

SEPTEMBER

2025



RIDGE REPORTER

Each year, on the first Monday in September, our nation pauses to celebrate Labor Day—a holiday that honors the contributions and achievements of American workers. What began in the late 1800s as a movement to recognize the dignity of work has grown into a nationwide tradition of rest, reflection, and community gatherings.

Here in our community, Labor Day is a time to celebrate not only the workers of the past who shaped our nation, but also the dedication we see every day—from staff who keep things running smoothly to residents who share their time, skills, and energy.



As we enjoy the long weekend, let's pause to appreciate the blessings of rest after hard work, the joy of friendship, and the opportunities we share together. Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and meaningful Labor Day!

Please note that our offices will be **closed** for the holiday,
Monday, September 1.



Open House Success!

Our recent Open House was a tremendous success—and it's all thanks to the incredible spirit of our residents! The day was filled with laughter, conversation, and the kind of hospitality that makes people feel right at home.

We are especially grateful to everyone who **volunteered their time, invited family and friends, handed out postcards, and lent a helping hand** in countless ways. Your generosity and teamwork made a lasting impression on our visitors.

Together, you showed what makes this community so special. **The heart of Sanatoga and Buchert Ridge isn't just the beautiful homes or grounds—it's the people who bring them to life.**

PLEASE NOTE:

Trash Collection will be on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd

due to the Labor Day Holiday.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



RESIDENT LIFE TEAM

Please join us in welcoming Lori to the front office! Lori is a familiar face to many, having served for years at the Boyertown Multi-Service. Her smile and warm personality are already making her a wonderful part of our community.



GROUNDS TEAM

We're excited to share that Joseph has rejoined our team! Many of you will remember him from his years on the Grounds crew. With his knowledge of the community and commitment to quality work, Joseph will be a great help in caring for our beautiful campus.

This Month in History

The U.S. Constitution was signed in Philadelphia on **September 17**.



A Fresh Look for Our Community

Power Washing Update

Residents, thank you for sharing your feedback! In the past, power washing wasn't always included in our maintenance schedule and often fell to residents. We decided that wasn't fair, so this year we made it a priority to help keep our community looking beautiful, clean, and welcoming.

Because of our smaller staff and years of deferred maintenance — especially behind homes — **the work is taking longer than expected**. While that slowed us down on front porches, we are now refocusing to complete them this fall. Patios, sides, and backs of homes (some untouched for years) will continue into next year. We'll resume in spring/summer to bring everything to the new standard and maintain it consistently moving forward.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work to keep our community a place we can all be proud of.

Quick Summary:

- Power washing is now a community-wide priority
- Smaller staff + deferred maintenance = longer timelines
- Front porch washing will continue into the fall
- Power washing patios, sides, and backs of homes will extend into 2026
- Work resumes in spring/summer to maintain the new standard

Did You Know? — September Facts

- **Name origins:** September comes from the Latin word *septem*, meaning “seven.” It was the seventh month of the old Roman calendar.
- **Equinox:** The **autumn equinox** usually falls around **September 22–23**, marking the first official day of fall when day and night are nearly equal in length.
- **Birth flowers:** September has **two birth flowers**—the **aster** (symbolizing love and wisdom) and the **morning glory** (symbolizing affection).
- **The sapphire** is September’s gemstone, often seen as a symbol of loyalty, wisdom, and truth.

Holidays & observances:

Besides **Labor Day**, September is recognized for

- **Grandparents Day**, **Patriot Day (9/11)**, and the start of the **NFL season**.
- **Fun fact:** September is one of only **four months** with exactly 30 days.



From Annie, With Love

Free toys for your pets. In loving memory of Annie. Stop by SRC, E-06 and help yourself. Toys will be on the front porch. ❤️

Just Call Jayne!

Need help with groceries and errands? A ride to the doctor? Someone to walk your dog? Available Mon - Thurs. Jayne is a friend of Susie @ SRC.

Sanatoga Antiques & Collectibles

Sanatoga Antiques & Collectibles has reopened under **new ownership**. Come for a visit – and maybe find a new treasure!

2933 E High Street | Sanatoga, Pa. 19464
Phone: 1-610- 326-8773

Thursday	Closed
Friday	11 AM–5 PM
Saturday	10 AM–5 PM
Sunday	10 AM–5 PM
Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. ~ Benjamin Franklin

Preventive Maintenance Update

We have begun rolling out a **preventive maintenance program** to help keep our community safe, efficient, and well cared for.

- Our team is currently **cleaning dryer vents** in the apartments and will continue throughout the community. This improves energy efficiency and reduces the risk of fire.
- We've also started **flushing water heaters**, which will now be part of the **annual maintenance schedule**. Regular flushing helps extend the life of the heaters and keeps them running their best.

Preventive maintenance is an important step in protecting our homes and ensuring everything runs smoothly for years to come. Thank you for your cooperation as we move through these projects!



Here are a few simple things you can add to ***your own* personal checklist this season**:

- **Clean dryer lint traps (clean w/each use) & around machines** – helps efficiency and safety.
- **Flip/rotate mattresses** – keeps them in better shape.
- **Check flashlight batteries** – handy for winter storms.
- **Clean out medicine cabinets** – safely dispose of expired items.

This Month in History

- **1829** – The **Metropolitan Police Service** was founded in London—the first modern police force.
- **1882** – The very first **Labor Day parade** was held in New York City.
- **1939** – **World War II** began when Germany invaded Poland on **September 1**.
- **2001** – The tragic events of **September 11** changed our nation and the world.
- **1897** – The first edition of the *New York Times Book Review* was published.
- **1960** – The **Flintstones** premiered on television, becoming the first prime-time animated series.



- **1966** – **Star Trek** aired its very first episode.
- **1979** – ESPN, the first all-sports TV network, made its debut.
- **1985** – The wreck of the **Titanic** was discovered on the ocean floor.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

9 Carolyn
Irene

September Fun Facts

- September is the only month whose **name has exactly 9 letters** — and it's the **9th month** of the year.
- The **first day of fall** (autumn equinox) almost always falls in September (22nd or 23rd).
- September is known as the “**Harvest Month**” in the Northern Hemisphere — many crops are gathered, and the full moon closest to the equinox is called the **Harvest Moon**.
- The **zodiac signs** of September are Virgo (Aug 23–Sep 22) and Libra (Sep 23–Oct 22).
- September often has some of the **clearest skies of the year**, making it one of the best months for **stargazing**.



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

Ben
Resident since 2007

Resident Meeting

Tuesday, September 9 at 9:30 AM

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

Light Refreshments at 9:15 AM

Tea and Talk

1st & 3rd Tuesdays @ 2PM

Join us for afternoon tea from 2-3PM on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the McMenamin Rec Center. This fall, we'll be talking about stories - particularly the stories Jesus told. Our discussion will center on the reasons and impact of these stories in the time of Christ and what they mean to us today. Please join us!



Lunch Bunch

Creekside Sports Bar & Grille

(765 N. Lewis Rd, Royersford)

Friday, September 12 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 Wednesday, September 10



Movie Matinee Lineup SRC Dining Room

Friday, September 5 @ 1:30PM

The Princess Bride (1987 · PG · 1h 38m)

A fairy-tale adventure that has it all—romance, sword fights, giants, and witty humor. Follow Westley and Buttercup through a story of true love, daring rescues, and laugh-out-loud moments. A timeless favorite that's as charming today as when it was first released.



Friday, September 19 @1:30PM

City Slickers (1991 · PG-13 · 1h 53m)



This comedy adventure stars Billy Crystal as a city dweller who, along with his friends, signs up for a cattle-drive vacation out West. What begins as a midlife crisis turns into a journey of laughter, self-discovery, and plenty of cowboy mishaps. Heartfelt and hilarious, it's a ride you won't forget!



Two years ago, my doctor told me I was going deaf I haven't heard from him since!

From Dave D.



Balloon Volleyball Saturday, September 13 @ 2PM

Referees are getting in shape blowing their whistles whenever they can! Bring along some water and join us for lots of fun in the SRC auditorium!



**American
Red Cross**

Red Cross Blood Drive Monday, September 15 2 PM to 7 PM

American Red Cross will be on site for blood donations. If you're interested in donating, please log onto their website; www.REDCROSSBLOOD.org or scan the QR code to make an appointment.

If assistance is needed, please reach out to Cheryl @ SRC.



Coffee Talks with Jon



Your participation helps shape the future of our community. Come out and join the conversation.

Coffee Talks with Jon provide an opportunity to stay informed about community updates and to share your questions and thoughts in a welcoming setting. These gatherings encourage open communication while offering residents a relaxed environment to engage directly with leadership.

Come join the conversation— we'd love to hear from you too!



Date: Tuesday, September 16th



Time: 11:00 AM



Location: SRC Dining Room



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY September 19 & 20

Will you spend a couple of hours packing ingredients to provide life-changing meals to hungry children around the world? The **Feed My Starving Children Pottstown MobilePack™** at Berean Bible Church needs volunteers on Friday, September 19, from 12:30 PM – 3:00 PM and Saturday, September 20, from 12 Noon – 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM. To learn more or to register to volunteer, **please call Donna.**

BROWN BAG HISTORY

Presented by
Michael Jesberger,
Local Historian

ALL PRESENTATIONS START AT NOON

Civil War Battlefield Medical Practices Saturday, September 20 @ 12 Noon

It has been said that the American Civil War was the first “modern war” in terms of the advancement of weapons, but it was being fought at the same time that the “medical middle ages” was coming to an end. During the American Civil War period, very little was known about the spread of germs and diseases, there were no antibiotics so infection was the enemy of soldiers of both the blue and gray.

Join historical re-enactor, lecturer, and tour guide Michael Jesberger who will give us an overview of these poor medical practices and how they impacted the life of the Civil War Soldier.

**Open to the Public
RSVP by Sept. 19.**

Attention, Ladies! Girls' Night Out is making a comeback!

Girls' Night Out! Monday, September 22 6:30–8:00 PM SRC Dining Room & Patio

Ladies—get ready! 🎉 We're bringing back **Girls' Night Out**! It's sure to be a night to remember. It's the perfect way to wrap up summer—great company, plenty of laughs, and time to simply relax and enjoy yourself.



- **Bring a snack to share**
- **SRC will provide the drinks.**
- **Invite your friends & neighbors!**

Gather in the dining room and out on the patio for an evening of conversation, laughter, and fun together. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season!

COMMUNITY



Yard Sale!

When: Saturday, Sept 27th, 8AM - 2PM

• Rain Date: October 4th

Where: Buchert Ridge Community

YARD SALE
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Buchert Ridge Community
2011 Buchert Rd. Pottstown | 610-323-5190 | www.BuchertRidge.com

**SEPTEMBER
ENTERTAINMENT**
Friday, September 26
@ 4PM, SRC Auditorium

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of music with **Ira T. Watts III**! This talented performer has entertained audiences all along the East Coast with his powerful voice and engaging style. We're thrilled to welcome him to our community for a show you won't want to miss!



Coming in October:
AARP Driver Safety Class

October 27 & 28

DriverTek Class

October 28

LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING 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)**

Friday, September 19 – Skippack Tour w/Michael Jesberger

Join military historian, lecturer and tour guide, Michael Jesberger, for an afternoon excursion of three hours. We will be retracing the movements of the Continental Army during the fall of 1777 in their attempt to keep British General Sir William Howe from capturing the capital city of Philadelphia. This is known as the Philadelphia Campaign. Some highlights include stops at the Henry Antes House, Pennypacker Mills, Towamencin Mennonite burial ground, Morgan Log House, and a few more stops as well. No walking other than a bathroom break as needed.

RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, September 16

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 1:30PM

Cost: \$35

Wednesday, October 15 – Glasslite Studio – St. Peters Village

Join us for a fascinating visit to **Glasslight Studio in St. Peters Village**, where you'll watch skilled artisans transform molten glass into stunning works of art. You'll see the glassblowing process up close—shaping, blowing, and finishing pieces that sparkle with color and creativity. Afterward, we will have lunch at St. Peters Inn. Lunch at your own expense.

RSVP to the Office by Friday, October 10

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:30AM

Cost: \$5

New Hanover AARP Trips

Checks Payable to:
"New Hanover AARP"

Details posted on the Library Bulletin Board.
RSVP to Carol

**Wednesday, October 1 – Ace in the Hole at the Brownstone –
"Octoberfest" \$150**

**Wednesday, November 19 – American Music Theatre, "Deck the
Halls" \$140**

Details posted on the Library Bulletin Board