

APRIL 2022



Offices Closed for Easter

The Offices will be closed on Friday, April 15.



Staff Updates!

It is with much sadness that we must say goodbye to Fowler. Fowler was part of the maintenance and on-call teams. He is pursuing a career in HVAC. We wish him well!

We are excited to welcome **David** as our newest staff member. He will be part-time, working with both grounds and maintenance. In addition, he will also be part of the on-call team. ***Welcome, David!***



BRC Community Meeting

Tuesday, April 12 at 10 AM in the McMenamin Rec Center

There will be a community meeting in the McMenamin Rec Center after breakfast on Tuesday, April 12 at 10 AM. In order to know how many tables and chairs should be set up for both breakfast and the meeting, please **RSVP by Friday, April 8** to either Kerry or Rozanne.



Friendly Pet Reminder

Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not allow your dog(s) to “relieve” themselves on buildings, shrubbery/mulch or lawn ornaments. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 by noon on Friday of the week prior to be put on the schedule. If an emergency arises, we will try to accommodate a special request.

Handyman Services

Dave is willing to do small jobs (including hanging blinds, mirrors, etc.) that are not considered 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. Resident should deal directly with Dave, including payment for services rendered.

Contacting the Office

Our office phones have been ringing off the hooks. We appreciate your patience and cooperation. If you call the office and your call is not answered, we are either on another phone call or assisting someone at the window. There have been several times when 3 or 4 of us are answering phone calls at the same time! Rather than hanging up and dialing back immediately, we ask that you leave a detailed message instead. We will return your call as soon as possible.

Bulletin Boards with Information

Please remember to take a look at the bulletin boards that are in the McMenamain Rec Center. These bulletin boards contain gentle reminders, upcoming events and important information. They are located in the main area and the hallway near the office.

Salt Bags

Please place your salt bag out with your trash for collection.

Uninvited Visitors

As the temperatures rise and rain falls, you may receive some unwelcome visitors inside your doors. When it rains profusely, worms leave the dirt to avoid drowning, and often try to find a temporary home under a doormat or something similar. This, plus a gap in the weather seal or the frequent passing through the door, allows them in your home.



To make your doormat less welcoming to our slimy companions, place some salt under your doormat! Not only will it dry it out some, but the increased salinity of the mat will keep the worms at bay. Just remember – due to their aeration and fertilization of the ground, we have worms to thank for all of the beautiful spring flowers!

Triton Landscaping



Triton Landscaping is contracted this year to perform the below tasks starting mid-April:

- Clean-up of mulch beds
- Spraying the beds for weeds (*Preen will be applied before mulch is placed*)
- Placement of new mulch
- Grass cutting (Wednesdays)
- Application of grass fertilizers

We have asked Triton to provide at least a few days' notice before the start of any of the tasks above so that we can notify residents accordingly.

We understand some residents will not want mulch in certain areas, may not want weed killer sprayed and/or will be concerned with the lawn fertilizers with respect to their pets.

Please call the office if you:

- Do NOT want mulch or chemicals.
- Only want parts of your yard mulched. Please specify where you DO NOT want mulch. Our staff will mark the areas you do not want mulched with flags.
- Want to mulch yourself. A work order will be processed to have mulch delivered to you. Mulch will be delivered on a Monday or Thursday.

However, if you are on the lists for no mulch or chemicals, you will be responsible for the items that Triton was contracted to perform (edging, cleanout, weeds, maintenance of beds).

SRC/BRC can provide buckets or piles of mulch for you to place in your beds.

As we receive the information from Triton, we will place announcements on the U.S. Mailbox information bins, as well as how to address individual resident concerns (e.g., use of flags to mark areas where mulch is not desired).

Power Washing and Window Cleaning

At the discretion of the BRC staff, we will be handwashing front porch siding and/or railings.

BRC is aware of areas where mold, mildew, and heavy dirt build-up occurs on the siding, etc. We will continue to monitor these areas and will take care of them accordingly.

- Power washing (porches, patios, and siding) and patio enclosure window cleaning are cleaning items and not maintenance items.
- 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, 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.
- It doesn't happen often, but as a precaution, place a towel at your front door when you see that the contractor has arrived. Because of low profile entrance doors, the high power spray sometimes will leak in.
- *Call the Office by Friday, April 29* to be placed on the list for power washing and/or window cleaning.
- *Beginning the week of May 16*, power washing and window cleaning services will be performed for a fee by our subcontractor
- Please be ready 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.
- 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 submit payment to the BRC office.
- The fees for power washing will be as follows. Carpeted porches will get wet.
 - \$75 front porch including concrete
 - \$85 back patio
 - \$80 gable end of houses
 - \$65 garage side of houses
- The fees for patio enclosure window cleaning (inside and outside) will be as follows:
 - \$85 vinyl windows within the enclosure
 - \$90 glass windows within the enclosure

R REDNER'S *Meals Update*

Redner's has added several delicious items to their prepared meals menu! Put in your order for some Ham and Sweet Potatoes or Ravioli in Marinara Sauce! Or maybe you'd like to try the brand-new Smoked Pork Chops and Baked Beans! You can order something new each week!

Place your order by noon on Tuesdays to be picked up on Thursday the following week. Menus are located in the McMenamien Rec Center. Be sure to take a reminder card to hang on your fridge!

County Refrigerator Card

The Refrigerator Card provides emergency identification for senior citizens. It can be a life saver in the home.

The Refrigerator Card is a bright orange 5x8 card containing vital information about each person residing in the home. It resulted from a New Jersey Sheriff's Department discovery that many senior residents requiring emergency services did not have vital information readily available to rescue personnel. The solution became the Refrigerator Card.

One Refrigerator Card should be completed by each resident in the home. Personal information is included on the front of the card, including doctor information. The back of the card is a list of all current medications including dosage and frequency. The completed card should be kept on the refrigerator.

Every Police Department and Emergency Response Service in Montgomery County has been given a brief description of what the card provides, and they will ask for the card when they go into a residence on a call.

Any resident who does not have a Refrigerator Card, or needs a new one, may pick one up from the bookshelf near the office at the end of the hallway.

Sanatoga Swim Club

Sanatoga Swim Club (managed by Coventry Christian School) will be open again this year. SRC and BRC residents are entitled to free membership at Sanatoga Swim Club. There is no need to complete an application for membership. Simply go to the pool and sign in with your name and unit number any time you want to swim! There are no restrictions this year.



Happy Birthday!

- 2 - Rozanne
- 5 - Carolyn
- 22 - Rich
- 26 - Kay
- 28 - Cleo



Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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

Carlos & Samuel

Let's Get Out and Walk!

There is more to walking than just taking steps.

Walking has numerous physical and mental health advantages. You would be surprised how easy and far you can walk when you have someone to chat with along the way!

*The
Flower of
the Month
is the
Daisy*



Daisies are associated with innocence. The gerbera daisy has large, colorful blooms, which has made it a favorite with flower lovers. Legend says that a nymph wanting to escape unwanted attention transformed herself into the daisy. The April birth flower has the flower meaning of implicit and modesty. An alternate birth flower for April is the sweet pea.



SAVE THE DATE

Start saving your items to sell at the Buchert Ridge Yard Sale. More details to follow.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 24.

Bus Trips

There has been some confusion regarding SRC bus trips. Due to parking constraints at the community center, ***all SRC bus trips will depart from the back part of the Berean Bible Church parking lot.*** This will allow ample room in the SRC parking lot to accommodate visitors, sales appointments, activities and hair salon attendees. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Breakfast Bar

Enjoy breakfast with your neighbors in the McMenamin Rec Center the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 9:15 AM. Light fare will include bagels, muffins, EGGO waffles, juice, coffee and fruit.

The cost for Breakfast Bar is \$3

Please RSVP to Rozanne by the Friday before each scheduled Tuesday.

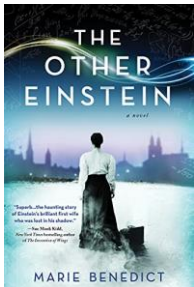


Book Club

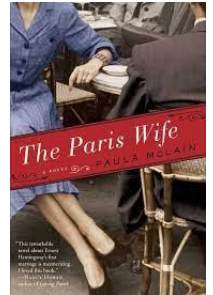
Monday, April 4 at 2 PM

The Book Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict will be discussed at the April meeting. May's book will be *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

Contact Jeanette for more information.



April 4



May 2

Lunch Bunch

This month's lunch bunch trip will be going to Longhorn Restaurant on Friday, April 8 at 11:30 AM.

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



The SRC Bus will be available for a fee of \$3 (check only) per person for the Bus Driver payable at sign-up.

The bus and carpool will leave the Berean Bible Church Parking lot at 11 AM. Please RSVP to the Office by Wednesday, April 6.



Bible Study

Bible Study will start on Monday, April 11 at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. The study will be headed up by Franklin, lead pastor at Providence Church of the Brethren in Royersford. Pastor Franklin is originally from Nigeria, and he welcomes this chance to meet you.



Karl Hausman – Wednesday, April 13 at 4 PM *Our first entertainer since the lifting of COVID restrictions.*

He will delight us with his piano playing in the SRC Auditorium on Wednesday, April 13 at 4 PM. Come enjoy and sing along with many of your favorite songs.

Karl began piano at 3. Took lessons at 7. Sang in concerts with The Philadelphia Boys Choir & The Philadelphia Orchestra; Eugene Ormandy conducting. At 14, began playing bars in his Irish neighborhood of Fishtown. At 16, became a studio pianist for Rock & Roll singers and Doo-Wop groups. At 17, won 1st Prize in a talent contest on Steel Pier in Atlantic City.

Karl has shared the stage with these great entertainers (just to name a few): Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, Roy Clark, Conway Twitty, Marvin Gaye, Don Rickels, Bo Diddley, The Rascals, The 4 Seasons, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Turtles, Lou Rawls, Doc Severenson, Frank Sinatra Jr., Philadelphia DJ Legends: Dick Clark, Jerry Blavit, Harvey Holliday, Hy Litt, Rockin' Ron Cade, Ed Hurst, Brooks St. Ives, & Tom Lemayne

SAM (Senior Adult Ministry) Luncheon

The Berean Bible Church SAM Luncheon will be held at Berean Bible Church on Monday, April 25 at 11 AM. Please contact Berean Bible Church directly for more information.

The entertainment will be Spring Street Songsters. Robin Ward directs this dynamic vocal group, who will perform some of your favorite music. Sing along, clap your hands or just enjoy. Followed by a meal and a brief message. Free will offering will be taken for the meal.

Men's Breakfast Club

This is a "men only" breakfast. Each month (4th Wednesday) the men of BRC have breakfast at a local restaurant. Contact Jim for more information.



Water Aerobics at Sanatoga Swim Club

Watch the May Ridge Reporter for more information.



Exercising

Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9 AM
(JoAnne)

Hoagie/Sandwich Night

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

Mexican Train Dominoes

Tuesdays at 2 PM
(Donna)



Breakfast Bar

2nd & 4th Tuesday
(Rozanne)



Men's Breakfast Club

4th Wednesday
(Jim)



Words on Wheels

April 11 at 10 AM
SRC Community Center Parking Lot



Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room

American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM
SRC Dining Room



Yoga – SRC Auditorium

TUESDAY – CHAIR YOGA - 3:30 PM
WEDNESDAY – FLOOR YOGA - 9:30 AM



Hooks and Needles

1st Tuesday at 2 PM – SRC Game Room



Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – SRC Dining Room



Sewing Club

1st & 3rd Fridays at 9:30 AM – SRC Sewing Room



LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

1 Little Walking

4 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)**

Thursday – April 21 – 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 to the Office by Thursday, April 14.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$6.00

Thursday – May 26 – Winterthur Museum and Gardens

Tour of the Dupont Mansion and the exhibit entitled "Walking in the Footsteps of Jackie Kennedy". Tram ride to tour gardens. Box lunch at your own expense at the Cafeteria includes soup, salad, sandwich, a sweet and drink. If time allows, a tour of the Campbell Collection of Soup Tureens.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, May 16.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 9:30 AM

Cost: \$25.00

AARP Trips

New Hanover AARP Trips

Contact Carol Directly.

Tuesday – May 17 – Hunterdon Hills Playhouse -

"I Left My Dignity in My Other Purse"

(This is a trip with AARP)

Join us for this hilarious comedic play starring Joyce DeWitt ...

RSVP to Carol by Friday, April 15

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 9:15 AM

Cost: \$100.00 - Checks Payable to New Hanover AARP

Tuesday – June 14 – Chesapeake City, MD

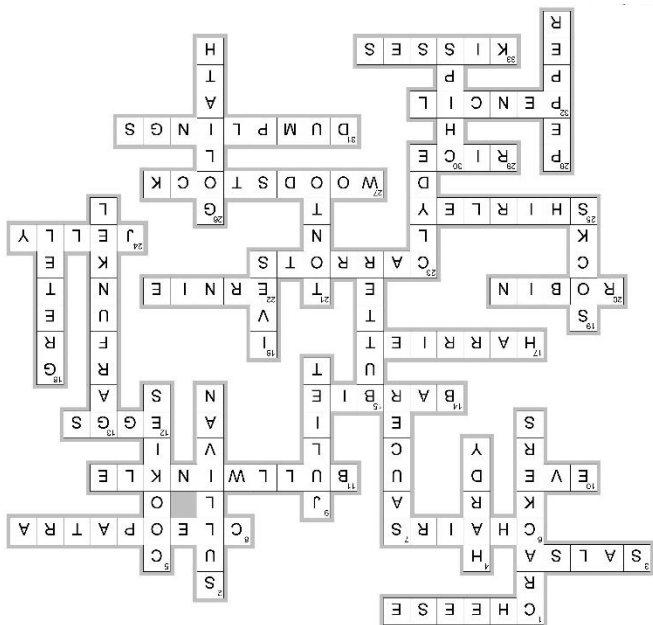
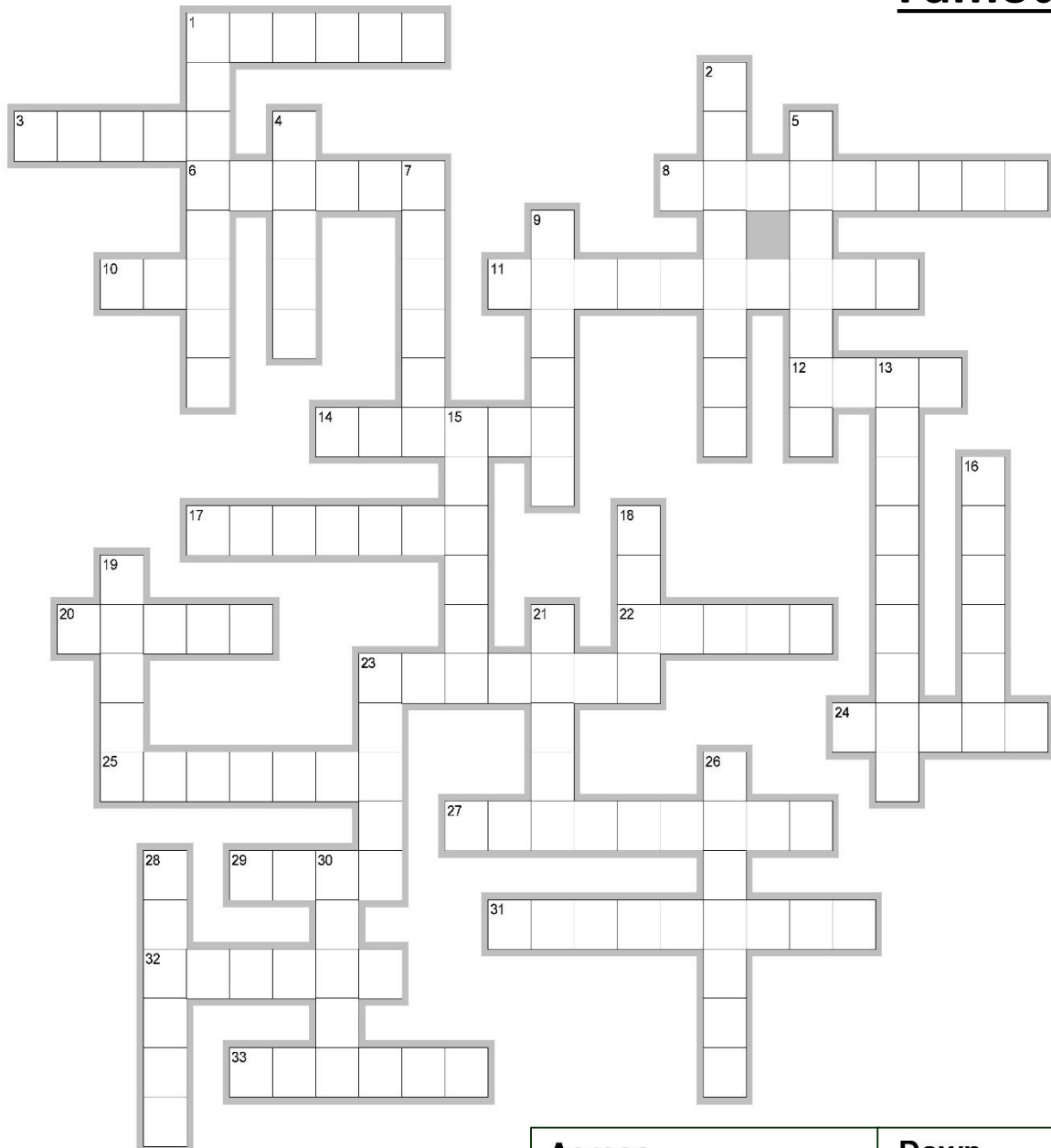
(This is a trip with AARP)

The day begins at Schaefer's Canal House ...

RSVP to Carol by Friday, May 13

LEAVE BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH: 9:30 AM

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



Across

1. Macaroni & _____
3. Chips & _____
6. Table & _____
8. Anthony & _____
10. Adam & _____
11. Rocky & _____
12. Bacon & _____
14. Ken & _____
17. Ozzie & _____
20. Batman & _____
22. Bert & _____
23. Peas & _____
24. Peanut butter & _____
25. Laverne & _____
27. Snoopy & _____
29. Beans & _____
31. Chicken & _____
32. Paper & _____
33. Hugs & _____

Down

1. Cheese & _____
2. Gilbert & _____
4. Laurel & _____
5. Milk & _____
7. Cup & _____
9. Romeo & _____
13. Simon & _____
15. Bread & _____
16. Hansel & _____
18. Currier & _____
19. Shoes & _____
21. Lone Ranger & _____
23. Bonnie & _____
26. David & _____
28. Salt & _____
30. Fish & _____

