APRIL 2019







Office Closed for Easter

The Offices will be closed on Friday, April 19.



Save the Date!

SRC will be hosting a shred event on Saturday, May 11. Watch the Ridge Reporter for more information and complete details on what is accepted to be shredded.



THIS JUST IN . . .

Spring Maintenance Schedule

Our maintenance and landscaping teams will be working hard as the spring weather arrives to repair any damages that were done during the winter. We will inform you of the mulching schedule through upcoming newsletters.



Handyman Services

Dave Lapreziosa is willing to do small jobs (including hanging blinds, mirrors, etc.) that do not fall under a maintenance item. Dave is a local, insured handyman in the Pottstown area. If you would like to utilize Dave's services, please call the office for his phone number or to pick up his business card. The resident would deal directly with Dave including payment for services rendered.

Items To/From Attic or Basement

Just a reminder that we take items to/from your attic or basement every Monday. Please make sure you contact the office to be put on the schedule by the Thursday of the week prior. If an emergency arises, we will try to accommodate a special request.



SAVE THE DATE

Start saving your items to sell at the 2019 Buchert Ridge Yard Sale. More details to follow. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 28. Rain date is Saturday, October 5.

THIS JUST IN . . .

Power Washing and Window Cleaning

Power washing (porches, patios, and siding) and patio enclosure window cleaning are truly cleaning items and not maintenance items. BRC is aware that there are certain areas where mold, mildew, and heavy dirt build-up does occur on the siding, etc. We will continue to monitor these areas and will take care of them accordingly.

In order to complete these items in a timely manner, the power washing and window cleaning services will be performed during the month of May by our subcontractor (Dan Kreibel). Power washing and individual window cleaning will be performed the week of May 6. If you would like to have your house power washed or windows cleaned, we are requesting you call the Office by Friday, April 26 to be placed on the list.

- Power washing will not clean everything off your siding and concrete. Stains and artillery spores (little black dots) will most likely not clean off.
- Power washing will not stop mildew from coming back later in the summer.
- If you live in a house that has a basement under the front porch, we strongly suggest that you
 do not have your porch power washed. The high pressure water may find its way into the
 basement causing damage.

You will be invoiced directly from the Contractor. Payment for services rendered should be paid directly to the Contractor at the address listed on the invoice. Do not bring payment to the BRC office. The fees for power washing will be as follows. Carpeted porches will get wet.

- \$40 front porch including concrete
- \$45 back patio
- \$45 gable end of houses
- \$30 garage side of houses

The fees for patio enclosure window cleaning (inside and outside) will be as follows:

- \$60 vinyl windows within the enclosure
- \$50 glass windows within the enclosure

Please be ready for when they come by having all items removed from the porch area. If you are physically unable to move your items, the contractor will move them for you. You may be charged a minimal fee if the number of items to be removed is above the norm.

Ladies Tea



Attention Ladies! You are cordially invited to the Ladies' Tea on Friday, May 3 beginning at 12 Noon in the SRC Dining Room. Doors open at 11:30 AM for seating (limited seating – no guests). The cost is \$16. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon followed by entertainment. Hats are encouraged. Bring your own favorite teacup and share some memories. Sign up in the Office by Monday, April 22.

Menu: Mini Honey Mustard Chicken Salad Croissants; Mini Ham Salad (with Sweet Pickles) on Scallion Biscuit; Glazed Lemon Poppyseed Mini Muffin Caramelized Bacon; Salad of Mixed Greens with Tea Vinaigrette, Roast Walnut; Chocolate Dipped Strawberry; Assortment of Amy's Small Pastry Slices.

Resident Committee Meeting

The Resident Committee Meeting is Tuesday, April 2 at 10 AM in the Garden & Rec Center. At this meeting, John McMenamin will relay information on the free services that can be provided to residents of SRC and BRC from the office of State Senator Katie Muth. The intention is for a representative of the Senator's office to come to us once a month providing free assistance with a variety of matters.

If their schedules permit, 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.



Book Club

The Book Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. *The Silent Sister* by Diane Chamberlain will be discussed at the April 1 meeting. They are looking for suggestions on May's book.

Wildflower "Field" Trip

Do you love seeing wildflowers in their native habitats? Here's your chance!

Link Davis will take you to see what's blooming by the lake, along a trail, and into the field on Tuesday, April 30 from 1 to 2:30 PM at Sanatoga Park. Sign up at the office by Monday, April 29. The bus and carpool will be leaving SRC at 12:45 PM.



Lunch Bunch

This month's lunch bunch trip will be going to The Carriage House in East Greenville on Friday, April 12. The bus and carpool will be leaving SRC at 11:00 AM. Please RSVP to the Office by Monday, April 8.



Planning for Long-Term Care Workshop

Kathleen Martin, Esquire (O'Donnell, Weiss & Mattei, P.C.) will be offering a free workshop on Tuesday, April 16 at 1 PM in the SRC Dining Room. RSVP to the Office by Friday, April 12. The workshop will focus planning for long-term care.

Liberty Bell Glass Club

The Liberty Bell Glass Club is a group of people who enjoy collecting and talking about antique glass items. This month's topic will be "winter finds". The next meeting is Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 PM (refreshments served at 7 PM) in the Dining Room.

If you have a piece of glass that you would like identified, you are welcome to bring it to the meeting.

Contact Rugene Caldwell or Suzanne Yorgey, residents of Sanatoga Ridge Community, for more information on the club.

Soren West – Journey Through the Appalachian Trail

Join us Wednesday, April 17 at 4 PM for Soren West. He will be presenting a slide show detailing his journey through the Appalachian Trail.



The presentation will be followed by pre-ordered Pizza at 5 PM. Order at the office by Tuesday, April 16. The cost is \$2.00 per slice plain or pepperoni.

Computer & Social Media Discussion Group

The computer and social media discussion group will not hold its regularly scheduled meeting in April. Instead, a field trip will be taken to the Western Montgomery County Technical Center on Thursday, April 25 at 12 Noon.

Culinary Students will provide a small lunch. The Health Science Students would like to provide a free blood pressure check up and, as usual, the Computer Students would like to provide technical assistance on any computer/tablet/phone technology. All are welcome to arrive at 11:45 AM and we would be finished around 1:45 PM.

RSVP to the office by Thursday, April 18. Contact Ed if you need a ride.



Paint Break - Beautiful Blossoms

Date: Friday, April 26 Time: 12 to 1 PM

Deadline: Thursday, April 25

(Please arrive 15 minutes early – all supplies provided)

Cost: \$10 (cash) per person 1 hour lesson – 12x12 Painting

Sign-up and payment is required at the Office in order to reserve your space. There is a 10 guest minimum needed in order to hold the class.

This is open to the public so bring a friend!



Word games

Word Games have a new schedule.

Join us in the Garden & Rec Center at 2 PM the 3rd FRIDAY of the month. Please bring any word games you are interested in playing like Scrabble, Banana Gram, Boggle. Don't know how to play? Don't worry, we will show you!



FREE EVENT

Pope John Paul II High School 181 Rittenhouse Rd., Royersford, PA



MUST RSVP TO SRC OR BRC OFFICE BY MONDAY, APRIL 8







Tuesday, April 23 • 2:00pm at Sanatoga Ridge

(2461 E. High St, Pottstown)

Join us for a spring-themed bingo with great prizes!

Please RSVP to the Office by Thursday, April 18

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Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesday at 2 PM in the Garden & Rec Center. (Donna)

BINGO!

Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 2 PM in the Garden & Rec Center. (Irene)

Men's Breakfast Club

Meets the 4^{th} Wednesday at 8 AM. (Jim)

Hoagie/Sandwich Night

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

Breakfast Bar

Breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Garden & Rec Center at 9:30 AM. Cost is \$3.00. Please RSVP by the Friday before.

Exercising

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 AM in the Garden & Rec Center. (JoAnne)

Word Games

Played the 3rd Friday at 2 PM. (Kerry)

Wii Bowling

Sessions held twice a year in the Garden & Rec Center. Now in session. (Nelson)

Card Club

<u>Mah Jongg</u> Mondays at 1 PM - SRC Club Room. <u>Pinochle</u> Thursdays at 2 PM - SRC Game Room.

Hooks & Needles

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

Yoga

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

Vietnam Veterans

Meets the $2^{nd}\ Tuesday$ at 7 PM - SRC Dining $\ Room.$

American Legion

Meets the 4th Thursday at 7 PM - SRC Club Room.

WOW Bookmobile

SRC Community Center Parking Lot 2nd & 4th Monday at 10 AM.

Sewing Club

Meets the 1^{st} and 3^{rd} Fridays at 9:30 AM - SRC Sewing Room.

Book Club

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

Lunch Bunch

Meets the 2^{nd} Friday at various restaurants in the area.

Computer & Social Media Discussion Group

Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 7 PM - SRC Club Room.

Liberty Bell Glass

Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM - SRC Dining Room (refreshments at 7 PM).

SRC Singers

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 4 PM - SRC Auditorium.

BUS TRIPS

Tuesday – April 2 – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Take Me Away" & Lunch (This is a trip with AARP)

Enjoy this brand new Spring Musical at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. Be transported to the bustling city of London for a one of a kind theatre experience. You will be joined by world-famous sleuth Sherlock Holmes and his trusted mate Watson on a hilarious musical quest to solve one of his most baffling adventures . . . the mystery of love! A plated meal will be served before the show.

RSVP to Carol Griffith (484-624-8314) by Friday, March I LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 9:15 AM Cost: \$100.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

Wednesday - April 24 - Amish Meal at Esh's Farmhouse and Tour

Enjoy a delicious Amish meal. Then our guide, formerly Amish, will enlighten us with information about their lifestyle, weddings, and more as we visit a quilt shop, candle shop and more.

FULL - CALL THE OFFICE TO BE PUT ON THE WAITING LIST

LEAVE SRC: 10:30 AM Cost: \$30.00

Bus Trips - Save The Dates

June (TBD) PA German Cultural Heritage Center, Kutztown, PA July 23 Doolans at Spring Lake, NJ "Nashville at the Shore" August 14 Bucks County Playhouse "Always Patsy Cline"



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BUS TRIPS

Wednesday - May 8 - American Music Theatre "Ovation" (This is a trip with AARP)

From Classical to Pop, the AMT cast and band will take you on a musical journey like never before. Enjoy tributes to music legends Rosemary Clooney, Barbara Streisand, Ella Fitzgerald, Tony Bennett, Michael Bublé, Josh Groban, Billy Joel and Celine Dion. A family style meal will be enjoyed at the Fulton Steamboat Inn before the show.

RSVP to Carol Griffith (484-624-8314) by Wednesday, April 10 LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$85.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

Saturday - May 18 - Gettysburg National Military Park with Tour Guide

Take a trip into the past in Gettysburg. Enjoy a guided tour through Gettysburg battlefield. Visit the Gettysburg Museum of the Civil War; watch the Film, A New Birth of Freedom, narrated by award winning actor Morgan Freeman; and take in the Cyclorama painting depicting Pickett's Charge by French artist Paul Philippoteaux. Bring a brown bag lunch to eat upon arrival.

RSVP to the Office by FRIDAY, MAY 10 LEAVE SRC: 8:30 AM Cost: \$30.00



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<u>Tuesday – June 18 – The River Lady Lunch Cruise</u> (This is a trip with AARP)

Join us for a delightful cruise on The River Lady, a 150 passenger, 85' authentic reproduction of a paddle wheel riverboat. The River Lady cruises the Toms River and Barnegat Bay of New Jersey. The riverbanks are surrounded by charming hills and beautifully manicured lawns and gardens. The homes along the river are uniquely designed, many dating back to the turn of the century. Lunch will be enjoyed on the riverboat. Choice of:

- Filet of Salmon served with lemon garlic sauce
- Chicken Marsala sautéed boneless breast of chicken in a Marsala wine sauce
- Penne Vodka Penne pasta with vodka cream sauce
- Chicken Parmesan Breaded boneless breast of chicken with marinara sauce, cheese

RSVP to Carol Griffith (484-624-8314) by Friday, May 10 LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 8:15 AM

Cost: \$80.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

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It's been a few months since we took our yearly mini-vacation in September. For the last 3 years we have gone to Ocean City, NJ so this year we decided to try something totally different. Plus, I think we are on some sort of police list and might be pushing our luck in NJ. Lancaster seemed like a nice place to visit and since we have been there several times on day trips we knew our way around. Well, Jeannette knew her way around. The first day we decided to go to Hershey Gardens to see the butterfly atrium. Though it was disappointingly small we all enjoyed it. Needless to say the butterflies were gorgeous and they kept landing in our hair, which was amusing. Before you leave the atrium you have to stop for a "stowaway check". Apparently some of the residents try to cross the border without permission and use the visitors for that purpose. On the way to Lancaster we found that we were all starving and finding some place for lunch became a desperate search for any restaurant that wouldn't give us food poisoning. When that was accomplished, we were on the road again to our hotel. Once there we found a great parking spot which we decided would be ours for the duration - anyone daring to park there would risk "keying".

Our rooms were very nice and spacious - Joan and Irene had a bathroom with an hand-held shower. Unfortunately, Joan had a little bit of a hard time getting the hang of turning it on and managed to wash the entire bathroom floor before she figured it out. Jeannette's shower head was so high that she couldn't reach it to adjust the force or direction of the spray and almost ended up with a concussion when the water hit her right in the middle of her forehead. Come to think of it, she was acting a little dizzy for the remainder of the trip and kept murmuring something about "a black russian". Maybe that's the reason!

After unpacking and resting a little, we had to make the first major decision....where to eat dinner? Crackle Barrel!!! Of course. We had decided that this vacation would be one for eating, shopping and just enjoying each others company and Crackle Barrel was the right place to start. Now, Lancaster is not exactly the place to go for epicurean excellence so our choices were few but we weren't fussy.

Our next day was going to be the major shopping day, so after breakfast (which was provided) we were off to Rockvale Outlets. When we arrived, we were dismayed to see that so many of the stores seemed to be closed! They were dark and the parking lot was surprisingly empty. What was going on? Was Rockvale going to close? Just as we were ready to leave, Joanne spotted a sign that said "Deliveries Only" and we realized we were riding around the back of the place! OK, silly us. We decided not to tell anyone about it. Onward! I am not sure of the order, but we went to a lot of places. As I said, Jeannette knows her way around. We went to a great shop called Jakes, a roadside Amish store, a few shops I can't remember, the Tangier Outlets (which we liked better than Rockvale), the Dollar Tree (I think when we finally get to Mars, there will be a Dollar Tree there) and then back to the hotel to recuperate. We decided to skip lunch (imagine that) and go for an early dinner. This time we chose The Golden Corral (or as I like to call it, The Golden Trough). If you have never been to a Golden Corral, you need to prepare yourself. So much food, so little time! It is food overload, for sure. The following day we had tickets for a show at The American Music Theater so we staggered back to the hotel to relax, play a few games of dominoes and get a good night's sleep.

As always the show was wonderful and afterwards we decided to go to Strasburg to have a light lunch at The Creamery which has wonderful ice cream. Now one thing you need to know is that my fellow travelers LOVE ice cream. Me, not so much but I know that they will always be thinking about where to get ice cream no matter where we are. The plan was to relax back at the hotel afterwards and then be off to Olive Garden for dinner. Now, as I may have mentioned before, Irene really enjoys watching other people eat. No matter where we are, she can usually find someone whose eating habits are entertaining. I don't have the space to go into much detail, but the lady at the table next to us was hand picking items from her salad and throwing them onto her husband's plate for him to eat. Enough said! Since we were leaving the following morning we had an early evening and did our packing.

The trip home was uneventful. On the way stopped at an antiques place to shop and then at Strawberry Farm for lunch. Take a guess why we chose that place. You've got it! GREAT ICE CREAM.