

OCTOBER
2023



RIDGE REPORTER

Welcome – Olivia

Please welcome Olivia as part of our team. She will be assisting Jon in Sales and Marketing. Please stop by the office and say hello! *Welcome Olivia!*

Welcome – Todd

Please welcome Todd as part of our team. He will be part of our housekeeping and facilities team doing light maintenance & event preparation. *Welcome Todd!*

Welcome Back – Dave

Please welcome back Dave to our team. He will be working part-time on the maintenance team in addition to the on-call team. *Welcome back Dave!*

3rd Annual Great Pumpkin Contest Monday, October 9 to Friday, October 20

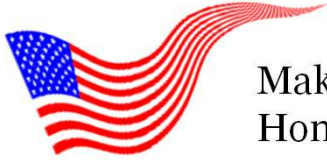


- 🍂 Residents are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin for the contest
 - 🍂 You are unique – make your pumpkin as unique as you are!
- 🍂 All pumpkins must be real pumpkins
- 🍂 NO cutting/carving/piercing the pumpkin! Use your imaginations!
- 🍂 WEEK 1: Bring decorated pumpkins to McMenamain Rec Center for display from Monday, October 9 through Sunday, October 15
 - 🍂 Place the pumpkin on the counter
 - 🍂 Place your numbered cup next to your pumpkin
 - 🍂 Place your name on the number ticket and place it in the black box at the end of the hallway so we know who decorated that pumpkin
- 🍂 WEEK 2: Vote for your favorite pumpkins!
 - 🍂 Each resident will be given tickets to be used to cast their votes
 - 🍂 Tickets will be placed in your mail slot in the McMenamain Rec Center
 - 🍂 Cast your votes from Monday, October 16 through Friday, October 20 (Votes must be in by 12 Noon on Friday, October 20)
- 🍂 Winners will be awarded a prize and announced in the November Ridge Reporter!
- 🍂 All pumpkins must be picked up by Monday, October 23
- 🍂 Contest rules will be available at the McMenamain Rec Center

Don't Delay – Call Today!

DID YOU KNOW? . . . The front office is the hub for all communication between staff, residents, and the community. Our office team works diligently to answer phone calls, assist people at the office window, direct phone calls to the appropriate personnel, and answer questions of all kinds. They also collaborate with all departments to assist with organization and distribution of information.

- **QUESTIONS & CONCERNS:** If you have a question or concern, please give us a call! We are able to help provide solutions to questions and concerns of all kinds. Information can change over time; we encourage residents to call or come to the office to obtain the most up-to-date information available. If we are unable to provide an immediate answer, we will return your call with the information as soon as possible.
- **RSVP:** Please RSVP to any trips/events you are interested in! All sign-ups for trips and events come through the front office (unless otherwise noted). It is very important to reply for trips and events. Lack of participation may result in cancellations. A recent example is an event that was postponed due to a lack of interest. Had enough people RSVP'd, the event would likely have been held as scheduled. Additionally, RSVPs allow speakers and class instructors to adequately prepare for their presentations.
- **MAINTENANCE:** Delaying a call to the office to report a potential maintenance issue can lead to significant problems. If you notice something is not working correctly (microwave, refrigerator, hot water, etc.), a leak, or something similar, please call the office right away. Many appliances may still be under warranty making timely reporting of issues crucial to obtaining proper service within the warranty period. Supply chain delays also continue to present significant challenges for obtaining repair/replacement parts. The sooner we are notified something needs repair, the sooner we can order any necessary parts.
- **WORK ORDERS:** All work orders are recorded in our database. Updates are carefully documented allowing us to track parts on order, information related to a project, and correspondence with contractors, residents, and suppliers. If an issue is not reported to the office, it cannot be entered into our system and properly addressed.
- **ALL WORK ORDER REQUESTS** must be called into the office. Occasionally, an issue is mentioned to a team member who is working on another issue. Team members do not have the ability to enter work orders into our system while they are in the field. Residents must call the office to have requests properly documented. A team member will address your issue in order of priority.
- **VOICEMAIL:** Finally, please leave a voice message if you reach our voicemail system. While we strive to answer calls as they come in, we are often busy assisting another resident or a visitor to the community. Please do not continue to call. Rather, leave your name, unit number, and the reason for your call and we will return your call promptly.



Veteran Wall of Honor

Make sure you check out the Veteran Wall of Honor in the McMenammin Rec Center! We are so excited to have the privilege of honoring our residents who served in the armed forces.



Happy Halloween!

Tuesday, October 31 is Halloween. If you desire to have little "munchkins" trick or treat at your door, please leave your porch light ON. If you do NOT wish to have them, please turn your front porch light OFF.

As always, should you see vandalism or suspicious activity, call the Police directly.

Fall Shrub Trimming

Realty Landscaping will perform fall shrub trimming.
(The schedule is dependent upon weather.)

Unwanted Eyeglasses



Thank you for your donation.

Gutters & Downspouts

Occasionally, rain events can produce an extremely high amount of precipitation in an extremely short amount of time. The runoff from the roofs can be too much for the gutters/downspouts to handle during an intense rain event, thereby causing the overflow. In addition, there are gutter guards installed in various locations throughout the community. These also cause a problem for extreme amounts of rain. The gutter guards cannot handle the rush of the water during the intense rain. The gutters/downspouts and gutter guards are designed to handle normal rainfall.

When the gutters are overflowing during the intense rain, there is nothing we can do at that point in time. Please call the office to have a work order placed to have the gutters examined for a clog. The gutter will be checked after the rain event.

Fall Maintenance Items



With cooler weather coming, it will soon be time to change your heater return vents and filters.

Maintenance staff will be around to change the filters.

There is a simple way to remember which vents need to be open or closed. For winter, open the bottom vents (to keep your feet warm) and close the top vents. Should you need assistance changing the vents, please call the office to be placed on the list.

You can run your heater before the return vents are changed. The vents only assist in giving better circulation of the heat. We recommend **testing your heater prior to the onset of cold weather**. The staff would appreciate your testing Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM and contact the Office during normal business hours with any issues. This will minimize urgent calls to our maintenance staff.

Trash Pickup Reminder

When placing trash out for pick up on Monday and Thursday:

- Please make sure to tie your trash bag(s)
- Have trash/recycle out by 8 AM
- Place at the end of your sidewalk
 - Avoid placing trash on the porch as other items could also be picked up by mistake
 - If it is not visible from the road, it may not be picked up
- Call the office if you have trouble getting trash to the end of the sidewalk
- Leave any weeds/plant clippings out with trash. No need to call the office.

Hate to Say It . . . SNOW?

Now is the time to make sure we have a copy of your car key for snow removal, especially if you are a new resident or have gotten a new car. Please call the office with any questions.

- It is NOT mandatory to participate with this snow key policy.
Note: Residents who have not provided a copy of their key will be responsible for moving/clearing their own cars.
- A copy of your car key(s) will be locked in our office for our snow crew to move your car at their convenience for plowing.



Snow removal is being performed by Realty Landscaping.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.



No Trespassing or Soliciting Communities

Both Sanatoga Ridge and Buchert Ridge are no trespassing and no soliciting communities. We do not want to be unfriendly neighbors to people who feel safe walking through the community. However, we also do not want to be a place where adults or children loiter.

IMPORTANT: Lower Pottsgrove Township requires all people/groups to have a permit to solicit from the Township. Should a solicitor knock at your door, kindly close the door and call the police.

Because we are a no soliciting community, politicians are also not permitted to go door to door through our communities.

Should you witness loitering or soliciting, for your safety, do not approach or engage in conversation. Please call the police directly. If you call the office or on-call staff, by the time we call the police, the offending person(s) may be gone.



Reminder, the speed limit through the community is 20 MPH.

Please make sure to **STOP** and look both ways as you leave your driveway or parking space. In addition, make sure to stop and look both ways if you are coming out of a Court at SRC.



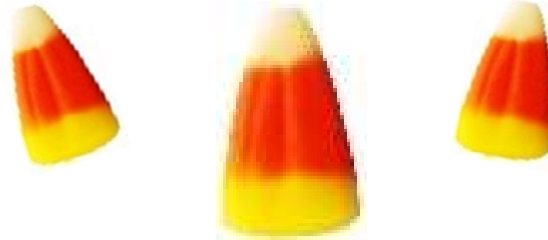
Happy Birthday!

29 Joyce



Happy Anniversary!

18 Fred and Betty



Keeping Busy

SAVE THE DATE
BRC RESIDENT
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 6 AT
COPPERFIELD'S

***2023 SRC Resident
Christmas Luncheon!***
Friday, December 8

Look for more details in upcoming
Ridge Reporters.

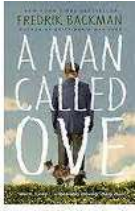


Pickleball – Wednesday Time Change
Wednesdays at 5 PM; Fridays at 9 AM
Sanatoga Swim Club

Trailblazers!

With cooler weather approaching, take a stroll through
the Community Walking is more than just taking steps!





October 2

Book Club

Monday, October 2 at 2 PM

- November 6 “Angela’s Ashes” by Frank McCourt
- December 4 “The Girl You Left Behind” by Jojo Moyes

Contact Jeanette for more information.

Brown Bag ART History: Gauguin & Van Gogh A lunch & learn series on Art History!

Wednesday, October 4 at 12 Noon

Led by Pottstown Art Historian Martin Bradfield. This lecture talks about the response to the Enlightenment conclusions and introduces works from the “Romantic” era, with a focus on the “Gothic”, and “Nature”. It then moves into the “Impressionists” and “Post Impressionists” and does a deep dive into Gauguin (Vision after the Sermon) and Van Gogh (The Sower) with a thrilling back story and conclusion. This is one of the most popular lectures in the series. **Bring your lunch and beverage. RSVP by Tuesday, October 3.** Open to the public. Meets in the SRC Dining Room.



The Healthy Brain – Part 1 of 2

Friday, October 6 at 1 PM

Senior Helpers returns with a two-part series on The Healthy Brain. Laura Albany is looking forward to providing education on what is a healthy brain. During this presentation Laura will review how an average brain is supposed to function and will teach you strategies on how to keep your brain healthy and thriving! Open to the public. **RSVP by Monday, October 2.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room. Mark your calendar for Senior Helpers’ second part of the series, on Friday, November 3, at 1 PM.

Light Refreshments

Tuesday, October 10 at 9:15 AM

Tuesday, October 10 at 9:15 AM, enjoy light refreshments with your neighbors in the McMenam Rec Center. Light refreshments is now **only being held the 2nd Tuesday of each month** at 9:15 AM with the resident meeting to follow at 9:30 AM.

Resident Meeting

Tuesday, October 10 at 9:30 AM

The Resident meetings are typically held the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the McMenam Rec Center.

Suffering from Aches & Pains?

Wednesday, October 11 at 1 PM



Do you suffer from aches and pains? Ashley Watt, Physical Therapist ATI Physical Therapy, Pottstown, will discuss the benefits of physical therapy and perform a light exercise session in the SRC Auditorium! Open to the public. **RSVP by Monday, October 9.**

Brown Bag History: Part 5 of 6 (Bring Your Lunch!)

“The Assassination of President Lincoln”

Thursday, October 12 at 12 Noon

Historian Michael Jesberger, who brought us the presentation on the Legend of Sleepy Hollow, presents a Lunch & Learn series June through November. **Bring your lunch and beverage** along and enjoy his historical presentations and slide shows while eating. Join other history buffs and meet a few new friends! Mark your calendar for the final date in the series: Thursday, November 9. Open to the public. **RSVP by Wednesday, October 11.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.

Stony Hill Farm Stand

Friday, October 13 and 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM



Fresh fruits and vegetables for sale on Friday, October 13 and October 27 from 11 AM to 1 PM at the SRC Community Center Patio.

Watermelon, cantaloupe, Zucchini, eggplant, tomatoes, onions, peppers, cabbage, potatoes, probably some sweet corn and maybe a few other odds and ends!



Lunch Bunch

Pizza Como & PC Pub

(468 Pottstown Ave., Pennsburg)

Friday, October 13 at 12 Noon

*If you are paying by cash at the restaurant,
please bring smaller bills/change.*

The SRC Bus will be available for \$3 per person (for the driver) due at sign-up. The bus and carpool will leave Berean Bible Church Parking lot at 11:30 AM.

RSVP by Tuesday, October 10

Edward Jones
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING



Bonnie
Thompson

“Making Your Money Last”

Tuesday, October 17 at 10 AM

This seminar will be at BRC. Limited Seating.

Find out ways to help you work toward achieving your retirement goals - what matters most to you. Bonnie will focus on how to provide for your income needs, including your retirement income for the future. She will also explore how to address key concerns such as inflation, health care expenses, market volatility and unexpected events. Open to the public. **RSVP by Tuesday, October 10.**

Octoberfest – Strolling Musician John Collins

Friday, October 20 at 4 PM

Octoberfest will be held in the SRC Dining Room. You will be serenaded by a strolling accordion musician, Mr. John Collins.

Don't forget to sign up in the office for the snack. For only \$2 per person, this includes a soft pretzel and a pretzel bar. Water and apple cider will be provided. Please feel free to bring your own non-alcoholic beer. **RSVP by Friday, October 13**

Some of our residents will be in the spirit wearing festive T-shirts or authentic German attire! This promises to be a fun event for all residents!!

Peace Meditation with Reiki, Singing Bowls and Crystals

Sunday, October 22 at 3 PM

Peace meditation time with Reiki, singing bowls, and crystals is open to Buchert Ridge residents and a friend or family member if you wish. We will meet at the McMenammin Rec Center on Sunday, October 22 from 3 to 4 PM. Come a few minutes early if you'd like to experience individual Reiki.

Culinary Adventure Lunch

Tuesday, October 24 at 12 Noon

No breakfast! Instead, we are putting together a 12 Noon lunch order for delivery to the McMenammin Rec Center. This month's culinary adventure will be sample selections from **A Taste of India**. See Natalie, Barbara, or Carrol for available selections and pricing. Pre-payment includes tax, tip, and delivery. If you can't meet us at noon to eat together, we will place your food in the refrigerator with your name on it.

***Elder Law Presentation:
Your Will, Power of Attorney, & Health Care Proxy
Tuesday, October 24 at 6 PM***

Do you know the difference between these three documents, when they are needed, and who should have them? Rebecca Hobbs, Esquire, of O'Donnell, Weiss & Mattei, P.C., answers these important questions, as well as any of your own. Rebecca has presented for us before many times and explains these documents in clear and easy to understand terms. Open to the public. Meets in the SRC Dining Room. **RSVP by Friday, October 20.**

***American Red Cross Blood Drive
Wednesday, October 25 at 2 PM – 7 PM***

Join us for a good cause! Donors of all blood types are needed! Register online at www.RedCrossBlood.org. Thank you to all who have given in the past. Open to the public. Held in the SRC Auditorium.



American Red Cross | Blood Services

***BINGO! With Home Instead
Friday, October 27 at 1 PM***

Susan and Keith from Home Instead are back with everyone's favorite game! We have extra bingo cards, so we can play several cards at once! Play a few games and try your luck while meeting a new friends! **RSVP by Thursday, October 26.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.



***Brown Bag ART History: "The Enigmatic Glance"
Leonardo da Vinci & Edouard Manet
Wednesday, November 1 at 12 Noon***

Led by Pottstown Art Historian Martin Bradfield. **Bring your lunch and beverage.** **RSVP by Monday, October 30.** Open to the public. Meets in the SRC Dining Room.



***The Healthy Brain – Part 2 of 2
Friday, November 3 at 1 PM***

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HALLOWE'EN HANGOUT

Saturday, October 28, 4pm till ?

Buchert Ridge McMEnamin Rec Center



Cheese Pizza, Games, S'mores,

And introducing -- **Wayne's Candy Corner!***

*Shop Wayne's Candy Corner with points you will earn when you

- Show up -- costume or not! (This one is easy!)
- Wear a costume or mask
- Make and bring a decorative treat bag
- Bring a yummy side to share (your choice, but please RSVP to Natalie)
- Officiate as a volunteer judge for our costume contest
- Win the costume contest
- Play a game from our game closet (or bring one to teach us!)
- Tell a 2-3 minute ghost story or Halloween anecdote
- Build a marshmallow house (or anything out of marshmallows)
- Any one of the following: Help set up, or pick up our pizza order, or bring a grandchild (include in your RSVP), or give a ride to a neighbor

THE MORE POINTS YOU EARN, THE MORE TREATS YOU EARN!

Let's have fun!

Please RSVP for our Pizza order. BYOB or enjoy coffee or tea on the house
Call Wayne or Natalie if you need a ride or can give a ride



Exercising

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 AM
(JoAnne)

Hoagie/Sandwich Night

1st Wednesday at 5 PM
Hoagies are pre-ordered and delivered.
(Jeannette)

Light Refreshments

2nd Tuesday at 9:15 AM

Culinary Adventure

4th Tuesday at 12 Noon

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays at 2 PM
(Donna)



Circle of Support

1st & 3rd Thursdays at 11 AM



Men's Breakfast Club

3rd Wednesday at 8 AM
(Wayne)



Words on Wheels

Book Mobile

2nd & 4th Monday at 10 AM

Book Club

1st Monday at 2 PM
SRC Dining Room

Bible Study

2nd Monday at 2 PM
SRC Dining Room

Yoga – SRC Auditorium

Tuesdays – Chair Yoga – 3:30 PM
Wednesdays – Floor Yoga - 9:30 AM

Pickleball

Wednesdays - 5 PM
Fridays – 9 AM
Sanatoga Swim Club

Hooks and Needles

1st Tuesday at 2 PM
SRC Game Room



Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room

American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room



Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – SRC Dining Room

LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

1 Little Walking



Plenty of Walking

- Sign up with the Office
- RSVP by deadline
- Limited seating
- At least 10 participants needed for SRC Bus trip
- **Payment is due at time of sign up and is by Check Only (Payable to SRC)**

22 Wednesday – October 11 – Sunnybrook Ballroom

Return of the Sounds of the Sunnybrook Band!

Enjoy Brunch/Lunch at Brookside Family Restaurant (at your own expense). Then head to Sunnybrook! Return to the sounds of the Sunnybrook House Band! Enjoy the tunes of the big band era.

Brunch/Lunch will be at your own expense (Brookside Family Restaurant)

RSVP to the Office by Monday, October 2.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$20.00 IF TAKING THE BUS

Show starts at 1 PM

Cost \$15.00 IF CARPOOL OR SHOW ONLY

333 Thursday – November 16 – The Stoozeum

The Stoozeum is a 3-story, 10,000 SF building displaying thousands of pieces of Stoozeabilia! It also houses an 85-seat theater, research library and archive, and film vault. Artifacts from the early 1900s to the present are on exhibit. Some of the things you will see in the award-winning collection includes: personal items, movie props & costumes, rare photos, interactive displays, movie posters, toys, games & novelties, and artwork. *All 3 floors can be reached by elevator.*

Lunch will be at your own expense (Spring House Tavern)

RSVP to the Office by Friday, November 10.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 8:45 AM

Cost: \$15.00



New Hanover AARP Trips

Checks Payable to:
"New Hanover AARP"

Details posted on the Library Bulletin Board.
RSVP to Carol



Thursday – October 19 – Silver Birches "Germanfest"

Tap your toes or sing along to The George Stalter Band playing a spirited mix ...

RSVP to Carol

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 7:45 AM

Cost: \$108.00



Thursday – November 30 – American Music Theatre "The First Noel"

Witness the magic and splendor of this year's all new Christmas Show! ...

RSVP to Carol

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 10:45 AM

Cost: \$131.00