

Brevillier Village

THE INSIDER



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

Black History Month | Heart Healthy Month | National Senior Independence Month

SHARING LOVE 24/7

February is known for celebrating love, particularly the romantic kind. At Brevillier Village the kind of love we share is different. Our love is 24/7, it does not take a day off, and often does not come wrapped up with a fancy bow, but comes from the tenderness shared from our staff members. The love you will find with us is like an old friend. It wraps you in comfort like a warm blanket and sunshine on a warm day. Each of our residents are cared for in a way so they may experience love every hour of every day. We celebrate love not just this month and not just romantically, but through the eyes (and hearts) of the caregivers who give so much of themselves through the care provided. The combined departmental effort and shared appreciation for the Brevillier Village mission, are what keeps our love alive and strong.

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.

BREVILLIER VILLAGE HISTORY

In the previous newsletter for January, there was a section dedicated to the robust history of Brevillier Village. Specifically, as it relates to the founding forces behind our Mission. These sources include the Ball and Brevillier families, the Brotherhood St. Barnabas, and the Episcopal Diocese of Erie. Each playing a vital role in the development of Brevillier Village as we know it today, a non-profit specializing in providing housing and healthcare for older adults.

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

February Blessing: Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

"Whether winter, spring, summer, or fall, may your February bring you love, happiness, beautiful blessings, huge hugs, and an abundance of all that your heart desires." - Rebecca Fox

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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. Our BV Hotline 898-5900 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



Bundling Up: Residents with Winter Appointments

With the frigid temps it is recommended families help keep their loved one prepared. Please provide your family member with adequate winter clothing such as winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves, and proper footwear (covering entire foot) for residents to wear while being transported to and from appointments. Safely loading residents on and off of the wheelchair accessible vans takes time, often requiring them to experience the cold temperatures. With your help, we can help prevent potentially adverse outcomes when experiencing extreme weather conditions.

EMTA Route 260

Starting Monday January 12th, EMTA Bus Route 260 has began stopping at Brevillier Village, 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.

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 2

Driving Forces Recap

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

Ball Family

Miss Oceana Ball 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. 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

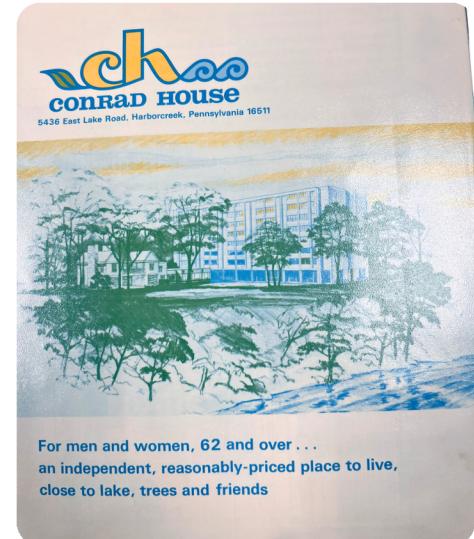
In the 1930's Frederick and Katherine Brevillier began building the two story mansion that still stands at Brevillier Village today. Originally it was built as a summer home but soon became Mrs. Brevillier's permanent home. Upon her death, Katherine Brevillier bequeathed the mansion, property and trust to the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul that it be used for "religious, charitable, educational, and such other similar purpose for the elderly."

Brothers of St. Barnabas Home

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

Entrusted with several properties and visions for legacy, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church aided in the creation of the Brevillier Village Foundation in 1986. 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.



FIRST TENANT AT CONRAD HOUSE

Mrs. Julia A. Hynes, who plans to be one of the first residents to move into the new Conrad House when it is ready for occupancy March 1, signs the lease for her new apartment. With her are Robert E. Sevin, left, vice chairman of the board and chairman of admissions, and Leroy H. Weiss, manager of Conrad House. Conrad House is located on the shores of the lake on the former Brevillier estate on East Lake Road in Harborcreek, next door to the Pussy Wil-

low. Sponsored by the Cathedral of St. Paul, the eight-story building contains 133 apartments for men and women aged 62 and over. Prerequisites for renting an apartment include meeting the minimum age limit, being in reasonably good health, and have a maximum income of no more than \$5,940 for individuals or \$6,615 for couples. Rental applications for Conrad House are being accepted at the Cathedral of St. Paul Chapter House, 134 W. 7th.



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Upcoming Activities and Events

Senior Health Assessment

Wednesday, February 18th, @ 9 am
 Participants will be assessed on their strength, balance, cardio endurance, agility, and flexibility. Test results will help individuals identify specific health goals and appropriate programs and classes. A comfortable outfit and sneakers should be worn. For the most accurate results, participants should avoid vigorous exercise before the fitness assessments. FREE and OPEN to the community! No registration required. For questions, please call 899-9622.

Eastside YMCA
 2101 Nagle Road
 Erie, PA 16510

Presque Isle Forever Curious

Monday, March 16th @ 10 am - 2 pm
 The Presque Isle Neighborhood Network has announced a new opportunity for older adults to rediscover a sense of wonder. The Forever Curious Festival: A Day of Fun and Discovery for Older Adults is a free community event that will take place on March 16 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. Admission for the event is free. For questions, please call 833-7424.

Tom Ridge Environmental Center
 301 Peninsula Dr
 Erie, PA 16505

Alzheimer's Association®

Caregiver Support Group

Friday, March 6 @ 3:30 pm
 In-Person First Friday of the Month 3:30-4:30pm. Alzheimer's Association® caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Develop a support system.
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges & possible solutions.
- Learn about community resources.

Iroquois Library (814) 451-7082
 IRO Community Room
 4212 Iroquois Ave
 Erie, PA 16511

HOLIDAYS & SAVE THE DATES

February

- 02/02 - Groundhog Day
- 02/08 - Super Bowl
- 02/14 - Valentine's Day
- 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
- 05/09 - Goodwill Donation Drive Fundraiser
- 05/29 - Memorial Day

BINGO FUNDRAISER

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. Questions? Please contact Marti Collis (814)899-8600



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

- 2/6 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party: BP - Darren Lambert & BC - Carl & Barb
- 2/8 - 2:00 Religious Services St. Barnabas Chapel
- 2/8 - 6:30 - Super Bowl Party: BP Lakeside Dining, BCN Sunset Lounge & BCS Café
- 2/13 - 1:30 Social Hour: BP - Rick Brunning & BC - Z Praise
- 2/20 - 1:30 Good Vibes Party - Wear Something Groovy from the 70's
 - BP - Johnny "G" On The Keys, BP Recreation Room
 - BC - Rick Brunning, BN Recreation Room
- 2/26 - 1:30 BP Therapy Piggies
- 3/6 - 1:30 Resident Birthday Party: BP - With Grumpy Old Men & BC - Johnny G On The Keys
- 3/12 - 1:30 Music Bingo With Cindy Sue & Bryan - BCN Recreation Room
- 3/17 - 1:30 St Patty's Day Party: BP Peaceful Easy Feeling & BCN Mike & Marie
- 3/27 1:30 Social Hour - BP Country Blue Band& BCN David & Don



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.

- 02/11 - Music Entertainment: Johnny G. 6 pm MPR
- 02/17 - Birthday Lunch & Team RAD update 11:30 MPR
- 02/21 - Celebrate Fred White's 70th Birthday 5 pm MPR.
- 02/26 - Wii Champion Bowling Tournament 12 pm MPR
- 03/17 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Corned Beef & Cabbage 5 pm MPR

Please be sure to sign up for events on the transaction table near mailboxes.

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



- February 9, 23
- March 9, 23
- April 6, 20
- May 4, 18
- June 1, 15, 29
- July 13, 27
- August 10, 24
- September 21
- October 5, 19
- November 2, 16, 30
- 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. 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.

Jay Confer

Ann Higgins

Mary Taylor

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

Brittany	Sterling	Nursing	02/06/2023	3 Years
Melanie	Sutton	Nursing	02/06/2024	2 Years
Aiden	Fenno	Enviro Svc	02/07/2025	1 Year
Kayleigh	Grinnell	Dining Services	02/08/2025	1 Year
Kelly	Million	Enviro Svc	02/09/1996	30 Years
Emma	Neri	Dining Services	02/10/2023	3 Years
Sherry	Payne	Nursing	02/12/2020	6 Years
Tyler	San Felice	Administration	02/13/2023	3 Years
Julianne	Osiecki	Recreation	02/18/2025	1 Year
Deirdre	Howard	Nursing	02/19/2015	11 Years
Tracy	Steele	Clerical	02/23/2024	2 Years
Rhonda	Baxter	Nursing	02/25/2002	24 Years
Cindy	Steinhoff	Recreation	02/27/2015	11 Years
Linda	Gamble	Nursing	02/28/2025	1 Year

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Lydia	Boozel	Dining Services	2/1
Melissa	Klinzing	Nursing	2/2
Alexis	Schultz	Recreation	2/3
Jennifer	Adams	Nursing	2/4
Alyssa	Cieslak	Dining Services	2/4
Jessica	Ferrara	Enviro Svc	2/5
John	Silvis	Nursing	2/6
Nicole	Borkowski	Nursing	2/9
Amari	Stewart	Dining Services	2/9
Kelly	Million	Enviro Svc	2/11
Avery	Wisniewski	Recreation	2/11
Amanda	Bretz	Enviro Svc	2/13
Mariela	Saldana	Nursing	2/13
Baylin	Vega	Dining Services	2/23
Matthew	Sinn	Maintenance	2/26
Nikki	Fisher	Enviro Svc	2/27
Chey	Wienczkowski	Dining Services	2/27
Everett	Kruse	Recreation	2/27
Michael	Quirk	Maintenance	2/28

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Paul Kopkowski	02/05
Shirley Crisswell	02/08
Pamela Wolf	02/26
Mary Ann Palkovic	02/27



Barnabas Court North

Mary Ann Waltner	02/26
Kathy Byerly	02/27

Barnabas Court South

Angela Monti	02/03
Conrad House	
Barb Mottern	02/02
Madeline Miele	02/09
Marlene Squeglia	02/10
Jan Newhard	02/10
Fred White	02/21
Lola Ellison	02/23
John Mulligan	02/23

NEW RESIDENTS

Ball Pavilion

James Wertz

Barnabas Court North

Barb Mattis
Don Mattis

Barnabas Court South

Conrad House

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



BODY MIND SPIRIT

Strategic Planning Session 2026

Leadership staff took part in the annual strategic planning sessions on January 22 & 23. These meetings are essential for evaluating Brevillier Village operations. The group discusses current programs and prepares for future goals.

On January 22, the group met at the St. Paul Episcopal Cathedral and heard historical facts regarding the beginning roots of how Brevillier Village came to be. Reverend John Downey shared interesting information and pieces of history. Idea sharing is encouraged and all welcome to ask questions.



Goodwill Donation Drive: Saturday, May 9th

Save the date for Saturday, May 9th as Team RAD will be hosting a Goodwill Donation Drive. We invite our community members to think spring & spring clean up. Please consider donating your unwanted household items on this date to a Goodwill Donation Drive. Goodwill and staff members will be on-site from 9 am - 2 pm. This is a great way to help the community in a variety of ways, and make room in your basement and garage! More details to come!

Brevillier Worship Schedule

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

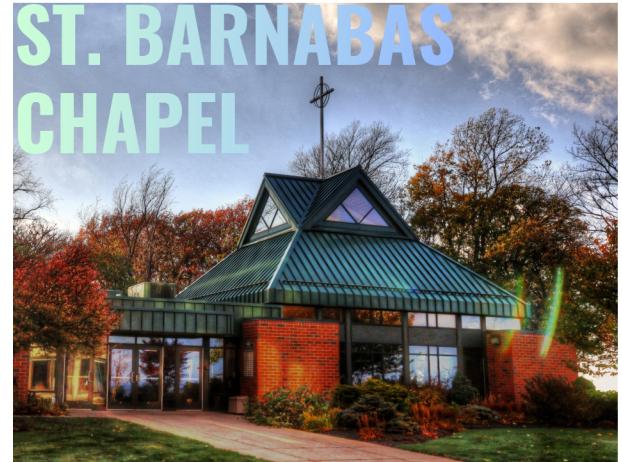
May 10th

Pastor Jean Kuebler, Faith Lutheran Church

June 14th

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

Blessed



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.

