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BUCHERT
RIDGE COMMUNITY

RIDGE REPORTER

*From the Entire Staff at
Buchert Ridge Community*



*We wish you a wonderful
Holiday Season!*



Holiday Closings & Trash Schedule

A reminder that the Offices will be closed for:

- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24
- Christmas – Wednesday, December 25
- New Years – Wednesday, January 1

Christmas Week Schedule:

- Trash AND Recyclables will be picked up on **Thursday, 12/26 only.**

New Year's Week Schedule:

- Trash/recyclables will be on a normal schedule

If you must dispose of trash before the scheduled pick-up, you may use the dumpster near the McMenamin Rec Center.

Seasonal Maintenance Items

Salt Bags - If you have a salt bag, please keep your salt bag scoop in the salt bag for collection at the end of the season. If you run out of salt in your bin, you may refill it from the bins at the mailboxes.

Mechanical Rooms - Please be sure that your mechanical room door is always closed tightly to prevent any pipes from freezing during the winter months. NOTE: The Mechanical Room is not to be used for storage. Our staff/contractors always need full access to the heater and water heater.

Lawn/Garden Décor - Please remember to remove all outside flowerpots, chairs, solar lights, flag holders, etc. from edges of sidewalks and driveways to prevent damage during snow removal.

Windows - Check your windows to make sure they're latched securely to prevent drafts.

Outdoor Holiday Lights - The decorated trees and shrubs around the community are on a timer and will turn on and off automatically.

Outdoor Seating Areas

Chairs and benches (including at mailbox areas) will be removed for the winter season. Removal of these items is necessary to avoid damage during the winter.

SNOW? Yes! It's That Time of Year Again

The basics of the Snow/Ice policy are as follows:

- If snow is predicted and you **MUST** get out on that day, please call the office by 3 PM at least one business day **BEFORE** the snow arrives to let us know the time you need to leave. The earlier the office knows, the easier it is to coordinate with the snow removal staff.
- If you have a true emergency, call the On-Call number at 610-326-4043.
- Do not leave a message at the office after hours or on weekends.
- You must sign a waiver in the Office giving us permission to move and clean your car.
- A set of your car keys will be locked in the office for the snow staff to move your car for plowing.
- It is NOT mandatory to participate with this snow policy.
- If you do not participate, please be aware that your car will NOT be moved or cleaned off, and YOU will be responsible for moving your car temporarily to a designated parking area.
- If you do not move your car, you will be responsible for clearing the snow around your car.
- The snow removal staff will not scrape ice from residents' vehicles.
- If your car has already been moved to the designated snow parking area and you need to use it, please let the office know and your car will be put back in your assigned parking spot.
- If trash/recycle day falls on a snow event day, please know that trash/recycle pick-up may be delayed or even canceled.

Snow removal is typically completed within 24 hours once the snow event has stopped. If possible, we will allow nature to work in our favor to melt the majority of the elements, saving time and resources.

Yard Clippings – Monday Pickups

We will be collecting yard clippings on Mondays during the trash pickup. Please put the clippings out with your regular trash. Do not place the clippings in bags. While your trash may have been picked up and the clippings left behind, we will be through again just to collect the yard clippings. For special cases, call the office to be put on the schedule to have them removed.

Dishwasher Detergent

It has been recommended that dishwasher users should not use liquid or powdered soaps in their dishwashers as they do not dissolve properly. Dishwasher detergent packets should be used instead. It is also recommended running a cup of vinegar every six months to clean out any buildup of detergents or minerals. The cup of vinegar should be placed on your top dish rack. These simple steps will ensure that your dishwasher will work at its peak performance for many years.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors

All homes are equipped with a carbon monoxide detector. It is important to know that the device will beep ONCE if the electric goes out. There are different types of devices. One device will signal a detection of carbon monoxide by beeping 4 times, then a pause followed by 4 additional beeps. It will repeat this 4 beep signal to alert occupants of the detection. The other device will beep in addition to verbally alerting you of carbon monoxide detection. If this 4 beep alert/verbal alert occurs in your home, please leave your home immediately. Have a neighbor call the office or maintenance on-call person right away.

Recycle Reminders

Plastic bags are not accepted as part of recycling. If you want to use a bag for your recycling, paper bags are acceptable. If you are disposing of boxes, please break them down to the best of your ability. Please see your Resident Handbook or stop by the office for a complete list of approved items.

Home Safety

Please be mindful of the following safety precautions as we approach the holiday season:

- Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- Never leave the stove or oven unattended.

Mechanical Room

- Do not store items in mechanical rooms.
- Mechanical rooms must be free of combustible materials.
- Staff and contractors need full access to the heater and water heater.
- If you have any combustibles in your mechanical room and need assistance to dispose of them, please call the Office.

Shared Spaces

As sales continue to be busy, you have likely noticed many new visitors touring the community. We receive excellent feedback on a regular basis from visitors to the community about the beauty of the campus and the friendliness of the residents.

Please remember to keep all common areas free of personal items including items for decoration or items to give away. The staff decorates common areas for the holidays and seasons. Residents are free to decorate their personal spaces and may post items for sale/free on the Resident Bulletin Boards. Thank you for helping to make SRC/BRC such a special, welcoming place!

BEWARE! Don't be fooled by Scammers!

Take action!

We are reminding all residents that SRC/BRC are **NO SOLICITING** communities. If someone knocks on your door trying to sell you something or representing a company or even a politician, please do not let them into your home. Call the police and report the person immediately. You may also call the office to let us know about the incident after you call the police.

If you unwittingly allow solicitors to view your PECO bill, it is possible you could be signed up without your knowledge for an alternate electric or gas provider. Residents are encouraged to call PECO to check on the status of their account and ask them to not allow their service to be changed without their express permission.

General Information:

- Anyone soliciting in the township must obtain a permit from the Township.
- Every member of the group must have a copy of the permit along with photo identification.
- No Soliciting communities are listed on the permit (this includes SRC & BRC).
- SRC/BRC has NO SOLICITING signs posted at all the entrances to the community.

There have been times when solicitors come through the community presenting themselves as PECO employees. These people are not from PECO but from an alternate energy company. They take many residents by surprise and coerce them into showing them their PECO bills. Even though no paperwork was signed by residents, many find in the following days that their service had been switched from PECO to this alternate company.



Happy Birthday!

- 4 - Rick S.
- 5 - Phyllis B.
- 31 - Jim A.

Happy Anniversary!



- 16 - Doug Carlson & Judy L.
- 18 - John & Sandy L.

Welcome To The Neighborhood!



*We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest residents!
Please stop by and introduce yourself.*

John & Sandy L.
From Collegeville, PA



BRC Resident Christmas Luncheon

Let's get together to eat and celebrate the season!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 at 2 PM

Copperfield Inn at Lakeside

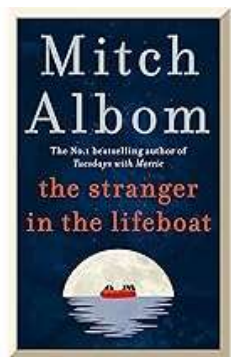
Food and drink at your own expense

Order from the Regular Menu

**After the luncheon (approximately 4 PM),
we will return to the McMenamin Rec Center
for dessert, coffee and tea.**

Everyone in the community is invited!

Happy Holidays!



Book Club

Monday, December 2 at 2 PM

- December 2 The Stranger in the Lifeboat, by Mitch Albom
- January 6 The Maid, by Nita Prose

Meets in the SRC Dining Room.

Contact Jeanette G. for more information.

Supermarket BINGO! with Amity Place

Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 AM

Amity Place will bring Supermarket BINGO to you! We have extra bingo cards, so we can play several cards at once! Bring a friend! **RSVP by Tuesday, December 3.** Meets in the Dining Room.



SRC Resident Christmas Luncheon

Friday, December 6 at 11:30 AM

- For those of you that have signed up, the Luncheon will be on Friday, December 6 at 11:30 AM at Berean Bible Church.
- The doors will open at 10:30 AM – Enter through the front door.
- Sign in begins at 11:00 AM
- Meal will begin promptly at 11:30 AM.

- Remember to bring your ticket to be eligible to win a door prize.
- Helpers will be available if you are on a cane, walker or in a wheelchair and you require assistance through the buffet line.
- If you are sick that day, call the SRC office to have your meal boxed and delivered to you at home.
- Please remember to wear your nametags.



***Brown Bag History:
The Attack at Pearl harbor
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 12 Noon***

On December 7, 2024, we will pass the 83rd anniversary of the terrible attack at Pearl Harbor. Soon after, “Remember Pearl Harbor” became the battle cry as thousands of U.S. citizens signed up for the war. This was the beginning of the United States entry into World War II and forever shaping the future of our nation. Join Mike Jesberger for a discussion on the events that led up to that fateful day in 1941. A very powerful slideshow will accompany the lecture including actual photos from the time.

Open to the Public. RSVP by Fri., Dec. 6.

Resident Meeting

Tuesday, December 10 at 9:30 AM

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

The Stories Behind the Words

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 12 Noon

Explore the fascinating stories behind WORDS... with the popular Art Historian, Martin Bradfield!

Presented in a “Words of Fortune” game show-type setting with audience participation and door prizes!

Open to the Public. RSVP by Mon., Dec. 16





Owl Walk *Tuesday, December 17 at 6 PM*

Join us for a fun and engaging evening of owl investigation with DCNR Environmental Education Specialist, Matt Truesdale! Discover the fascinating world of nocturnal wildlife as you learn about the owl

species that call Pennsylvania home. This program includes hands-on exciting opportunity to call for nearby owls. While most of the presentation will take place indoors, the program will conclude outdoors as we attempt to communicate with owls in their natural habitat. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

A minimum of 10 people is needed to host this presentation

Open to the Public. RSVP by Friday, December 13th

Brown Bag History *A History of Military Recruiting Posters* *Saturday, Jan. 4 at 12 Noon*

Join historical lecturer, reenactor, and tour guide, Mike Jesberger, for a fascinating discussion on military recruiting posters.

This program explores the patriotism and propaganda behind the recruiting posters used during the American Revolutionary War, the American Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

Open to the Public. RSVP by Fri., Jan. 3.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive *Tuesday, January 7 from 2 PM to 7 PM*

Held in the SRC Auditorium.

Register online or reach out to Cheryl H.



Circle of Support

1st Thursday at 11 AM

Hoagie/Sandwich Night

1st Wednesday at 5 PM
Pre-ordered and delivered.
(Jeannette B.)

Bananagrams

Fridays at 2 PM
(Natalie B.)

Exercising

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 AM
(Kerry W.)

Mexican Train Dominoes

Thursdays at 2 PM
(Donna L.)

Light Refreshments

2nd Tuesday at 9:15 AM
(Natalie B.)

Men's Breakfast Club

3rd Wednesday at 8 AM
(Wayne B.)

Fellowship Lunch

4th Tuesday at 12 Noon
(Natalie B.)

Reiki & Peace Meditation

4th Sunday at 2 PM
(Natalie B.)



Words on Wheels

Book Mobile

2nd & 4th Monday at 10 AM

BINGO!

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

Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM
SRC Dining Room

NEW - Mahjongg

Tuesdays at 1 PM
SRC Dining Room

Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room

American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room

Yoga – SRC Auditorium

Tuesdays – Chair Yoga – 3:30 PM
Wednesdays – Floor Yoga - 9:30 AM
1st & 3rd Fridays – Joy of Yoga – 10:30 AM

Bible Study

2nd Monday at 2 PM
SRC Dining Room

Book Club

1st Monday at 2 PM
SRC Dining Room

Needlecrafters

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 3 PM
SRC Dining Room

Pickleball

Cancelled for Fall/Winter
Will resume in Spring

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)**



Wednesday – December 11 – Hollywood Casino

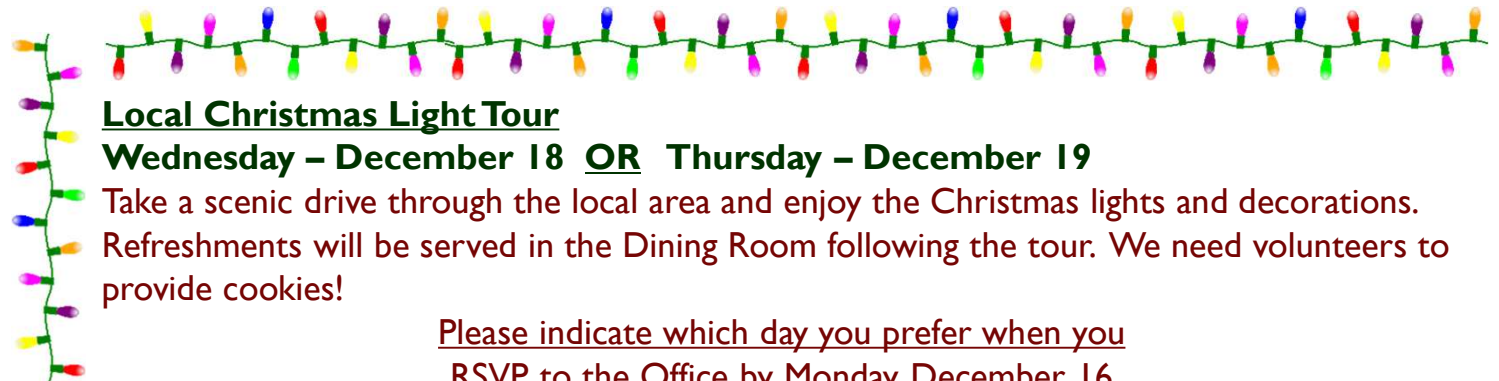
Want to try something new! Try your luck on the slots with your friends at Hollywood Casino in Morgantown. Following a couple hours of fun, you can enjoy lunch on your own at Tony Luke's Food Court before you leave.

Lunch at your own expense Tony Luke's Food Court.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 9

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5.00



Local Christmas Light Tour

Wednesday – December 18 OR Thursday – December 19

Take a scenic drive through the local area and enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room following the tour. We need volunteers to provide cookies!

Please indicate which day you prefer when you

RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 16

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00



Saturday – December 21 – “Annie” at Steel River Playhouse

Step into a world where dreams come true, and optimism shines bright! Annie's story is one of hope and resilience in the face of abandonment and hardship. This timeless musical will warm your heart and leave you with a smile that lasts “Tomorrow” and beyond! Experience the magic of this classic musical, filled with laughter, toe-tapping tunes, and a message that resonates across generations. Don't miss the chance to witness the sun come out on the stage and join Annie in spreading joy to all for the 2024 holiday season!

Dinner after the show at your own expense at the WQ Diner.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 2

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 1:15 PM

Cost: \$21.00

Save the Date:

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – The Mid Atlantic Air Museum