

FEBRUARY

2025



RIDGE REPORTER

Dear Residents,

I'm honored and humbled to accept the role as General Manager of Buchert Ridge Community. Having been part of this organization for 15 years, I've seen firsthand what makes our community so special—the people. What stands out to me is the connection and mutual respect we share, and I look forward to strengthening that bond with all of you.

As General Manager, my goal will be to ensure Buchert Ridge remains a place where everyone feels comfortable, valued, and heard. I'm committed to open and transparent communication and encourage you to share your thoughts and ideas as we move forward together. At the same time, I'm excited to explore new programs and activities that bring even more vibrancy to our community life. From events that foster connection to improvements in our shared spaces, my goal is to ensure your interests and needs guide our actions. Maintaining and enhancing our facilities will remain a top priority to provide a safe and welcoming environment for all.

What makes this community truly thrive is the relationships we've built with one another. These connections—between residents, staff, and families—are at the heart of everything we do. I'm passionate about strengthening those bonds and working together to make Buchert Ridge the best it can be. Your involvement and input are vital, and I'm looking forward to collaborating with you to shape our future.

Thank you for the warm welcome and for your trust. I'm excited about what lies ahead and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your General Manager. Together, we can continue building a community that we are all proud to call home.

Best regards,

Jon Kline,

General Manager Buchert Ridge Community



Monthly Maintenance & Service Fee Rates

As discussed at the Annual Financial Meeting on January 28, there will be a **7% increase on each line item** of your invoice for the monthly maintenance and service fee beginning April 1, 2025.

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.

Mechanical Rooms

Please remember that mechanical rooms are not storage areas. Full access is required for maintenance and emergency personnel. If you have personal items stored in your mechanical room, please remove them.

Trash & Recycle

- Trash and recycle pickup begins at 8AM.
- Bags and bins should be out **by 8AM**. If they are not out by that time, your items may not be picked up.
- Residents who put their trash out the night before pickup should put it in a container with a lid to prevent curious critters from getting into it.



- Numbered parking spaces are reserved for residents.
- **Please remind your visitors and caregivers to park in un-numbered spaces only.**

Plumbing

- Resident who have garbage disposals, please remember it is essential to run water before, during, and after using the disposal to ensure all debris is properly flushed through the pipes.
- Do NOT flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilets. This includes personal wipes. Although wipes are often advertised as being “flushable”, they cause clogs and extensive issues with the plumbing.

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!

Lower Pottsgrove Township Police

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

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

Non-Emergency Police

610-326-1508



Snow and Ice Information

- Residents who have an urgent need to get out during a snow event are reminded to call the office at least 24 hours prior to the event so that we can properly prepare.
- If you have an emergency in the midst of a snow event, call the on-call number.

Sidewalks

- If you need your salt bag refilled, please call the office.
- Salt is also available at the mailboxes in each court.
- 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.

Salon Update

Anne will be away until the beginning of May. Kathy P will be filling in for Anne. Contact her directly.

14 - Tanya R.
15 - April B.
19 - Joanne B.
20 - Dennis B.



24 - Elizabeth W.
26 - Doug C.
28 - Bill R.

Keeping Busy

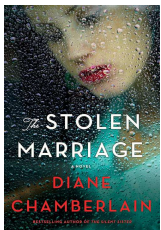
Resident Meeting

Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 AM

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

Book Club

Monday, February 3 at 2 PM



- February 3 The Stolen Marriage, by Diane Chamberlain
- March 3 Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil, by John Berendt
- April 7 Gray Mountain, by John Grisham
- May 5 Someone Else's Shoes, by JoJo Moyes

Contact Jeanette G. for more information.

Ladies Bible Study

*Do we need the Old Testament?
Finding Christ
and the Gospel in Ancient Texts
1st & 3rd Wednesdays,*

February 5th & 19th at 3 PM

Bev T. will lead a ladies Bible Study in the SRC Dining Room. Bev has a BS in Bible and an MA in Education. Please wear your name tags. All ladies are welcome.

Brown Bag History: Stealing the Bones –

The Story of George Washington's Tomb

Thursday, February 6

at 12 Noon

Thousands of people visit the home of George and Martha Washington at Mount Vernon every year, but few are familiar with the story behind his final resting place, located in the burial tomb on the Mount Vernon grounds.

In 1830, an attempt was made to steal the skull from the remains of President George Washington, which were interred in a tomb on the property. This desecration of the burial site prompted the construction of a new, more secure burial vault.

Join historical lecturer, reenactor, and tour guide Michael Jesberger for a presentation on this strange and macabre tale of George Washington's final hours and his burial at Mount Vernon.

Open to the Public. RSVP by Wednesday, February 5.

Lunch Bunch

Franconia Heritage Restaurant

508 Harleysville Pike, Unit A, Telford

Friday, February 14th at 11:45 AM

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



The SRC Bus will be available for \$3 per person due at sign-up. The bus and carpool will leave Berean Bible Church parking lot at 11AM.

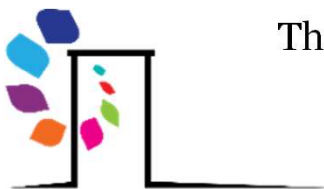
RSVP by Tuesday, February 11th

Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Thursday, February 20th at 10:30 AM

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program (AFEP) is a low-impact recreational exercise program that incorporates an educational component. Classes consist of multiple exercise activities including warm up, stretching, strengthening, cardiovascular endurance, balance, coordination and cool down. Breathing and relaxation techniques are also included.

The class meets for one hour once a week for 11 weeks



Montgomery County
Department of
Health and Human Services

To improve:

- Functional ability
- Self-confidence
- Self-care
- Mobility
- Muscle strength
- Coordination

To reduce:

- Fatigue
- Pain
- Stiffness

RSVP by Friday, February 14th

Peace Meditation

Sunday, February 23 at 2PM

Meets at the McMenamin Rec Center. Bring a wrap or sweater and a bottle of water. Please let Natalie B. know if you will be attending in case of inclement weather.

Community Lunch

Tuesday, February 25

This month's theme is Mexican. Contact Natalie B. for more information.

Brown Bag History – Noon

Saturday, March. 1 at 12 Noon

The Irish in the American Civil War

The American Civil War is often referred to as Ireland's forgotten conflict. By 1860, approximately 1.5 million Irish immigrants were living in the United States. During the war, an estimated 150,000 Irishmen served in the Union Army, while around 20,000 fought for the Confederacy. Although exact figures for Irish soldiers who died are unavailable, the number likely reached into the thousands. Sadly, the significant contributions and experiences of these Irish soldiers remain relatively unknown. Join historical reenactor and lecturer Michael Jesberger for a presentation on these "Sons of Erin," who played a pivotal role in the American Civil War.

**Open to the Public. RSVP by
Friday, February 28**

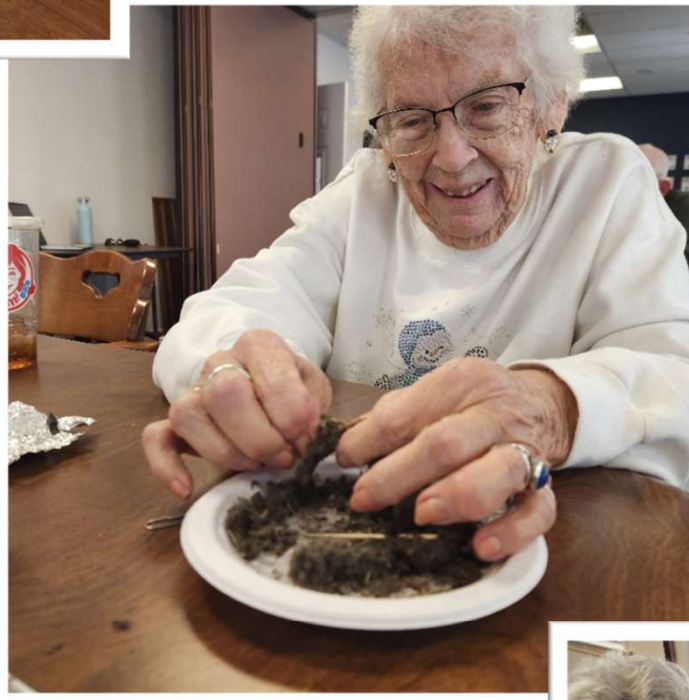
Highlights from Outstanding Owls With our Friends at Nolde Forest



*Another
interactive,
hands-on
science lesson!*



*We learned about
the unique
adaptations,
mysterious habits,
and important roles
in the ecosystem.*



*Participants got
to dissect an owl
pellet! Amazing!*



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)**

Tuesday – February 18 – 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 by Friday, February 14

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$6.00

Tuesday, February 25 – Valley Forge Casinos



Join your friends having fun at the slots for a couple hours! Following our casino visit, due to the renovation of the Food Court, we will be stopping for lunch at the Collegeville Diner. Lunch at your own expense.

RSVP By Friday, February 21

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$4.00

Tuesday, March 11 – Thrift Shopping



Join us for a leisurely day of shopping! We usually visit around 5 shops. It's a great time! We will stop for lunch (at your own expense) at a location to be determined along the way.

RSVP By Friday, March 7

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$8.00

New Hanover AARP Trips

Checks Payable to:
"New Hanover AARP"

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



Tuesday – April 8 – Sight & Sound Theatre

"Noah"

Set sail inside the enormous ark as the extraordinary story comes to life in the special 30th anniversary show! Returning for one season only.

RSVP to Carol G. by Tuesday, February 11

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 8:45 AM

Cost: \$170.00