

OCTOBER  
2018



## Save The Date

### *SRC Singers Holiday Concert*

The SRC Singers Holiday Concert is December 9 at 3 PM in the SRC Auditorium. Admission is Free.



## CANDY CORN FUN FACTS



- Yes, there's actually corn in it. Corn syrup, if that counts.
- Each kernel has three colors, about 7 calories and a lot of sugar.
- Manufacturers will produce more than 35 million pounds of the tricolored candy this year. That's almost 9 billion pieces.
- It used to be made by hand in large kettles. It dates to the 1880s, before the automobile and the commercial telephone.
- There's a proper way to eat it. OK, not really. But many people believe that candy corn should be nibbled in a certain manner. While almost half of candy corn consumers gobble the whole piece at once, 43% start with the narrow white end. Another 10% -- the true renegades -- begin eating the wider yellow end first.
- It can be deep-fried.
- There are versions for other holidays. It's not just for Halloween any more. Manufacturers now produce "Indian corn" (with a brown end instead of yellow) for Thanksgiving, "Reindeer corn" (red and green) for Christmas, "Cupid corn" (red and pink) for Valentine's Day, "Bunny corn" (white and various bright colors) for Easter and "Freedom corn" (red, white and blue) for July 4. Can green "St. Paddy's corn" be far behind?

## *Fall Maintenance Items*



With cooler weather coming, it will soon be time to change your heater return vents and filters. The maintenance staff will be coming around to handle these items.

You can run your heater before the return vents are changed. The vents only assist in giving better circulation of the heat. Please run your heater (Mon-Fri 9 AM to 3 PM) and contact the Office during normal business hours with any issues. This will prevent emergency calls to our maintenance staff.

BRC Administration has discontinued the practice of removing screens.

## *Dryer Vents*

The maintenance staff does not routinely clean dryer vents since it is extremely time consuming and historically has not been found to be a problem. Please contact the Office should you experience longer drying cycles or clothes still being damp after a typical drying cycle. This could indicate the dryer vent needs to be cleaned.

## *Resident Committee Meeting*

The Resident Committee Meeting is Tuesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM in the Garden & Rec Center. Chief Foltz and Township Manager, Ed Wagner, will stop by the Breakfast Bar at 9 AM to give us updates or answer your questions. RSVP for the breakfast bar is required.

## *Happy Halloween!*

**Trick  
or Treat?**

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

## *Email Group*

Are you interested in receiving an email reminding you of information, events or upcoming meetings? Please complete the form located on the bulletin board and submit it to Carrol.



## *SRC Library Reminder*

If you take magazines home from the SRC library, please return them back to the SRC Library within a few days.

## *Trailblazers!*

Now that cooler weather is approaching, take a stroll through the Community. Check out the bulletin board in the Garden & Rec Center to see the path and how far it will take you.



## *Handy-Help Home Service – Dave Lapreziosa*

Do you have a “honey do” list of small, odd jobs that do not fall under maintenance of BRC? Dave’s services could include hanging pictures, mirrors, curtains, shelves; light power washing; window washing (inside and out); garage/closet/basement cleanup and organize; small piece furniture relocation (within home or to local destination). Contact the Office for Dave’s available services and price list.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SPEED  
LIMIT  
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FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR  
RESIDENTS AND VISITORS, PLEASE  
REMEMBER THAT THE SPEED LIMIT  
THROUGH THE COMMUNITY IS  
20 MPH



SAVE THE DATE  
BRC RESIDENT  
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 5 AT  
COPPERFIELD'S

## ***Wednesday, October 3 – Information Session\****



Joe Ciresi, a candidate running for State Representative for the 146th District which includes the borough of Trappe, Royersford and part of Pottstown, as well as Limerick, Lower Pottsgrove and Perkiomen Townships. He will be presenting his platform to interested residents in the dining room on Wednesday, October 3 at 3 PM. He has served 12 years on the Spring-Ford School Board.

On the issues of interest to voters, Joe is a strong advocate for restoring passenger rail service between Pottstown and Philadelphia in an effort to boost local economies and reduce traffic congestion.

Other policy priorities include a higher minimum wage, public education investments, property tax reform, environmental protection, gun safety reforms and women's health.

For the past 16 years, Joe has worked as the Director of Sales and promotions at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Perhaps by attending this meeting, you will feel better informed about a candidate for whom you may choose to vote. No reservations required.

*\*Buchert Ridge Community does not endorse or promote any particular candidate or political party. The use of the BRC facility for this event has been approved for educational purposes only and is being entirely organized and facilitated by a resident(s) of BRC for the same.*

## ***Paint Break – “Fall Pumpkin”***

Please Join us on Friday, October 5 painting “Fall Pumpkin”



Time: 12-1 pm

*(Please arrive 15 minutes early in the “Club Room”)*

RSVP Deadline: September 28

Cost \$10/pp 1 hr lesson

12 x 12 Painting

Sign-up and cash payment is required at the SRC office in order to reserve your space.

*10 Guests Minimum needed.*

## ***Lunch Bunch***

This month’s lunch bunch trip will be going to The Grille at Spring Hollow Golf Club in Spring City on Friday, October 12. The bus will be available for transportation (or you can carpool). The carpool and bus will be leaving SRC at 11 AM. Please RSVP to the Office by Wednesday, October 10.





**We bring the eye doctor to you!**

Dr. Shana Barrett Zeitlin of HomeSight Eye Care will be giving a short presentation about some common eye conditions that can affect the older population, including cataracts and macular degeneration.

Please join us for the presentation and learn how you can schedule to have your eye examinations performed in the comfort of your own apartment!

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 1:00 PM**

**RSVP by Friday, October 12**

**Sanatoga Ridge Community**



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Dr. Zeitlin is the Medical Director of HomeSight Eye Care, providing medical optometric services to patients by doing house calls.

Dr. Zeitlin has a particular interest in medical optometry, especially geriatric and diabetic eye care. Having worked closely with the Department of Ophthalmology at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, Dr. Zeitlin has extensive experience in the field of ocular disease, including the diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, and visually significant cataracts, and the treatment of multiple types of glaucoma.

*\*See the Bulletin Board in the Garden & Rec Center for more additional information on Dr. Zeitlin.*

## ***Liberty Bell Glass Club***

The Liberty Bell Glass Club will be meeting on Tuesday, October 16 at 7:30 PM in the SRC Dining Room. Light refreshments are served at 7:15 PM. The program will be “Sharing Books About Glass & Fall Finds.

The meetings are open to anyone who is interested in antique glass. You do not need to join to attend, however if you would like to participate in the picnic, Christmas lunch, trip or other activities you must be a member. The cost is \$10 per year.

The Liberty Bell Glass Club is a group of people who enjoy collecting and talking about antique glass items. Some of the members buy & sell and are extremely knowledgeable, while others are collectors who enjoy talking about glass & learning from one another. At each meeting we choose a particular glass to talk about & if members have some in their collections, they bring some for “show & tell”. If you have a piece of glass that you would like identified, you are welcome to bring it to the meeting & members will try to identify it for you.



## ***Wednesday, October 17th Medicare Seminar***

Ed Savitsky will give the updated information for 2019 and will respond to any questions at the presentation on Wednesday, October 17 at 1 PM in the Auditorium. After the meeting, he will be available for possible individual concerns. Please sign-up in the Office by Friday, October 12.

Ed, an SRC resident, is a Certified Medicare Counselor. He is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Montgomery County which, through the State and County, is tasked with providing Medicare help to individuals as part of the State’s program called Apprise.

Though most of our residents have Medicare, it is important to review your benefits, coverage, and costs. These change yearly especially with Medicare Advantage plans.

## ***Computer & Social Media Discussion Group***

### ***Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center – Computer Workshop***

The Western Montgomery Career and Technology Center will be hosting a free lunch & computer workshop on Thursday, October 18. Lunch will be prepared by the Culinary Arts Students & served at 12 Noon. The workshop is an open forum. Please bring your own devices & questions to the workshop. This field trip will be in place of their usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday meeting in October. If you would like to attend, contact the Office by October 11. Please contact Ed should you need a ride.

## ***Spring-Ford Ramblers***

The Spring-Ford Ramblers will meet on October 22 at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. This month, Bill Brunner from the Spring-Ford Historical Society will come to speak and answer any questions you might have. Tell any of your friends who might be interested to come along too.

## ***Living in Harmony***



On Friday, October 26 at 4 PM, Paul and Dan Hackett will present a Halloween Show featuring such songs as ‘The Monster Mash’, ‘Ghost Busters’, ‘Werewolves of London’, ‘The Purple People Eater’, and more. Come dressed in your Halloween costume if you like. Perhaps one of the songs will inspire you. Danny will judge the costumes, and the winner will receive an appropriate gift.

The performance will be followed by pre-ordered Pizza. Order at the office by Thursday, October 25. The cost is \$1.50 per slice plain or pepperoni.

# Halloween Party!

Join us in the Garden & Rec Center on  
**Wednesday, October 31 at 4 PM.**

Dinner will be after the costume  
“parade” (*costumes are optional and  
not required*). A “cauldron” of  
chili and some sides plus  
dessert will be served. Please  
bring munchies and your own  
beverage.



**RSVP by October 24 to  
Joanne, Betty B., or  
Jeannette**

*There is no charge for this event.*



## *Mexican Train Dominoes*

The Whistle Blows Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the Garden & Rec Center to play Mexican Train Dominoes.

## *BINGO!*

Dime Bingo will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Garden & Rec Center.

## *Men's Breakfast Club*

Men's Breakfast Club meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 8 AM.

## *Breakfast Bar*

Breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Garden & Rec Center at 9:30 AM. Cost is \$2.50. Please RSVP by the Friday before.

## *Exercising*

Exercising will be held Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 AM.

## *Word Games*

Word Games will be played the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2 PM.



## *Card Club*

Mahjong Mondays at 1 PM in the SRC Club Room.

Pinochle Thursdays at 2 PM in the SRC Game Room.

## *Hooks & Needles*

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 1 PM in the SRC Club Room.

## *Yoga*

Yoga meets every Friday at 9:30 AM in the SRC Auditorium.

## *Vietnam Veterans*

Meets the 1st Tuesday at 7 PM in the SRC Dining Room.

## *American Legion*

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 7 PM in the SRC Club Room.

## *WOW Bookmobile*

SRC Community Center Parking Lot 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 AM.

## *Sewing Club*

Meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays at 9:30 AM in the SRC Sewing Room.

## *Book Club*

Meets the first Monday at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room.

## *Lunch Bunch*

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at various restaurants in the area.

## *Computer & Social Media*

### *Discussion Group*

Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 7 PM in the Club Room.

### *Liberty Bell Glass*

Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the Dining Room (Refreshments at 7 PM).

## *SRC Singers*

Thursdays at 4 PM in the SRC Auditorium.

**CANCELLED**

**Saturday – October 20 – Museum of the American Revolutionary War**

**Wednesday – October 10 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre “Sister Act” & Lunch**  
*(This is a trip with AARP)*

Enjoy a delicious buffet meal and “Sister Act”, a feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the movie. Sister Act tells the hilarious story of Deloris Van Cartier, a wannabe diva whose life takes a surprising turn when she witnesses a murder and the cops hide her in the last place anyone would think to look – a convent! Under the suspicious watch of Mother Superior, Deloris helps the secluded sisters find their voices as she unexpectedly rediscovers her own. A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, Sister Act is reason to rejoice!

**RSVP to Carol by Monday, September 24**

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$90.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

**Friday – October 19 – Amish Tour & Kitchen Kettle**

Enjoy lunch at Squire Inn\*. After lunch, John Stoltzfus will join the bus and take you on a guided tour stopping along the way to tour a farm and speak with the farmer (\$2 at your own expense). \*Lunch at your own expense.

RSVP to the Office by Friday, October 12.

LEAVE SRC: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$10.00

**Wednesday – October 24 – Shady Maple Lunch & Good’s**

Enjoy lunch at Shady Maple and then a shopping trip to Good’s. Lunch at your own expense.

RSVP to the Office by Friday, September 21.

LEAVE SRC: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$4.00



## Tuesday – November 13 – American Music Theatre “The First Noel” & Lunch (This is a trip with AARP)

Enjoy a delicious plated lunch at Cork & Cap Restaurant (there are a few steps here). Menu selections to be announced. After lunch, witness the magic and splendor of the holiday as AMT presents “The First Noel”. Bask in beautiful snowscapes and cherish the stories of spirit and love and all of your favorite sounds of the holiday season!

**RSVP to Carol by Monday, October 22**

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 10:15 AM

Cost: \$90.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

## Thursday – November 29 – Rainbow’s Comedy Playhouse “Christmas in Paradise”

At Christmas, we want the familiar songs and tales that bring back happy memories and help make this time of year so magical. Join us as we present our most loved Christmas story. A Lancaster County Amish family shares the true meaning of Christmas with some big city visitors who have lost their way.

RSVP to the Office by Friday, November 16.

LEAVE SRC: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$47.00

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## Wednesday – December 12 – Holidays at Mount Hope Dinner Theater

Held in Victorian Mount Hope Mansion, this unique setting is the perfect backdrop for this one-of-a-kind theatrical dining experience. Meet and mingle with the holiday characters and carolers inside the Mansion and enjoy some traditional Christmas tales tableside as you dine.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, November 5.

LEAVE SRC: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$60.00



# Too Much Technology?

by Betty

The other day I was thinking about all of the remote controls I have in various rooms in my house, so I started counting them. In the living room I have five different remotes: two for my flameless candles, one each for the TV, the CD player and the DVD player. In my bedroom I have one for the CD player and one for the flameless candles. Out in the sunroom there is one for the CD player and one for my electric fireplace/heater. Now I think that remote controls are just wonderful but sometimes it takes me 2 or 3 tries to get the right one. My TV remote and my wireless phone look very much alike so I have found myself trying to call QVC on the remote control once or twice. Not good!!! We all remember back in the day having to jump up to adjust the TV picture or change the channel. Wow, that was exhausting! Of course we only had three or four different choices until UHF came along with a few more. Now since there are more channels than I can count, a remote comes in very handy. I have too many remotes but I am sorry I didn't get them for my ceiling fans, especially the one in the bedroom.

After I counted the remotes, I started thinking about all of the other conveniences we never would have dreamed of back in the "pre-tech" era. Take cell phones for example. We all have them though some of us use them more often than others. I consider my cell phone a "necessary evil" that I carry only for emergencies. I will, however, use it for texting since calling my kids and leaving a message is an exercise in futility. Texting gets replies (most of the time). The other thing that totally amazes me is what cars are capable of today. They can avoid accidents by putting the brakes on automatically, they let you know when another car is too close, and they can parallel park!!! I haven't parallel parked since 1963 - if there is no parking lot available, I don't go there. One thing I don't like though is the idea of cars actually driving themselves. That is way too scary. The internet is technology I can't imagine living without. But you need to be careful....it is educational and entertaining but it can also be a gateway to places filled with false and dangerous information.

I don't know if any of you have the Amazon Echo or Alexa. My friend Carol has one and she likes it. I thought about getting one for about 10 seconds but decided that it was too creepy for me. If I feel like talking to someone I talk to my cats, Darcy and Chloe, and sometimes I get a reply. Besides, some people have reported hearing strange laughter coming from Alexa! You can program it (her) to do several things like turn on the lights or TV, or your robot vacuum cleaner. It will call and order a pizza for you or tell you corny jokes. I think it will set your security alarms, if you have any. I guess that is a great convenience but I can't help thinking what might happen if something goes wrong and Alexa begins thinking for herself. Picture this....you go out with friends for the evening and tell Alexa to start the Roomba to vacuum while you are away. Off you go (forgetting to set the security alarm). You are gone for about 4 hours or so and come back home expecting that your house is secure and your carpets are nicely vacuumed only to find that the door is locked and the code has been changed. Looking through the window you see that all the lights are on, the TV and CD player are blaring, the Roomba is smoking after carving some very artistic crop circles in the carpet and there are 6 pizzas sitting on the dining room table! Just when you think it couldn't get any worse, the lawn sprinklers pop up to soak the lawn (and you). Did you do something to make Alexa angry? OK, you didn't laugh at some of those jokes but they were pretty lame. I think that Stephen Hawking, the genius physicist, once said that the biggest danger to mankind is artificial intelligence. Perhaps he was right. If you do have Alexa, maybe you ought to disconnect her (if you can) but hey, look on the bright side....you do have dinner for the next six nights.