

Brevillier Village

THE INSIDER



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

Older Americans Month | National Mental Health Awareness | Military Appreciation

ERIE'S CHOICE NOMINATIONS BEGIN



The Erie's Choice Nomination Round has begun! We hope that you will take the time to vote for Brevillier Village. We are proud to hold the title as Erie's Choice Retirement Facility for nine consecutive years in a row. We have also received Erie's Choice awards for Choice for Rehabilitation, Apartment Complex, and finalist for Best Employer 100+. One email nomination per day.

Here are the categories and areas we are under. Please help us maintain our title by voting! Visit GoErie.com or scan the QR Code below to vote 5/1 - 5/22.



Beauty & Health:

- Rehabilitation

Services:

- Apartment Complex
- Non-Profit/Charity
- Retirement 55+/ Community

Top Employer:

- 101-500 Employees
- Best Place to Work



thank you!

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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BREVILLIER VILLAGE: OUR COMMUNITY

Our 2026 Brevillier Insider Newsletters have focused on History, Mission, and now we take a moment to recognize the incredible Community we are surrounded by. Extraordinary comes to mind when considering the meaningful connections that support our mission and remain inner-woven into our history. Without community, none of what we do would be possible. Let's take a closer look at the many ways your support has impacted our Village.

HISTORY

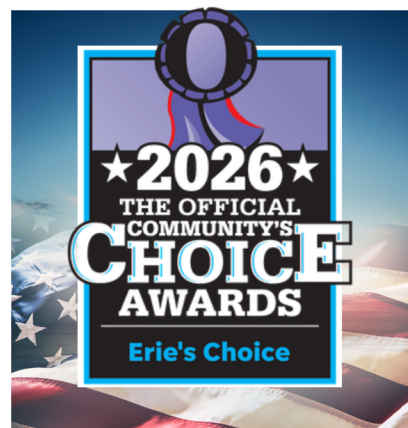
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MayBlessing: Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

“Lord, thank You for the renewal, growth, and hope You have given us this April. May the blessings of this season continue into May, filling our hearts with gratitude, our steps with purpose, and our lives with Your abundant presence. Amen.”



BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Jeff Wieser
BV President/CEO

Amy Learn
Vice President

Dominick Alberico
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:

Please 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.

Dominick Alberico, Ball Pavilion Nursing Home Administrator

Vickie Gilchrist, Barnabas Court Personal Care Home Administrator

Prohibited Items: Outside Medications

A reminder to families with residents at Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court (personal care residents)... Please do not bring in any of your own prescription or over the counter (OTC) medications for residents in these buildings. This includes but is not limited to Tylenol or Advil, Tums/Roloids, Pepto-Bismol, Cough Drops, Biofreeze or Bengay products, anti-itch lotions, Vics VapoRub, etc.

There are strict regulations for each building to operate efficiently, and we need to make sure there are orders from a doctor for any medication. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the Social Workers, nursing staff, or building Administrators.

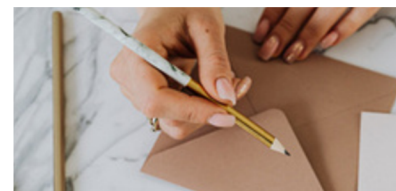
Resident Mail and Visits

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 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



Happy Nurse's Week

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

— Leo Buscaglia



COMMUNITY: PART 1

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Our Community

After learning more about our history and mission, it becomes evident that community is where our story begins. The goodwill, philanthropy and vision of a few individuals are what planted the seed of what would become Brevillier Village as we know it today. Because of careful nurturing and cultivation of the culture created here the intentions behind our driving forces came to fruition. Day-to-day operations consist of providing quality care to hundreds of residents. Brevillier Village has become a living legacy because a long time ago (1930's) a few people took the time to care for their neighbors, the elders, and those in need.

Community Spotlight

Last February 2025, we recognized the need for more certified nurse aides. Not only at Brevillier Village, but locally and in the industry. This transpired into now a nurse aide class held here on our campus. Collaboration with HVA, Erie Community College (EC3), and our own in-house instructor, Rhonda Baxter, created the perfect arrangement for classes to begin last spring. Utilizing space at Barnabas Court South and throughout our campus, students are invited to participate in an employer sponsored 10-week real-experience training course. Once training sessions are completed, certification tests can be taken. We are proud to have completed three sessions and produced over 25 graduates from this program. The starting rate of a Certified Nurse Aide is \$19.50. Additionally, our Tina LaFuria Tuition reimbursement program, our staff have additional opportunities to further their nursing career education with minimal to no debt. Growing our community of skilled caregivers.

March 2026 Nurse Aide Graduates!



Today, Brevillier Village partners with several local organizations that maintain and strengthen our ability to impact the quality of life of those we serve. Listed below are some of the relationships developed over the years. Each of these connections bring us closer to understanding the needs of our residents and community. As a non-profit organization, Brevillier Village is committed to the well-being of our entire community.

Harborcreek Township

- Volunteer Fire Departments: Fairfield, Harborcreek, and Brookside
- Harborcreek Community Engagement Team

Local School Districts

- Harbor Creek
- Iroquois
- North East
- Erie County Technical School

Local Colleges/Secondary Schools

- Mercyhurst University
- Penn State Behrend
- Gannon
- Erie Community College

Local Parishes

- Faith Lutheran
- Harborcreek Presbrytarian
- Grace Church
- Our Lady of Mercy

Agencies & Organizations

- Alzheimer's Association
- Erie Community Foundation
- Erie Non-Profit Partnership
- Eastside YMCA
- EMTA
- HVA Senior Living Alliance
- Independent Council on Aging (ICA)
- Leading Age PA
- Rotary Club of Erie



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Upcoming Events



Gospel Hill Garden Plant Sale
 Saturday, May 16th 9 am - 12 pm
 Wide Assortment of flowering perennials, herbs, ground covers. Also shrubs, trees, berry plants, houseplants. Come early for best selection, rain or shine.

Wesleyville Borough Hall
 3421 Buffalo Road Erie, PA 16510




Harborcreek Township BIG TRUCK
 Saturday, May 16th @ 10am - 1pm
 at the Harborcreek Municipal Building Garage. Sponsored by Harbor Fence and Decks - Kids will have the chance to get up close and personal with construction vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, fire trucks and much more!

“Fill the Front loader” - to support the Ella Cochran Food Pantry. Bring some non-perishable food and place it in the front loader to help us help those in need in our community.

HBCK Municipal Building Garage
 5601 Buffalo Road
 Harborcreek, PA 16421



America PA 250 Celebration
 Happy Birthday America! Please review list below of local community events celebrating the America and PA 250 Celebrations. These are once in a lifetime events you won't want to miss!

- HistERIE Week at the Erie Library
 May 16-23 The Erie County Public Library will host an epic, week-long exploration of Erie's own "Founding Stories" that recognize our region's ties and contributions to the United States of America during HistERIE Week.
- Memorial Day Ceremony
 May 25th @ 2:00pm - 3:30pm Stop by Erie County Veterans Memorial Park, located at West 26th and State Streets, across from Erie Veterans Stadium for a Memorial Day Ceremony featuring North Coast Brass Company.
- Freedom Celebration July 1st @ 6pm at Shades Beach. Fun for the whole family. Please bring a blanket or chair and enjoy patriotic music, old fashioned games, and an ice cream social. Brady's Chuck Wagon Food Truck will be on site. DJ Brian Shank will be onsite from 6pm - 7 pm and the GemCity Concert Band will begin at 7 pm. Sponsored by Harborcreek Community Engagement Team. 

Harborcreek Mural Discussion
 June 2, 3 & 4. 11 am - 12 pm
 The Harborcreek Historical Society invites you to help design a mural that will be installed on the grounds of the Gifford Blanchfield House. The mural will celebrate the PEOPLE, PLACES, EVENTS, and TRADITIONS of Harborcreek Township. Design sessions will be led by the mural artists, Tom Ferraro, Ed Grout, and Steve Mik. Attend one design session or all three.



Brevillier Village
 Education Room
 5456 East Lake Road Erie, PA 16511

Whitford Park Summer Concerts
 Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm. Be sure to bring your own blanket or chair and enjoy music entertainment provided by our talented local musicians at Whitford Park. These concerts have been sponsored by Brevillier Village for the last several years and are a staple in the community.

Whitford Park
 5400 Iroquois Ave Erie, PA 16511

- 6/10 - Generic Grass
- 6/17 - Mountain Thyme Ramblers
- 6/ 24 - Gem City Jazz Band
- 7/1 - See details below
- 7/8 - Jack Stevenson
- 7/15 - Shani Bills
- 7/22 - Mike and Marie Acoustics
- 7/29 - Shady Side
- 8/5 - Polka Relations
- 8/12 - Kurt Novakowski (As Elvis)
- 8/19 - Kokomo Time Band



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.

Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court

- 5/10 - Mother's Day, 2:00 Religious Services St. Barnabas Chapel
- 5/15 - 1:30 Spring Fling: BP - With Carl & Barb and BC - Elvis Live
- 5/21 - 1:30 BC Therapy Piggies BCN Recreation Room
- 5/29 - 1:30 Social Hour: BP - With 23 Skidoo and BC - With Z-Praise



2026 Summer Gazebo Concerts

In the event of poor weather, concerts will be held in Ball Pavilion or Barnabas Court North.

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| • 6/10 - Angelo Phillips | • 7/1 - Carl & Barb | • 8/5 - Elizabeth Tomcho | • 9/2 - 23 Skidoo |
| • 6/17 - Peaceful Easy Feeling | • 7/8 - Z Praise | • 8/12 - Rick Brunning | • 9/16 - Elvis Lives |
| • 6/24 - Bills Trio | • 7/15 - Pat's Jazz | • 8/19 - Darren Lambert | |
| • 6/25 - Legends Show | • 7/22 - Jam Starr | • 8/20 - Elvis Live | |
| | • 7/29 - Country Blue Band | • 8/26 - Mike & Marie | |



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.

- 5/19 - Birthday celebration 11:30 am MPR
- 5/19 - Impact Singers 6:30
- 5/28 - "Brains Over Brunch" Trivia Pancake Breakfast 10 am. Please be sure to sign-up for this event.

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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| • May 18 | • September 21 |
| • June 1, 15, 29 | • October 5, 19 |
| • July 13, 27 | • November 2, 16, 30 |
| • August 10, 24 | • December 14, 28 |



<p>MONDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Exercise MPR • 12:30 pm Book Club Library* <small>Meets tri-weekly</small> • 2 pm Pinochle Library • 6 pm Craft Group MPR • 6 pm Card Game MPR
<p>TUESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 pm Bingo MPR • 6:30 pm Rosary Library • 6:00 pm Card Game MPR
<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 am Exercise MPR • 6:00 pm Card Game MPR
<p>THURSDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 am Bible Study Library • 2 pm Pinochle Library • 6 pm Card Game MPR
<p>FRIDAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

On Thursday, April 23rd Brevillier Village celebrated volunteers with a luncheon in the Education Room. There were approximately 40 of our 65 active volunteers present at the lunch. John Skuce, a member of the Harborcreek Historical Society and husband to Judy Skuce, presented the group with a talk about what it means to volunteer. John's experience is unique because not only is he a volunteer, but he also understands the perspective of having his wife at Ball Pavilion. Judy has had Alzheimer's for 17 years. Their volunteerism began many years ago when they both would dedicate time to the Alzheimer's Association. As her diagnosis progresses, John's appreciation for the volunteers at Brevillier only grows stronger. You may see him visiting Judy at lunchtime in the dining room or walking around the grounds with his tall, wooden walking stick. He is a neighbor and our friend. Special thanks to all the volunteers who make the time to show up, be present, and spend their time helping our residents and staff. In 2025 volunteer hours totaled 3,413.



Junior Volunteer Program: June - August

With summer on its way we invite youth to consider joining in our Junior Volunteer Program. This is a great way for young people 10 - 18 become a part of our Village by sharing their time and talents. Students develop friendships with the elderly, and energize and enrich the lives of our residents. To sign up or for more information, please contact Jennifer Kehl at (814)899-8600 or jkehl@brevillier.org.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

At Brevillier Village Ball Pavilion, we are privileged to care for individuals who have lived rich and meaningful lives, each leaving a lasting imprint on their families, friends, and our community. When a loved one passes, many families and friends look for a meaningful way to honor their memory. A memorial gift to Brevillier Village is a beautiful tribute—one that helps us continue providing exceptional care, comfort, and dignity to those who call our community home.

We are honored to recognize memorial gifts and, upon request, will notify the family of your thoughtful tribute. If you would like to make a gift in memory of a loved one, please visit our website: www.brevillier.org or you may contact Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development at (814)899-8600 or email at mrizzo@brevillier.org. Thank you for helping us celebrate lives well lived and for supporting our mission of compassionate care.



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.

- Mildred Borsa
- Rosemarie Burke
- Diana Coy
- Mary Janoski
- Paul Kopkowski
- Kay Kuebler
- Mamie Shannon

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.

CELEBRATION TIME!

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Danielle	Saxton	Dining Services	5/2
Sophia	Walker	Dining Services	5/2
Kayla	Turk	Administration	5/3
Leanna	Birtciel	Dining Services	5/3
Jackie	Mba	Nursing	5/7
Brittany	Parker	Administration	5/12
Jessica	Smith	Nursing	5/13
Cindy	Steinhoff	Recreation	5/15
Melinda	Lopez	Enviro. Svc.	5/16
Megan	Cessna	Dining Services	5/24
Breann	Tate	Nursing	5/24
Mo Mo	Holmes	Nursing	5/27
Bobbi	Barnes	Nursing	5/30

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Tonya	Carpenter	Finance	05/01/2023	2 Years
Lois	Perrin	Recreation	05/05/2020	5 Years
Dani	Seibert	Therapy	05/07/2019	6 Years
Sheldon	Davis	LPN	05/07/2022	3 Years
Beth	O'Baker	LPN	05/07/2018	7 Years
Amaryliz	Lopez	CNA	05/10/2016	5 Years
Amy	Barrett-Heitzenrater	LPN	05/12/2008	17 Years
Simeon	Castano	Housekeeper	05/13/2014	11 Years
Melissa	Klinzing	LPN	05/17/2012	14 Years
Jennifer	Mackall	CNA	05/17/2001	24 Years
Victoria	Gilchrist	Administrator	05/19/2003	22 Years
Alena	Poplavski	CNA II	05/22/2007	18 Years
Jessica	Mezzacapo	CNA	05/23/2017	8 Years
Karen	Rodland	Housekeeper	05/23/2018	7 Years

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Chris Avery	5/01
Norma Whaley	5/11
Jim Boland	5/16
Eugene Marino	5/19
Nancy Shaffer	5/27
Kathleen DeDionisio	5/28
Marjorie Suter	5/31

Barnabas Court South

Grace Reed	5/04
Karen Manross	5/15
Camille Carideo	5/18
Robert Pakela	5/25

Conrad House

Richard Kopcanski	5/1
Jean Parker	5/2
Dawn Julius	5/11
Tom May	5/20
Danielle Bukala	5/22
Jeff McQuiston	5/30
Dorothy Dudenhoefer	5/31

Barnabas Court North

Don Godmaire	5/07
Mary Custer	5/12
Maggie Tallman	5/17
Don Mattis	5/17
Dina Jaskiewicz	5/20
Sandra Green	5/25
Tillie Stachewicz	5/26
Katie Weaver	5/26
John Tau	5/27



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

NEW RESIDENTS

Ball Pavilion

- Sue Gates
- Jack Graham
- Walter Horner
- Norma Whaley
- Sandy Wargo

Barnabas Court North

- Cal Wurst
- PeggySmith
- Tillie Stachewicz

Barnabas Court South

- Christine Andrews*

Conrad House

- Beth Seidler
- Don & Diane Vrenna
- Paula Wolper

BODY MIND SPIRIT

CASH BASH - Haven Program Fundraiser

Wow! What a great time. We are incredibly humbled and grateful for all of the support shown at our May 2nd Bingo CASH BASH! We had such a great time and a simply wonderful turnout with 148 tickets sold. We will update with a final profit once finance department has completed their calculations. But, so far it is looking like there was over \$5,000 raised during this event!! The proceeds will directly benefit our Haven Program. Special thanks to our sponsor Interim and Millcreek Veterinary Hospital, for providing vet care for our animals throughout the year.



Haven Program:

This program is designed to assist in making Brevillier Village as "home-like" as possible. The animals, (we have cats, rabbits, fish, and birds) plants, and intergenerational groups are the core of the Haven Program and provide stimulation of the five senses with reminiscence, relaxation, spontaneity, and socialization. If you would like to support this program, please contact Marti Colliss at mcolliss@brevillier.org.



Brevillier Worship Schedule

May 10th

Pastor Jean Kuebler, Faith Lutheran Church

June 14th

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

Sunset Service TBA - August

Blessed

ST. BARNABAS CHAPEL



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.



DONATION

Community DONATION DRIVE

Think Spring Cleaning!! Community members are welcome to bring unwanted, but useable items to our donation drive on Saturday, May 9th from 9 am – 2 pm.

Proceeds earned will benefit Brevillier Village's Team RAD, promoting Respect and Dignity within our neighborhood!

WHAT YOU CAN DONATE:

- Bedding, blankets, sheets, etc.
- Books (fiction & non fiction)
- Clothing (infant - adult)
- Common household goods
- Computers & other electronics
- Cookware, Dishes & Utensils
- Household goods & more!
- Scan QR Code for full list!

Drop-Off Event

SAT. MAY 9TH 9 AM – 2 PM

5416 East Lake Road Erie, PA 16511

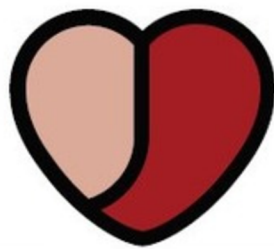


Donation Guidelines



All Donation Drive Fundraiser donated items must:

Be in good, clean, sellable condition. We do not repair, re-finish, or reupholster. Goodwill has developed the following **•REDLIGHT** **•GREENLIGHT** guidelines to help increase the amount of sellable donations received. Only sellable items will be credited towards your fundraiser.



•REDLIGHT

Unacceptable:

- Automotive Parts/Equipment
- Bed Frames, Head/Footboards
- Bed Pans, Porta-potty's
- Bicycles and Wheeled Toys
- Blinds (Unless in Original Package)
- Bolts of Fabric
- Carpeting, Carpet Pads
- Construction Materials
- Exercise Equipment
- Filtration Systems
- Food
- Furniture (Sofas, Tables, Chairs, Dressers, etc)
- Gas Powered Tools, Landscape Equipment
- Guns, Knives, Bows, Arrows, Ammunition
- Hangers
- Hazardous Products/Waste (Paint, Oil, etc.)
- Hospital Beds, Waterbeds, Air Mattresses
- Infant Cribs, Playpens, Car Seats, Strollers
- Major Household Appliances
- Mattresses, Box Springs, Bed Pillows
- Metal Desks, Metal Filing Cabinets
- Personal Care Items
- Pianos and Organs (In-store Only)
- Pool Tables
- Recyclables (Paper, Glass, Plastic, Aluminum)
- Skis, Ski Boots
- Sofa Beds, Futons
- Textbooks, Encyclopedias
- Water Heaters
- Wheelchairs, Walkers



•GREENLIGHT

Acceptable:

- Antiques and Collectibles
- Artwork and Frames
- Audio/Visual Equipment
- Bedspreads, Blankets, Liners
- Books
- CD's, DVD's, Records and Videos
- Clothing, Shoes, Accessories (Infants to Adult)
- Computers, Accessories and Other Electronics (Working or Not)
- Cookware, Dishware and Utensils
- Crafts (Packaged Sets)
- Curtains (No Rods or Hardware)
- Giftware and Knick Knacks
- Glassware
- Hand Tools and Small Power Tools
- Holiday Decorations
- Jewelry
- Lamps (With or Without Shades)
- Radios and Stereos
- Small Appliances
- Sporting Goods and Sleeping Bags
- Televisions (Except Consoles)
- VCR's and DVR's