

BREVILLIER INSIDER

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



Social Worker Month | Women's History Month

The month of March has many of us eager for spring, longer days, joyful celebrations, and holidays! Part of the allure of Brevillier Village are the many ways we embrace each moment and make the best of every day.



IT'S NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK RECOGNITION MONTH!

The Village has several Social Workers who help residents and families from the beginning to end of their journey in any of our buildings. Social Workers and Case Managers gather and share information needed for every admission to the Village. They act as advocates for our most frail residents. They help with endless tasks every day to give the residents the best quality of life possible. These employees go above and beyond their job duties daily! They deserve all the recognition in the world! There are truly not enough ways to show our appreciation for everything the Social Workers do. Thank you for all you do to help our residents and families!

NATIONAL
SOCIAL
WORKER
MONTH



Thank You Social Workers!



Photograph left to right: Rebecca Wargo, Grace Clark, Vickie Gilchrist
Kristin Laine, Ashley Perry, Jennifer Kehl, and Janet Dubich

BREVILLIER VILLAGE SOCIAL WORK TEAM

Jennifer Kehl, BSW Conrad House Administrator (28 Years of Service)

Vickie Gilchrist, BSW, PCHA Barnabas Court Administrator (20 Years of Service)

Kristin Laine, Director of Admissions (35 Years of Service)

Janet Dubich, LPN Admissions Case Manager (21 Years of Service)

Ashley Perry, MSW Ball Pavilion Social Worker (2.5 Years of Service)

Grace Clark, BSW Barnabas Court South/Ball Pavilion Social Worker (New to our Team)

Rebecca Wargo, MSW Barnabas Court North Social Worker (4 Years of Service)



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:

Continuing a quality not-for-profit outreach of the Episcopal Church, we are dedicated staff and volunteer care givers who serve older adults with dignity and respect.

BV Vision:

Quality of Life Matters.



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UPDATES & EVENTS

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. To ensure your information is up to date, please complete a form at either of the front offices or you may contact Maureen Rizzo at mrizzo@brevillier.org.

Jeff Wieser
BV President/CEO

Amy Learn
Ball Pavilion

Vickie Gilchrist
Barnabas Court

Jennifer Kehl
Conrad House



ERIE'S TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE: APRIL 8TH

Experience a once-in-a-lifetime event in Erie, Pennsylvania! On April 8, 2024, Erie is in the path of totality for a total solar eclipse. For nearly four minutes, the afternoon sky will go dark as the moon passes between the sun and the Earth. Erie is the only major city in Pennsylvania in the path of totality. A total solar eclipse is perhaps the most spectacular astronomical event that can be witnessed from Earth, and it can only be observed from some parts of the globe. Erie will be one of the few locations to see every stage of this awe-inspiring event. Plan your trip now to observe this phenomenon on the shores of Lake Erie! The next Total Solar Eclipse in the contiguous United States won't occur until 2044. Erie, Pennsylvania won't be in the path of totality again until 2144!

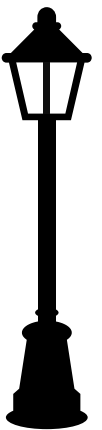
<https://www.visiterie.com/eclipseerie-2024/>



Each building at Brevillier Village will be conducting their own recreational activity for the day. The safety of our residents and staff is our highest concern. Independent living residents (Barnabas Court South and Conrad House) will have access to a pair solar eclipse safety glasses with signature of a liability and safety waiver. Please contact the building social worker for more information.

OUR FUTURE IS LOOKING BRIGHT!

Last summer 10 lamp posts were replaced in the parking areas between Conrad House and BCN. As this project is underway, we are finding that all of the lamp posts are approximately 30-40 years old, and the wires are deteriorating underground. The lighting system provides not only comfort to our residents but also serves as security for our staff and residents. Our grounds and buildings need these upgrades, and we are asking for your help. Listed below is our first request to aid in the financial support of upgrading the parking lot lights. We consider this necessary to provide the needed security for our residents, staff, and guests.



His & Hers BINGO BA\$H SAT. APRIL 13

**SCAN
ME! >>**



BINGO!

16 Games, Instant & More!

Prizes Valued at \$150+

Doors open at 5:30 pm
Bingo starts at 7 pm sharp!
Harborcreek Social Hall

Must be 18 to Enter

Tickets are \$30 per person and can be purchased online or at the Ball Pavilion front office. We are looking for sponsors, volunteers, and/or a gift basket for the auction. If you are interested in helping please call (814)899-8600.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Through a variety of partnerships Brevillier Village participates in several community outreach programs. We consider these relationships to be an essential part of maintaining our Mission. Blending of organizational resources benefits everyone in our Brevillier Village family. From our K-12 intergenerational programming, available housing and healthcare services, we help educate one another. One of the ways Brevillier Village has been involved is through our membership with the Erie Rotary Club. The Rotary Club is known for both local and international involvement with social concerns. Brevillier Village has had representation with the Erie Rotary Club for over the past decade. Maureen Rizzo, Director of Development and recent past Rotary President participated in the Ethics Symposium. A day spent teaching local high school students and staff members about the Four-Way Test and practicing ethical decision making.



On Tuesday, March 5th over 170 high school juniors participated in the 13th Annual Ethics Symposium. Students and staff members from across the county joined at Mercyhurst University to learn about applying ethical decision making by using the **Four-Way Test**.



COMMUNITY
BLOOD BANK

Community Blood Bank

Brevillier Village is proud to partner with the Community Blood Bank and has been hosting drives for several years. Did you know, 62% of the population is eligible to donate, less than 2% do in our community. That means, you can be a change maker in the battle against blood shortages! It takes just 30-45 minutes from check in to refreshments. You are eligible to donate again in just 56 days. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Upcoming dates are:
6/10, 8/5, 10/24, 12/19

IROQUOIS HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS TRADES FAIR

On Thursday March 14th students in grades 9-12 attended a Trades Fair at Iroquois High School. There were over 30 different vendors for students to visit and learn about. Students from Iroquois, Harbor Creek, North East and General McClane attended the event. Vendors included local businesses, nonprofits, state agencies, healthcare, armed services, and union reps.

It is no secret that that after graduation plans can be intimidating and overwhelming. Traditional four year degrees may not be ideal for every student, but having a plan is essential. This event provides an opportunity for students to learn about alternative choices for their career path. When making milestone decisions it is helpful to have as much information as possible. The Trades Fair is an event that Harbor Creek and Iroquois have coordinated for the community over the last few years and we have been fortunate to share our Mission and career opportunities with students; they are the future of our community. Brevillier Village is a great place to start for someone who may be interested in the healthcare field. We have many staff who began working here during high school years and are now in leadership roles.



CELEBRATING OUR STAFF



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LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY PERRY, SOCIAL WORKER



What's your 'why' for becoming a social worker? Well, it's the profession of love! Many of you know that I am always radiating with positivity and trying to spread cheer. Working in long-term care has its challenges, but for those we are caring for it's their home & I'm always about making it special for them!

I believe in the good of everyone & providing encouragement for those who need it most. Being able to devote my life's work & experiences to empower, educate, advocate, & instill overall human well-being is powerful. The values of a social worker stand true to me & allow me to be able to connect with those I work with, residents, & their families. I wanted to make a difference in the lives of others, especially with those who are most vulnerable. It's not an easy job, but it's a meaningful one!

Social work is an emotional job, how do you best take care of yourself so you can keep showing up for your residents? At times it's easier said than done, but SELF - CARE. I like to remain as active as possible with working out, boxing, & reading.

Share a special memory? It's hard to pick just one. I have to say my favorite are the stories I get from the residents. They have lived special lives & it's nice to hear them reminisce about their pasts. I also enjoy being able to assist in transitioning those that can, back to the community.

KELLY MILLION, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Do you remember your first day? What was your position then?

My first day at Brevillier was February 9th, 1996. I had a 1 year old and a 6 year old at home. I started at Barnabas Court as a Housekeeper. I was being trained by an "Old School" housekeeper who had me move all of the washing machines and scrape the floor with a putty knife. I honestly didn't think I was going to come back the next day, but I did. My mentor met me at the back door shaking her head. She said, "Girl, you passed my test, you came back. You are going to do good here." And 28 years later, here I am!



How has your job changed over the years? I have worked a few different positions here. I started as a Housekeeper then advanced to the Maintenance Coordinator. When Maintenance and Housekeeping combined into one department, I then became the Environmental Services Coordinator. It was decided that the change was not working so I was promoted to the Director of Environmental Services. Then a few years later I accepted the title of Director of Environmental Services and Purchasing. This is my title today. **I am a great example that, Yes, you can advance in your career at Brevillier Village!**

*The quality of your life
will be determined by
the quality of your
contribution. When you
work to improve the lives
of others, your life
improves automatically.*

KUREK ASHLEY

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VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

As a non-profit, Brevillier Village is happy to provide many volunteering opportunities that serve our residents and community needs. If your student needs service hours or you are looking for a way to share your time and talents, there are a variety of ways you can do this here. Volunteers may sign up to deliver and read mail, meal delivery, recreation activities, grounds keeping, and much more! Our February volunteer hours totaled: 240 For details please contact Jen Kehl at (814)899-8600 or by email at: jkehl@brevillier.org





RESIDENT ACTIVITY & EVENTS SCHEDULE

The months are marching on and here we come to another fun and exciting time at Brevillier Village. 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



- Sun. 3/17** St. Patty's Day
- Mon. 3/18** Orthodox Lent Begins
- Tues. 3/19** Spring Begins
- Thurs. 3/21** 1:30 Cindy Sue & Brian
- Sun. 3/24** Palm Sunday
- Fri. 3/29** 1:30 Coloring Easter Eggs
- Sun. 3/31** Happy Easter
- Thurs. 4/4** 3:00 pm Eclipse Party: BP Rec. Rm, BC In Lakeview Lounge
- Fri. 4/5** BP & BC Resident Birthday Party:
BP 1:30 Carl & Barb Hartman
BN 1:30 Peaceful Easy Feeling



CONRAD HOUSE

Independent living residents enjoy a variety of entertainment and activities. The lists below include the upcoming (and regularly scheduled) schedules of events for independent living residents. Use of the multipurpose room (or any space) is approved through Jen Kehl, Building Admin. Residents and/or family members must make approved arrangements prior to use.


Monthly Events

Upcoming Events

- Monday** Exercise 10 am MPR
Book Club 2 pm Library (or MPR)
Craft Group meets every 3 weeks
- Tuesday** Chats with Deacon Chuck 9:30 am Library
Bingo 2 pm MPR
Rosary 6:30 pm Library
Church Service 7 pm
- Wednesday** Exercise 10 am MPR
- Thursday** Bible Study 10 am Library
- Friday** Coffee & Donuts 9 am MPR
Exercise 10 am MPR
Religious Service 11:15 am Chapel/MPR
Happy Hour 5 pm MPR
- Saturday** Game Night 6:30 pm MPR,
every other Saturday, what for signs

- Tues. 03/19 - CH Resident Birthday 11:40 MPR
- Mon. 04/08 - Solar Eclipse - MPR*
- Sat. 05/04 - Kentucky Derby - MPR*

**Check for flyer on bulletin board.*



The Conrad House residents have formed a Garden Club. Special thanks to Phil Zazcyk for building the raised garden beds for resident use. The next meeting will take place April 9th at 11 AM in the MPR.




Ball Pavilion

Joan DeAngelo
Eugene Marino
James Meyers
Doris Novet
Albina Palmisano
Jack Stephenson
Carolyn Van Horne

Barnabas Court North

Norine Burkett
DeWayne Shaffer
John Trippe

March Blessings 
from Deacon Chuck

Look for the goodness in everyone whom you meet today and every day forward. Open your heart and become someone who gives a gift of peace, joy or hope...And watch the ripple effect of miracles and blessings unfold in your life.



Palm Sunday - Distribution

In preparation of Palm Sunday (March 25th), Deacon Chuck Adamczyk passed out palms to residents and staff on Tuesday, March 19th. Thank you Deacon Chuck!

Save the Date - Bishop Rowe May 1st

Our annual service with Bishop Rowe will take place on, Wednesday May 1st. Be sure to mark your calendar!

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.

Rosemary Bowers

Margaret Cragle

Dolores Dowler

Karen Fenton

Marilyn Mack

Elizabeth Morton



We want to thank you for mentioning Brevillier Village in your memorials to honor your loved one. Whether you mentioned the Brevillier Village name as their home, thanking our staff for care provided, or included 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



<https://www.networkforgood.com/resource/what-is-legacy-giving/>



Jennifer Schultz 21 Years
 Hannah Perrin 16 Years
 Sandra Leube 12 Years
 Jennifer Adams 8 Years
 Sheryl Galbreath 8 Years
 Alicia Roberts 8 Years
 Belinda Baldwin 5 Years
 Timothy Bennett 3 Years
 Tammy Geiger 2 Years
 Thomas Gelotte 2 Years
 Jillian McGill 2 Years
 Amari Stewart 2 Years
 Riley Hawryliw 1 Year
 Renee Martin 1 Year
 Samia Jibul 1 Year
 Sam Scutella 1 Year
 Gabriella Storm 1Year



Corrine Geiger 03/02
 Kira Holl on 03/05
 Beverly Conn 03/08
 Geraldine Rickrode 03/09
 Rhonda Baxter 03/12
 Sandra Corey 03/16
 Becca Shepardson 03/17
 Todd Whaley 03/18
 Michelle Johnson 03/19
 Deborah Learn 03/21
 Raeh Ball 03/22
 Bella Walker 03/26
 Joseph Fenno 03/27
 Randy Post 03/29
 Jeremiah Mills 03/30
 Dani Seibert 03/30

RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

Ball Pavilion

Marilyn J. Garfield 03/06
 Bob Fuller 03/07
 Corkie Sands 03/07
 Jack Gehrlein 03/09
 Janice Bradway 03/19
 Eileen Jodon 03/21
 Martha Bartosek 03/22
 Ronald Hackett 03/24
 Carolyn Henry 03/26

Barnabas Court North

Beatrice Pruzenski 03/12
 Barbara Haynes 03/17
 Esther Northrup 03/19
 Dorothy Kraus 03/28

Barnabas Court South

Leah Moore 3/01
 Joe Smelko 3/19

Conrad House

Kathy Sharples 03/01
 Evelyn Senger 03/07
 Denise Foster 03/08
 Ann Groves 03/08
 Jan Stryker 03/09
 Doris Causgrove 03/13
 Cal Wurst 03/22
 George McCool 03/23
 Joan Rickel 03/28
 Rose Gensheimer 03/23
 Sharon Freiwald 03/31

Would you like to work within a fun & team environment? By joining our work force you will gain hands-on experience, essential career skills, and friendships that last a lifetime in an inclusive & friendly environment. *EOE*

- Nursing - 3rd Shift RN Supervisor
- Recreation - Part-Time Salon Stylist
- Recreation - FT Neighborhood Rec. Coordinator
- Dining Services - Full & Part Time
- Housekeeping - Full & Part Time

APPLY NOW

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



CALENDAR OF EVENTS ...

- **March 2024 - National Social Workers Month | Women's History Month**

- 3/17 - St. Patrick's Day
- 3/19 - Spring Begins
- 3/29 - Good Friday
- 3/31 - Easter Sunday



- **April 2024 - National Volunteer Month | Diversity Month**

- 4/8 - Solar Eclipse
- 4/9 - 30 Erie's Choice Voting Begins
- 4/13 - Bingo Fundraising Event



**ERIE'S CHOICE AWARDS
VOTING ROUND BEGINS
APRIL 9 - 30**

Please vote for
Brevillier Village
www.goerie.com



SAVE THE DATE



**MONDAY AUGUST 19 - 17TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
VENANGO VALLEY GOLF COURSE**



Team RAD Star of The Month



"SAMIA ALWAYS GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS HELPS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS, WHILE STILL CARING FOR HER RESIDENTS."

Samia Jibul, CPA at Barnabas Court has been recognized as the Team RAD Star of the Month. Samia has been an employee at Brevillier Village within our nursing team for the past year and her positive energy has not gone unnoticed. Her peers have many positive things to say about her work ethic, smile, and natural patience with our residents. Being a caregiver is not an easy role to fill, but it is something she does with pride. We are fortunate to have her with us. Thank you, Samia!!

"SAMIA IS ALWAYS SO CARING TO THE RESIDENTS. SHE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO MAKE THEM HAPPY!"

"SHE IS A GOOD CAREGIVER, ALSO HAS A LOT OF PATIENCE WITH THE RESIDENTS. SHE IS SO SWEET WITH TAKING CARE OF THEM. SHE ALWAYS GOES BEYOND WITH EVERYTHING."

