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RIDGE COMMUNITY

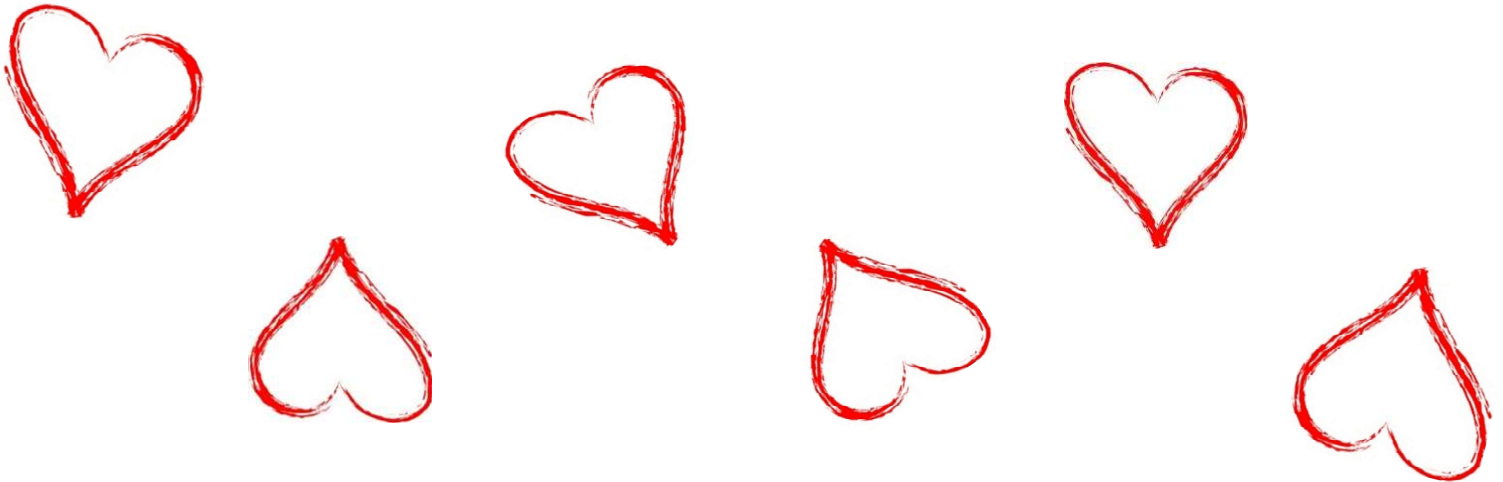
# RIDGE REPORTER

## *Monthly Maintenance & Service Fee Rates*

As discussed at the Annual Financial Meeting on January 24, there will be a **7% increase on each line item** of your invoice for the monthly maintenance and service fee beginning April 1, 2024.

If your arrangement is such that your bank sends a check on your behalf, please inform them of the new amount. If you take advantage of the auto withdrawal process to pay your monthly maintenance fee, our Office will inform your bank of the new rate and no further action is required on your part.

If you did not attend the meeting, the documents Acuity prepared and presented were distributed in your mailboxes.



## *Staff Updates*

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to **Matt**. Matt was The Director of Facilities. He is moving on to an opportunity closer to home. You may see him around as he will assist in the transition of responsibilities. *We will miss him and wish him well!*

## *Welcome – Martin*

Please welcome **Martin** as The Director of Facilities. He has over 20 years experience working in senior living communities! *Welcome Martin!*



## *Work Orders*

Our goal is to provide excellent service to all our residents. Residents are reminded to **call the office** with any maintenance and/or grounds concerns and requests.

While we understand it may sometimes be easier to send an email or stop a team member to tell them about “just one, small thing”, the process for delivering work order requests to the appropriate staff begins with a **call to the office**. Each request is carefully documented in our work order database. If a request does not flow through the proper channels, it may not be assigned to the appropriate staff member.

Rest assured that calls to the office are never a bother! Our Resident Life team is here to assist you, the Resident. We love talking with you!

## *Sidewalks*



During the winter months, the office receives occasional requests from residents to be exempt from having salt dispensed on their sidewalks. Some have expressed concern regarding potential damage to the concrete and for pets who may be sensitive to the salt. The safety of our residents is our highest priority.

The type of salt applied to walkways in the community is appropriate for concrete surfaces. Regarding sensitive paws, it is suggested that pet owners wash their pets' feet upon returning indoors.

Keep in mind the community employs best practices in order to ensure the highest level of care for our residents as well as the property. While some of these practices may seem inconvenient, in the long run, they benefit the entire community.

## *Double-Parking*

Double-parking is permitted in the Community when taking groceries into your home or picking up/dropping off a person close to their home. Be considerate and do not double-park for extended periods of time. In addition, please be aware of the distance between your car and the garage/driveway of the neighbor across the street. Many times this person needs to fully back out of the garage prior to leaving the garage completely.

## *Mechanical Room*

Mechanical rooms are not to be used for storage. Immediate access is required to all mechanical equipment by staff or other emergency personnel.

In addition, mechanical rooms are also to be free of combustible materials. If you have combustibles in your mechanical room and need assistance in their removal, please call the office.

## ***Soliciting Policy for the Community and Township***

*It has always been our policy that there is no soliciting in our Communities.*

*“NO SOLICITING” signs are posted at the entrances.*

***Anyone entering our Communities with the intent below is trespassing.***

Individuals are not allowed to come into our Communities taking an election survey, putting menus on door knobs, or stating that they are interested in saving you money on your electric or gas bill.

Should you ever be approached by someone soliciting within our communities, for your protection and safety, do not engage in any conversation and do not let a stranger into your home.

Call the police **immediately**. After you call the police, follow-up with a phone call to the office to make us aware of the trespassers. The office will then monitor the situation. On occasion, the police have been called multiple times to escort the trespassers off the property.

## ***PECO Scam Information***

There has been an increase in reports of payment scams in our area. Scammers are aggressively targeting utility company customers using sophisticated tactics to pocket quick cash.



## ***Lower Pottsgrove Township Police***

*If you have an emergency, or if you witness any suspicious activity, it is always best to dial 911.*

**Non-Emergency Police 610-326-1508**

If you feel you may have been a victim of a scam or identity theft, please contact the Lower Pottsgrove Police Department at the above non-emergency phone number.

## ***Not Feeling Well?***

As the cold, flu, and COVID season lingers, if you are not feeling well, stay home and please call your Doctor. They will be able to advise you of the most updated information regarding treatment.



## *Home Safety*

For your safety, please do not use the stovetop, oven, toaster oven, or microwave for additional storage in your home. By doing so, you run the risk of a potential fire hazard.

## *Read All About It!*

Remember to pick up your newsletter in the McMenamain Rec Center. The Ridge Reporter is the biggest source of official news in the community. It lists news, activities, birthdays and anniversaries, as well as interesting facts! It also provides important announcements and updates.

Residents are reminded to read their newsletters at the beginning of each month so they don't miss important information. Residents are also encouraged to check their mail slots regularly throughout the month for any updates.



## *SRC Library News*

When signing out books and DVDs from the library and game room, please legibly complete the cards with your name and date (either inside or on the back cover).

To donate hard-cover books, DVDs or puzzles, please bring them to the Office first for processing. We no longer accept VHS tapes or small paperback books.

The "freebie" shelf in the Library is for books or calendars to share. Please do not place any medications, lotions, clothing, etc. on these shelves. They are for books, magazines or calendars only.

Please note that some items are being moved around in the library and game rooms to make more space for library books.

Some puzzles have been moved to the club room upstairs and some to the library area.

The Christmas books and DVDs are being moved to the game room so that we will have more shelves.

We continue to receive book donations and appreciate them all.

## *Cabin Fever?*

If you are tired of looking at the same four walls and are experiencing cabin fever, here are a few things that might help:

- Get some fresh air and take a walk
- Come to the fitness room and ride the bike or walk on the treadmill
- Research vitamins, minerals and other supplements
- Read a book (or download an audio book)
- Stimulate your mind by building a puzzle, playing cards, or trying a new game
- Force yourself to have a big, loud, belly laugh



## *Neighbor Check*

Want to do something nice that does not cost anything or take a lot of energy, but has a great reward? Check on your neighbor. Sometimes just a “hello” by a phone call or knock on the door makes someone’s day!

## *New Year – New Ideas!*

Do you have an idea for a new club or activity? Do you have experience or a special talent or skill you could share with your neighbors? Many people are looking for things to do and to stay active. Call or stop by the office and share your ideas! Your idea just might be the next GREAT thing!

Don’t have a new idea but still looking for ways to get involved? Come out to an already-scheduled activity! Have fun, make new friends, get together with old friends!  
***Make 2024 the best year yet!!***



## *Hairdresser Update*

- Mary                      Tuesdays
- *Kathy (for Ann)*      Saturdays  
                                    *Saturdays From January 8 – May 2*
- Beverly                    Fridays



*Thank you so much for the delicious lunch that was provided by the BRC Residents to show their appreciation to our staff.*

*It was extremely thoughtful!*

*There was so much left, our snow team had enough for lunch the next day.*

*Thanks again!!!*

## Happy Birthday!

14- Tanya  
15- April  
19- Joanne  
20- Dennis



24- Elizabeth  
25- Dolores  
26- Doug  
28- Bill



*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.*

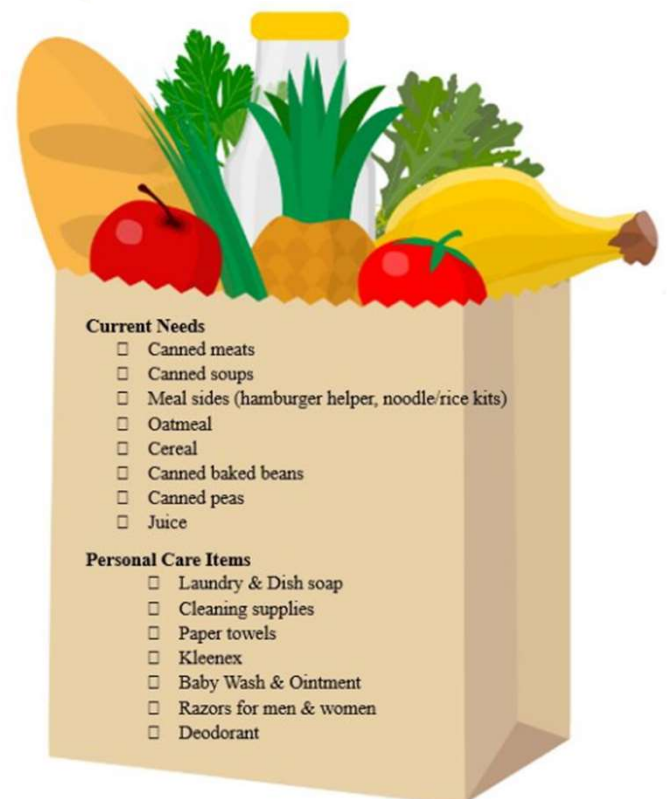
Nancy  
Resident since December 2006

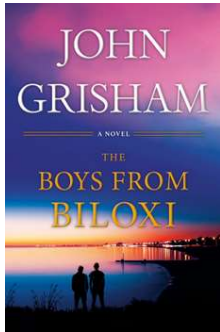


Daily Bread Community  
Food Pantry

*The Pantry needs the items listed on the right. A collection bin is in the McMenamain Rec Center.*

*Please contact Carrol or Bill for more information.*





February 5

## *Book Club*

*Monday, February 5 at 2 PM*

- March 4 “American Dirt” by Jeanne Cummins
- April 1 “The Language of Flowers” by Vanessa Diffenbaugh
- May 6 “Dear Edward” by Ann Napolitano
- June 3 “The Noel Letters” by Richard Paul Evans

*Contact Jeanette for more information.*

## *Brown Bag ART History: “Show & Tell”*

*Wednesday, February 7 at 12 Noon*

Led by Pottstown Art Historian Martin Bradfield. This 6<sup>th</sup> lecture compares the religious views and philosophies of two great artistic rivals, Peter Paul Rubens, and Rembrandt, and a dive into the Baroque, Reformation and Counter Reformation philosophy. The paintings are their very different views of some of the most Sacred moments of Western Civilization-The Raising and the Descent from the Cross. Their biographies and cultural differences are fascinating, and manifest 2 totally different attitudes and world views that still exist today, and probably beyond. **Bring your lunch and beverage. Open to the Public. RSVP by Tuesday, February 6.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.



## *Lunch Bunch*

**Limerick Diner**

*(411 W Ridge Pike, Limerick)*

**Friday, February 9 at 11:30 AM**

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

THIS LUNCH BUNCH IS **CARPOOL** ONLY.  
**RSVP by Monday, February 5**

## ***Soup Night is Back!***

***Friday, February 9 at 4:30 PM - ?***

Get out your tureen and crock pot! Soup night is back at the McMenammin Rec Center! Bring soup, rolls, or dessert to share buffet-style. Bring your own drink or drinks to share, your favorite personal bowl, and a container for leftovers. Please **RSVP to Carrol** if you are bringing something, or if you need to borrow -- or can lend -- a crock pot. And for those who like games -- games will be available after we eat.



## ***Peace Meditation with Reiki and Singing Bowls***

***Sunday, February 11 at 3 PM***

Peace meditation time with Reiki and singing bowls is open to Buchert Ridge residents and a friend or family member if you wish. Come a few minutes early to experience individual Reiki. We will meet at the McMenammin Rec Center on Sunday, February 11 from 3 to 4 PM. **RSVP to Natalie** so that if a significant weather event causes cancellation, we can let you know.

## ***Resident Meeting***

***Tuesday, February 13 at 9:30 AM***

The Resident meetings are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month in the McMenammin Rec Center.

## ***Supermarket BINGO! with Amity Place***

***Wednesday, February 14 at 10:30 AM***

Donna Uncapher from Amity Place will bring Supermarket BINGO to you every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month! We have extra bingo cards, so we can play several cards at once! Play a few games and try your luck while meeting new friends! **SEATING IS LIMITED – RSVP by Tuesday, February 13.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.





## ***Adopt a Grandparent Program – Information Session***

***Wednesday, February 14 at 1 PM***

Seeking residents who would like to participate in an onsite 10-week program with 5th grade students from nearby West Mont Christian Academy. The program is part of the service-learning program, which teaches children to serve others and to participate in learning activities outside the classroom.

Attend the Information Meeting on Wednesday, February 14 at 1 PM in the SRC Dining Room to find out if you'd like to be "adopted".

If you decide you can commit to 10 weeks, you will be able to read bios of the children, and then choose your "grandchild". "Grandchildren" will meet you in the dining room to interview you, working on improving their communication skills, and strengthening their public speaking skills in addition to trying new things and meeting new people. They will improve their writing skills by writing your biography, which will be bound and "published."

The program will culminate with students performing service projects on campus, followed by a presentation of the written biographies for all to enjoy.

**RSVP to attend the Information Meeting by Monday, February 12.**

*If you can commit to the 10-week Adopt A Grandparent Program and would like to be an "adopted" grandparent: RSVP by Friday, February 23.*

*Program Start Date: Thursday, March 7 from 1 – 2 PM in the Dining Room, and then March 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 1\* (\*WEDNESDAY), May 9, 16.*

## ***"Hunters of the Sky"***

### ***Indian Run Environmental Education Center***

***Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 PM***

Meet live hawks and owls, and examine feathers, wings and more to learn about these birds, their natural history and conservation efforts to protect them and their habitats. **SEATING IS LIMITED. RSVP by Friday, February 16. Open to the Public.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.

## ***Country Singer – Ralph Noll***

***Friday, February 23 at 4 PM***

Introducing Ralph Noll, a musician who has played traditional country music in the area for over 57 years. Ralph played years ago with the Dusty Road Ramblers. Over the course of his career, he has met and played with many of the country legends of all time. Come join us on Friday, February 23 at 4 PM in the SRC Auditorium for an hour of country music with a lot of humor mixed in. Promises to be a good time for all!





## *Talking with Your Doctor* *Monday, February 26 at 10 AM*

Brought to you by Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services. During the presentation, you'll learn how to: Get ready for a doctor's visit, have a successful conversation about your health concerns, make decisions together with your doctor, and much more! **Open to the public. RSVP by Thursday, February 22.** Meets in the SRC Dining Room.

## *4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fellowship Lunch* *Tuesday, February 27 at 12 Noon*



Our culinary adventure will be Greek cuisine from Opa Vera, or -- if Greek food is too adventurous for you -- bring a brown bag and enjoy fellowship in the McMenamin Rec Center. If bad weather makes pickup too dangerous, we will let you know and reschedule for Thursday, February 29 at noon. Pick up your menu/order form at the community meeting February 13. **Money and orders are needed by Friday, February 23.**

## *Brown Bag History:* *"The Lincoln Assassination" Part II* *Saturday, March 2 at 12 Noon*

On Good Friday, April 14th, 1865, our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, was mortally wounded while attending the play - *Our American Cousin* - at Fords Theatre as the Civil War was drawing to a close. The assassination of Lincoln was the first of an American president and was carried out by the well-known stage actor John Wilkes Booth. The pursuit, capture, trial, and execution of the conspirators brings this fateful event of 1865 to a close. Join historical reenactor, lecturer, and tour guide Michael Jesberger as we revisit this fateful event in American history.

**Open to the public. RSVP by Thursday, February 29.** Meets in the Dining Room.

## **AARP**® *Smart Driver Classes*

*Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20 at 1-5 PM both days*

See flyer for complete details! Sign up today!

## *Light Refreshments*

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 9:15 AM  
(Natalie)

## *Hoagie/Sandwich Night*

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

## *Fellowship Lunch*

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 12 Noon  
(Natalie)

## *Mexican Train Dominoes*

Tuesdays at 2 PM  
(Donna)



## *Circle of Support*

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 11 AM



*Exercising*  
On Winter Break



## *Men's Breakfast Club*

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 8 AM  
(Wayne)



## *Words on Wheels*

### *Book Mobile*

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 AM

## *Book Club*

1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 2 PM  
SRC Dining Room

## *Bible Study*

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 2 PM  
SRC Dining Room



## *Vietnam Veterans*

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 7 PM  
SRC Dining Room

## *American Legion*

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7 PM  
SRC Dining Room



## *Yoga – SRC Auditorium*

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

## *BINGO!*

Supermarket Bingo w/Amity Place  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday – 10:30 AM  
SRC Dining Room



## *Pinochle*

Thursdays at 2 PM – SRC Dining Room

## *Pickleball*

On Winter Hiatus

## 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)**

### Wednesday – February 21 – Shady Maple



Discover the experience of dining at Lancaster County's largest smorgasbord featuring 200 feet of deliciously authentic Pennsylvania Dutch cooking. At Shady Maple some of Lancaster County's finest cooks prepare all your favorite PA Dutch foods, as well as some exciting new dishes. Lunch at your own expense.

**RSVP to the Office by Friday, February 16.**

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$6.00

### Tuesday – March 19 – The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum



Come along to the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum in Coatesville. Their mission is to collect, preserve, exhibit, interpret and educate the public on our nation's iron and steel heritage. They do this by sharing the story of Coatesville steel making, and connecting that story to American history, heritage, and industrial progress. Our tour will provide insight into the people, process, and product of the Coatesville steel making plant. Lunch at your own expense at Harry's the Neighborhood Place.

**RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, March 12**

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 9:00 AM

Cost: \$22.00

## New Hanover AARP Trips

Checks Payable to:  
**"New Hanover AARP"**

Details posted on the Library Bulletin Board.  
**RSVP to Carol**



### Wednesday – April 24 – Sight & Sound Theatre

"Daniel"

Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life ...

**RSVP to Carol by Friday, February 23**

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 8:45 AM

Cost: \$160.00

### Details posted on the Library Bulletin Board

Wednesday, May 15 – Magic & Wonder Theatre "Juke Box Jive"

Thursday, June 13 – Doolans Shore Club in Spring Lake, NJ "Country Hall of Famers"

Tuesday, July 16 – The River Queen

Wednesday, August 14 – Bucks County Playhouse "Grease"