Brevillier Village

THE INSIDER

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

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

NOVEMBER: GRATITUDE AND GRACE

November is long known for the beloved Thanksgiving traditions and the kick-off to the holiday season. This is also a perfect time for reflection as we near the conclusion of 2026. What a wonderful year we have had at Brevillier Village. Special thanks to our dedicated staff, our laborers in caregiving. Our team truly makes a positive difference in the lives of others every day. We are also thankful for the support from family and friends. The fun is just about to begin. Please be sure to read more for upcoming events you don't want to miss.

Thank You for Voting - Brevillier Village Erie's Choice



Since 2017, we have been voted by YOU, as Erie's Choice Retirement Community! This is fantastic news for our staff, residents, family members, and those who are connected to our Mission. Thank you for your support and recognition for the caregiving that's provides at Brevillier Village.

BREVILLIER VILLAGE: GOALS

We have taken this year to recognize the four areas of focus, History, Mission, Community, and Goals. Please read on page four of this newsletter for how our Goals will continue to impact resident care positively. Additionally, our December edition will be packed full of upcoming dates for 2027 anniversary celebration year. Please stay tuned for more information!

HISTORY MISSION COMMUNITY GOALS

A Blessing from Deacon Chuck Adamczyk

HAPPY NOVEMBER:

As God paints the world with Autumn colors, may He paint your life with many 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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Holiday Buffet Returns December 12 & 13!! Read more on page 3.

BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS

Amy Learn
BV President/CEO

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.

For questions and/or concerns, please contact the building administrator at (814)899-8600

Prohibited Items: Outside Medications

A reminder to families with residents at Ball Pavilion and Barnabas Court. 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/Rolaids, 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.

STAYING HEALTHY THIS COLD & FLU SEASON

The single best way to reduce the risk of seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications is to get vaccinated each year, but preventive actions like avoiding people who are sick, covering your cough and washing your hands also can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the common cold and flu.

https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevention/actions-prevent-flu.html

- Avoid close contact.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Clean surfaces often.

From the Desk of Dominick Alberico, Ball Pavilion Administrator

Brevillier Village has partnered with Nightingale College to provide clinical learning opportunities for their nursing students. Nightingale College is a nursing program that uses a blended-distance learning model supported by formal clinical partnerships with healthcare facilities. We are excited for the opportunity to provide these aspiring nursing students with a clinical environment for them to complete their required nursing experiences while gaining hands-on experience in a skilled nursing setting. This partnership provides our residents with additional opportunities to interact with nursing students while allowing our staff to support and mentor the next generation of nurses. It also gives Brevillier Village an opportunity to connect with potential future nursing professionals. Questions or concerns, please contact me at by phone at ext. 275 or email: dalberico@brevillier.org

INFORMATION & NEWS

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



New Residents



Ball Pavilion
- Patty Baran
- Marie Fiscus
- Mary Ollinger
- Cheryl Rensel

Barnabas Court North
- Ken Hermen
- Art Sandy

Conrad House
- Susan Cramer

Family Holiday Buffet Returns!

Please join us with the perfect way to celebrate the holiday season together. Guests will enjoy ambient music entertainment, backdrop for family photos, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer and wine, and main course.

Please sign up at the front desk by Monday, December 7th.

Barnabas Court: **Saturday, December 12th @ 12 pm**

Ball Pavilion: **Sunday, December 13th @ 12 pm**

PRICES:

- Adult $24
- Children *(3-10)*..... $13
- 2 & Under ..... Free
- Resident *(w/family)* ..... Free
- Independent BCS Residents W/O meal plan $24

Annual Book Sale

Our Annual Book Sale, honoring the memory of Hally Van Slyke was held in our Education Room on October 24th and 25th. Community members were able to browse through hundreds of books and a variety of media selections. Donations from shoppers totaled just over $1,000. This is great news and we are grateful for the volunteers who helped make this event possible. Proceeds benefit the residents at Brevillier Village.



Craft Show & Bake Sale



On Saturday, October 24th the Conrad House residents hosted their Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale. There were over 15 different vendors offering their handmade products. Including quilted, knitted, and crocheted items, cards, jewelry, skincare, perfume, photography and more. Between the Bake Sale, 50-50, and basket auction items the event raised $1,623. Proceeds will be used at the discretion of Conrad House Resident Association.



Our GOALS ....

HISTORY | MISSION | COMMUNITY | GOALS

Honoring 50 Years. Celebrating Our Village. Building for the Next 50.

As Brevillier Village prepares to celebrate our five decades of service, we honor the people, values, and traditions that have shaped our community while looking confidently toward the future. This milestone provides an opportunity to celebrate our residents, families, staff, and supporters, reinforce our mission of caring for body, mind, and spirit, and recognize the lasting impact Brevillier Village has made throughout the Erie community.

Through our upcoming 50th Anniversary, we aim to strengthen community engagement, inspire philanthropic support, increase public awareness, and preserve the stories and legacy of those who helped build Brevillier Village. Most importantly, this celebration will serve as a foundation for the future—ensuring that Brevillier Village continues its tradition of compassionate care, meaningful relationships, and service to generations to come.

DID YOU KNOW ...

Two of our local cemeteries contain a large part of our history. At **the Erie Cemetery** you can find the Fredrick and Katherine Brevillier mausoleum, a gorgeous above-ground structure with a mosaic decor crypt. Across the driveway from this building, you can also see the Brevillier Family pillar with additional family members.









At the historic St. Barnabas House (now known as Beach Glass Estates) in North East, Pennsylvania, priests and brothers from the Episcopal order of the Brothers of St. Barnabas were originally buried beneath the floorboards of the property's chapel.

- The Burials: Accounts and local history note that several priests and brothers were interred or buried under the chapel floor.
- Exhumation / Removal: The remains were later exhumed and moved to a proper cemetery after the property changed private ownership.
- Relocation of St. Barnabas priests include **St. Paul's Cathedral and the Phillips Cemetery in North East, PA**.

LOCAL SERVICE PROJECT

This month we have added drop-off boxes at each building entrance to collect items for local charity resources. Please help us support our community by sharing anything you can. Cash or online donations can be made by contacnting Maureen Rizzo (814)899-8600. Please see the list of requested donations below.

Ella Cocrah Food Pantry

- Body & Hair: Shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, body wash, and lotions.
- Grooming: Deodorant, disposable razors, and shaving cream.
- Menstrual Products: Pads, tampons, and panty-liners.
- Extras: Wet wipes, hand sanitizer, pocket tissues, and toilet paper

Episcopal Diocese & After School Outreach

- Oral Care: Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and dental floss.
- Personal Hygiene as listed above.
- Nutrigrain & Granola Bars



IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: Upcoming Events

Don't overlook this page: Be sure to read the list of upcoming community events taking place in our neighborhood!

Annual Health & Wellness Fair

Fri. November 6th 9:00 - 11:30 am
It's time again for our annual Health & Wellness Fair at the Eastside YMCA! Vendors from across the area will be on hand to provide you with health screenings and information on a variety of topics – healthy living, personal care, nutrition, aging, and much more! Each attendee will receive a door prize ticket. Basket raffle tickets will be available for purchase for $5. At least 50 vendors are scheduled. Topics and screenings offered will include:

- Posture Screening/Analysis
- Foot Analysis
- Utility Payment Assistance Info
- Senior State Services
- Housing
- Volunteer Opportunities

Questions? Please contact Karen McLellan at kmclellan@ymcaerie.org or call at (814)899-9622

Eastside YMCA
2101 Nagle Road
Erie, PA 16510

Alzheimer's Association® Caregiver Support Group

Fri. November 6th 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Meets first Friday of each month. Alzheimer's Association® caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of persons with dementia to:

- Support system
- Challenges & solutions
- Issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings and concerns
- Community resources

Iroquois Branch Library
4212 Iroquois Avenue
Erie PA 16511

Fall Swiss Steak Dinner

Sat. November 7th 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Same Great Meal - Take Out Only
Meal includes: Swiss steak, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, bread, applesauce, coleslaw, and cookies!
$15 per meal.

First Presbyterian Church
6724 Buffalo Road
Harborcreek, PA 16421

A Time to Heal - *A Legacy of Love*

Mon. November 9th 6:30 pm
Do you find yourself struggling mentally, physically, emotionally or spiritually? Everyone seems to need healing on so many different levels. Please join us for an evening of prayer, music, laying of hands, and quiet reflection. Come for yourself and bring a friend.

Our Lady of Mercy Church
837 Bartlett Road
Harborcreek, PA 16421

ECWC Wellness Class

Wed. November 11th 10:30 am
The Erie Cancer Wellness Center provides free, non-medical support services for individuals impacted by cancer. As we continue expanding our reach, we're excited to bring our services into the community and meet you where you are. Join us at the Eastside Family YMCA in Harborcreek for a wellness class designed to support healing and well-being. Sessions will include:

- Gentle Yoga
- Meditation & Reflection
- Guided Journaling

Come connect, recharge, and find support in a welcoming community environment.

Eastside YMCA
2101 Nagle Road
Erie, PA 16510

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

- 11/1 - Daylight Savings Time - turn clocks back an hour!
- 11/3 - Election Day
- 11/5 - 10:00 am BV Veterans Luncheon & Bingo - Elks Club
- 11/6 - 1:30 pm Resident's November Birthday Party
  - BP - With Country Blue Band
  - BC - Grumpy Old Men
- 11/8 - 2:00 pm Religious Services @St Barnabas Chapel
- 11/11 - Happy Veterans Day - Thank You for your service!
- 11/13 - 1:30 Friendsgiving Party - BP Elvis Live

Unmarked Clothing Day: Tuesday, November 24th

We will be having a Ball Pavilion Unmarked Laundry Day on **Tuesday, November 24th** in the A Hall Living Room. Please stop by and see if any of these items belong to your loved one. Items claimed will be marked that day and delivered to the proper owner. Stay tuned for the Barnabas Court North and South Unmarked Laundry Day!



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.

- 11/12 - Conrad House Thanksgiving Dinner (RSVP)
- 11/18 - Entertainment Mike & Marie MPR 6:30 pm
- 12/3 - Erie Playhouse Showstoppers 7 - 8 pm MPR
- 12/9 - Holiday Paint & Sip $10 - Limited seating sign-up w Jennifer K.
- 12/7 - Conrad House Christmas Choral Concert 4 pm MPR
- 12/17 - Conrad House Christmas Dinner (RSVP)

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

ERIE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ignite · excite · inspire
www.erielibrary.org

- November 2, 16, 30
- December 14, 28



MONDAY
- 10am 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
- 2pm Bingo MPR
- 6:30 pm Rosary Library
- 6:00 pm Card Game MPR

WEDNESDAY
- 10am 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

Save the Date: Upcoming Brevillier Village Events

Annual Memorial Service - November 5

Family members will receive an invitation to attend the Annual Memorial Service honoring those who have passed away between September 1, 2025 - August 30. There will be a small reception with cake and punch following the service.

Christmas in the Village Kick Off - December 3

Staff, residents, family and friends are welcome to join us in each building for holiday cheer. Word is Santa will be near! 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Volunteer Opportunity: We need help hanging lights. Please contact Jennifer Kehl at (814)899-8600 or jkehl@brevillier.org

Paint & Sip - December 9th & 10th

You are invited to come to a Paint & Sip with your loved one. Enjoy painting a beautiful picture, side by side with your loved one by bringing them to this event with you. Cost is $10.00 Per Canvas. Refreshments Provided. Sign up & pay in the front office of BP, BCN or CH. Conrad House 12/9/2026 and BCN & BP 12/10/2026. Limited Seating, So Act Fast!

Deacon Chuck Adamczyk: Prayer Box

The Village has purchased a Prayer Request box to allow residents, staff, or family members to write a brief prayer request for a loved one. A prayer request is a short message asking others to pray with and for you about a specific issue or situation. Please, only use first names. This prayer request box will be in the library of the Conrad House apartments. Prayer requests will be read and offered at the Rosary conducted at the Conrad House on Tuesday evenings. If you have any questions, please contact Chaplain Chuck Adamczyk at (814) 899-8600, extension 219, or (814) 323-5738 (cell).

Remembering Our Loved Ones

At Brevillier Village 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 scan the QR code here or 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

Weshare our heartfelt goodbyes to those who have recently passed.

Eleanor Bird

John Dudenhoefer

Dora Francis

Tom May

Marjorie Suter

Fundraising Programs

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

Did You Know?

TheBrevillierVillage, Ruth Pedersen Benevolent Fund has supported over $7 million dollars in resident care since 1997.

SCAN ME!

Celebration Time!

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Name		Department	Hire Date	Years
Priscilla	Torres	Nursing	11/02/2022	4
Alissa	Garcia	Dining Svc	11/02/2022	4
Lealyn	Hinkler	Nursing	11/03/2009	17
Kayla	Burkett	Enviro Svc	11/05/2012	14
Lexi	Williams	Nursing	11/06/2025	1
Leanna	Birtciel	Nursing	11/12/2024	2
Carley	Estok	Dining Svc	11/12/2024	2
Michelle	Johnson	Home Care	11/15/2023	3
Aurelia	Garner	Dining Svc	11/15/2024	2
Melissa	Veith	Nursing	11/16/2024	2
Andrew	Achille	Enviro Svc	11/19/2019	7
Danielle	Simmons	Nursing	11/22/2024	2
Julia	Chludzinski	Enviro Svc	11/30/2022	4

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Pat Dennis	11/04
Audrey Metzgar	11/08
Mitzi Banister	11/24
Marion Parmenter	11/27

Barnabas Court North

Jack Wear	11/09
Mary Mueller	11/15

Barnabas Court North

Marilyn McDaniel	11/07
Tony Martter	11/21

Conrad House

Nancy Yost	11/01
Carolyn Smith	11/06
Don Ward	11/11
Lucille Yeaney	11/15
Susan Kohler	11/17
Donna Standley	11/22
Margaret Young	11/25
Linda Brice	11/28



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

STAFF BIRTHDAYS

Name		Birthday	Department
Simeon	Castano	11/3	Enviro Svc
Bailey	Shafer	11/10	Nursing
Shakeria	Gambill	11/11	Nursing
Kristin	Laine	11/13	Admin
Carla	Danowski	11/15	Nursing
Sepia	Stewart	11/16	Nursing
Sheldon	Davis	11/16	Nursing
Belinda	Baldwin	11/26	Nursing
Angela	Lingenfelter	11/28	Dining Svc
Carlajzah	Mendez	11/17	Nursing
Gavin	Snyder	11/19	Dining Svc

