am, 4:15pm, and 12:15am. These times are all approximate and the bus may arrive a few minutes past those times it just depends on the weather. This is great news for anyone looking for a job and needs transportation.

National Recreation Week is from January 26-30

The national theme this year is: "Beyond the Ordinary: Everyday Superheroes!" I couldn't have said this any better. The recreation staff consist of three different "departments," Recreation, Beauty Salons & Transportation, all serving our residents with the quality of life each resident deserve. They consist of 22 superheroes dedicating their time making a difference each day doing what they do best. We will hold our department celebration again this year, in the summer, so our department students can celebrate with us. Thank you all for the services you give.

Marti Colliss, Director of Recreation

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

Barnabas Court
(Resident Name & Apt #)
5456 East Lake Road
Erie, PA 16511

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



BREVILLIER VILLAGE HISTORY: PART 1

Driving Forces

The history of Brevillier Village has been shaped by four major influences which included the:



Ball Family - Miss Oceana Ball was the last surviving child of Gideon J. Ball, Civil War Major and prominent local politician. Until her death in 1933, she owned and operated the Ball Home located on 61 East 6th Street. The Ball Home provided shelter for 15 to 18 women at one time. Upon her death, the home and her estate were bequeathed to the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul to continue her mission of providing residential living for elderly women. In the early 1970's the Ball Home was sold and a trust fund was established which was used as collateral to build the original Ball Pavilion which opened November 29, 1977.



Brevillier Family - Frederick A. Brevillier was born in Erie, Pennsylvania in 1866. His family lineage can be traced back to the French Huguenot origin. Family founders were refugees who fled to Germany to escape persecutions brought on by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685. Mr. Brevillier began his business associated with C.M. Conrad when the firm was absorbed by the Erie Brewing Company around the year 1900. He met his wife, Katherine Conrad, who was the daughter of the owner of Erie Brewing Company. Mr. Brevillier was elected secretary and later vice president and treasurer when the Bank of Erie Trust Company was organized in 1918. Mr. Brevillier died in 1944 and Katherine in 1960. They did not have children or heirs. In the 1930's Frederick and Katherine Brevillier began building the two story mansion that still stands at Brevillier Village today. Originally it was built as a summer home but soon became Mrs. Brevillier's permanent home. Upon her death, Katherine Brevillier bequeathed the mansion, property and trust to the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul that it be used for "religious, charitable, educational, and such other similar purpose for the elderly."

Episcopal Brothers of St. Barnabas Home - In 1915, the Brothers of St. Barnabas, an Episcopal order of priests in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, were given lakefront property outside North East, Pennsylvania. They built a summer home and retreat for the Brothers and began their outreach in Erie County. Over the years, hundreds of men and boys were cared for at St. Barnabas House. It was supported entirely by good will offerings and endowments. The dedicated leaders were Brother Willard Gilpin and Brother David Nash. In 1977, St. Barnabas House closed its doors when state regulations prevented compliance due to financial costs. The remaining 22 residents of the home became the first residents of Ball Pavilion at Brevillier Village, which began operations in November of that same year.



Episcopal Diocese - As shared above St. Paul's Cathedral and Episcopal Diocese have been alongside the mission of Brevillier Village since day one, facilitating the transfer of estates and properties. This led to the creation of the Brevillier Village Foundation in 1987, as the Village continued to grow in size and ability to serve the community. Today, the Diocese still serves as a liaison and offers resources as needed to Brevillier Village residents and staff. Representatives, including Dean Melinda Hall, serve on the board of directors.



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Upcoming Activities and Events

OLM Spaghetti Dinner

Plan to join us for our delicious spaghetti dinner on February 1, 11am - 4pm. To preorder or if you have questions, you can call (814) 899-5342.

Special Pre-Sale Pricing:

\$14 for full plate / \$8 for half plate

Door Sale Pricing:

\$15 for full plate / \$9 for half plate

Sit down and take out available.

Your choice between entrée - Spaghetti & Meatballs or Chicken Parmesan!

Our Lady of Mercy Church

837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek PA

Bingo Fundraiser

Rotary Club of Erie welcomes bingo players Sunday, February 1st to join in their annual bingo fundraiser. \$20 per ticket.

The Polish Falcons Club will have beverages & food available for purchase. Invite friends and family for a fun afternoon!

Doors Open 12 pm, Bingo 1 pm

Polish Falcons - 431 East 3rd St.
Erie, PA

ICA Senior Luncheon

On February 13, 2026 the Independent Council on Aging, Inc. (ICA) will be hosting our annual From our Hearts Valentines Day Luncheon. Seniors are entertained with music and free chances to win donated baskets. Please call (814)835-7487 to RSVP

This event is free for seniors to attend a luncheon on Wednesday, February 14, 2025.

Ambassador Banquet & Conf. Ctr.
7794 Peach Street
Erie, PA

HOLIDAYS & SAVE THE DATES

January

- 01/01 - New Year's Day
- 01/19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

- 02/08 - Super Bowl
- 02/16 - Presidents' Day
- 02/17 - Mardi Gras
- 02/18 - Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins
- 02/18 - Ramadan Begins

March

- 03/08 - Daylight Savings Time Starts
- 03/17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 03/20 - First Day of Spring
- 03/29 - Palm Sunday

April

- 04/05 - Easter Sunday
- 04/22 - Safe Driving Class for Seniors Register:
1-(800) 559-4880 or SeniorsForSafeDriving.com

May

- 05/02 - Brevillier Village Bingo Fundraiser
- 05/29 - Memorial Day

Back By Popular Demand:

Please join us for our annual bingo fundraiser, Saturday May 2nd at the Harborcreek Social Hall. We will be accepting sponsors for the event as well as donations for our basket raffle. Please contact Marti Collis (814)899-8600 with any questions.



Save The Date

Bingo Haven Fundraiser

Saturday, May 2nd

Harborcreek Social Hall

Ticket Sales to be announced soon!



RESIDENT ACTIVITY & EVENT 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.

Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court

- 1/11 - 2:00 Religious Services St. Barnabas Chapel
- 1/14 - 10:30 Erie School District Warrior Band @ BP Rec. Room
- 1/16 - 1:30 Social Hour
 - BP - Ron Fitch @ BP Rec.Room
 - BC - Peaceful Easy Feeling @ BN Rec. Room
- 1/27 - 12:00 Ball Pavilion Bowling Banquet @ BP Rec. Room
- 1/28 - 12:00 Barnabas Court Bowling Banquet @ BN Rec. Room



Conrad House

Residents are encouraged to get out and enjoy the variety of activities made available through resident council. Updates and additional events can be found posted on the whiteboard near mailboxes. Use of the CH multipurpose room is approved through Jennifer Kehl, CH Building Admin. Please make arrangements prior to use.

- 01/22 - 5th Annual Conrad House Cornhole Contest. Free lunch to all in attendance! Featuring mini- Corn Dogs and Corn Fritters! Sign up in the chat room. Prizes: \$200 1st Place team and \$100 2nd Place Team
- 02/02 - Conrad House Chorus practice begins at 3 pm in MPR. Spring Pops Program 50's & 60's April show date TBA.

CONRAD HOUSE SCHEDULE FOR BOOKMOBILE VISITS:

The Erie County Public Library Book visits in front of the Conrad House on the Mondays listed below from 2:30 - 3:15 pm. The mobile schedule is subject to change. Contact info: (814)451-6935 or bkm@eriecountypa.gov



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| • January 12, 26 | • July 13, 27 |
| • February 9, 23 | • August 10, 24 |
| • March 9, 23 | • September 21 |
| • April 6, 20 | • October 5, 19 |
| • May 4, 18 | • November 2, 16, 30 |
| • June 1, 15, 29 | • December 14, 28 |

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



"Caregiving often calls us to lean into love we didn't know was possible."

- Tia Walker

The truth is caregiving is hard, whether caring for your own love one or as a staff member. This is not a job for the weary, however the rewards are priceless. Sharing your time with the elderly is one of the kindest gifts you can share. Brevillier Village takes pride in providing a dignified and respectful environment for residents and caregivers.

Why It's Meaningful to Mention Brevillier Village in Obituary Planning

An obituary is more than a notice of passing—it is a reflection of a life lived and the legacy left behind. For many individuals and families, including a meaningful nonprofit in obituary planning is a powerful way to honor those values while making a positive impact. For supporters, residents, and families connected to Brevillier Village, mentioning the Village in an obituary is a thoughtful and impactful choice.

Honoring a Commitment to Compassionate Care - Brevillier Village is a nonprofit senior living community dedicated to providing compassionate, dignified care for older adults, regardless of financial circumstance. For many residents, families, volunteers, and supporters, Brevillier Village represents community, faith, service, and respect for life at every stage.

Creating a Legacy That Lives On - Many families choose to include a line in an obituary suggesting memorial contributions be made to Brevillier Village in lieu of flowers. This simple mention transforms remembrance into action. Memorial gifts help sustain programs, support staff, enhance resident services, and ensure Brevillier Village can continue its mission well into the future. For a nonprofit organization, these gifts are not symbolic—they are essential. Each memorial contribution directly supports seniors who depend on high-quality care, creating a living legacy that continues long after the obituary is published.

Providing Purposeful Direction for Family and Friends - In times of loss, friends and family often ask, "How can I help?" Including Brevillier Village in an obituary provides a clear and meaningful answer. Rather than sending flowers that fade, loved ones can honor the deceased by supporting a cause that mattered deeply to them. This guidance can be comforting for families as well, knowing that tributes made in their loved one's name will have a tangible and lasting impact on the lives of others.

Strengthening a Community Mission - Every obituary mention helps raise awareness of Brevillier Village and its mission as a nonprofit senior facility. This awareness fosters broader community support, ensuring the Village can continue to serve future generations of seniors with the same compassion and excellence. In this way, one life remembered can strengthen an entire community.

A Simple Line That Makes a Lasting Difference - Including Brevillier Village in obituary planning is a small act with profound impact. Whether through a memorial gift designation or a brief acknowledgment of the Village's role in a loved one's life, it is a meaningful way to honor the past while investing in the future.

For more information related to legacy giving, please contact: Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development at (814)899-8600 or email at mrizzo@brevillier.org



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.

Diane Adamaszek
James Cipalla
Shirley Dine

Fundraising Programs

- Benevolent Care
- Grounds Fund
- Haven Program
- Education & Tuition
- Employee Holiday Fund
- Technology

Did You Know?

The Brevillier Village, Ruth Pedersen Benevolent Fund has supported over \$7 million dollars in resident care since 1997.



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Jessica	Edinger	1/5/2024	1 Year
Dennis	Rodland	1/6/2021	5 Years
Jessica	Sorensen	1/6/2023	3 Years
Laura	Fornalczyk	1/13/2025	1 Year
Martha	Colliss	1/16/1989	37 Years
Kimberly	Cottrell	1/16/2006	20 Years
Bella	Walker	1/17/2023	3 Years
Alyssa	Kehl	1/20/2023	2 Years
Gabriel	Charles	1/24/2000	26 Years
Kayla	Turk	1/27/2010	16 Years
Eric	Peterseim	1/28/2025	1 Year
Christina	Crockett	1/30/2019	7 Years

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Nancy Werner	01/02
Phyllis Moore	01/06
Hazel Bair	01/09
Rita Geiger	01/25

Barnabas Court South

Martha Stephenson	01/02
Gerrie Elias	01/19



Barnabas Court North

David Beals	01/11
Jackie Boyer	01/19
Robert Corey	01/30
Dan Tomczak	01/30

Conrad House

MaryAnn McQuiston	01/04
Michelle Tortorelli	01/06
Greg Mottern	01/09
Mary Jane Garbart	01/31

May every moment be filled with the same joy you bring to others!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Jessica	Sorensen	3-Jan
Jennifer	Mancuso	3-Jan
Kayla	Burkett	4-Jan
Melissa	Veith	5-Jan
Beth	O'Baker	8-Jan
Aurelia	Garner	9-Jan
Brianna	Grzelak	10-Jan
Shannon	Wilt	12-Jan
Michelle	Saxton	14-Jan
Olivia	Jeffery	16-Jan
Lisa	Arrington	16-Jan
Tiffany	Stora	17-Jan
Jacklyn	Reynolds	18-Jan
Sayler	Moo	18-Jan
Gabriella	Storm	20-Jan
Jammi	Kosiorek	22-Jan
Jessica	Mezzacapo	23-Jan
Maddie	Rizzo	27-Jan
Memphis	Kahler	28-Jan
Alisa	Mong	28-Jan
Kristina	Soto	31-Jan

NEW RESIDENTS

Ball Pavilion

Nohade "Nu-Nu" Boorady

Barnabas Court North

Barnabas Court South

Barb Miller
Mitzi Banister

Conrad House

Patricia Smith
Patricia Urmann



BODY MIND SPIRIT

Team RAD

As Champions of Dignity & Respect, we pledge to lead, create, and demonstrate a positive environment by promoting mindful awareness through our words and actions.”

Team RAD is committed to promoting a positive environment for all at Brevillier Village. Throughout the year the committee hosts a variety of activities and events designed to enhance staff moral, togetherness, and overall wellness of the Village.



Brevillier Village Board of Directors

Special thanks to our board of directors and leadership dedicated to continuing mission of Brevillier Village. Board members are volunteers who share their time and talents with the Village.

Photograph taken at the December 17th Board meeting.

Brevillier Worship Schedule

January 11th

Dean Melinda Hall, St. Paul Episcopal Church

February 8th

Rev. Sarah Brock, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

March 8th

Deacon Mary Lord, St. Mary's Episcopal Church

April 12th

Rev. Dave Fulford, St. Augustine of Canterbury

May 10th

Pastor Jean Kuebler, Faith Lutheran Church

June 14th

Rev. Sarah Brock, St. Mark's Episcopal Church



All services are held on the second Sunday of each month, in the St. Barnabas Chapel at 2:00pm. Services can be Eucharistic or something like morning prayer. There are prayer books and hymnals; elements for the Eucharist are also available at Brevillier in the sacristy. Contact Deacon Chuck Adamczyk at cadamczyk@brevillier.org with questions.

