

NOVEMBER  
2021



# RIDGE REPORTER



***Don't forget to change your clocks and "Fall Back" one hour on Sunday, November 7.***

## **From the Desk of Heather . . .**

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for welcoming me into the community over the past six months. It has been a privilege getting to know you and serving you here at Buchert Ridge Community. Recently, I have accepted another career opportunity and my last day working at Buchert Ridge Community will be November 17th, 2021. I have been working with the SRC Board President and our Financial Advisors on a transition plan.

The transition plan for the Executive Director role, includes Patty Bleakley, Director of Administration, moving into the Executive Director position. Patty has been with SRC/BRC for over 12 years. She leads our team here at SRC/BRC with the upmost professionalism and knowledge while upholding the mission of our Communities. The transition date for Patty to be promoted to the Executive Director role will be on November 17th 2021. Patty will be attending the November resident meetings where both her and I will be available for questions about this transition plan.

If you have any questions please reach out to me by calling the office.

*Sincerely,  
Heather*



*We are excited to announce Jason as  
Team Member of the Quarter.*

*Jason was nominated by his fellow co-workers and continues to do an amazing job coordinating the refurb process on the homes for our new residents. Please join with me in congratulating Jason.*

*Heather*



*Rick Meister*

## ***New Staff Member!***

We are pleased to announce

*Rick*

Rick will be on the refurb team helping prepare the home for the new resident.

We are excited to have him on our team.

*Welcome Rick!*

## ***Office Closure & Trash Reschedule***



A reminder that the Offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Trash AND Recyclables will ONLY be collected once that week on Wednesday, November 24.** Please do not put your trash out on Monday or Thursday.

## ***Trash Reminder***

Please tie all trash bags (to prevent loose trash becoming a problem for the collectors) and rinse recycling. Shredded paper is trash and yard clippings must be separated from both trash and recycling. Although our trash crew can be delayed, our policy states that trash starts at 8 AM. If your trash is not out by 8 AM and gets missed, we ask you to either dispose of it yourself or hold onto it until the next trash day. Unless your trash is in a covered bin, we ask you to not leave it out over night due to animals.

## ***Maintenance of Resident Perennials***

Residents may plant perennial plants in their space with the understanding that the maintenance responsibilities of any perennial planted belongs to that resident. The staff are able to trim or remove perennials through the proposal process. Please contact the office for more information.

## ***Trees and Bushes***

Please do not alter the trees or bushes. Some need to be trimmed/pruned during specific times of the year. Please call the office to have the item evaluated.

## ***Political Signs***

Please remove any political signs the day after the election.

## ***Contact Information***

Please remember to keep the office informed of any contact information changes. If you have a cell phone, it is also helpful for the office to have that number in case your house phone is not working and we need to get in touch with you.

## ***Going Away for a Few Days?***

We are excited that you get the opportunity to go away for a few days. However, please inform the Office of your absence. The Office occasionally gets calls from people concerned that they can't reach you or your mail, newspaper or packages are starting to pile up. If we know of your absence, it is an easy answer to let them know you are OK. For the safety of the Community, we ask that you let us know if someone will be getting your mail, going in your home or taking care of your pets. It is also helpful for the Office to have a contact number for you (or the person house-sitting for you) in case we need to reach you.

## ***Community Decorating***

Beginning in November, the Staff will be decorating the community center, common areas and gazebos. Please feel free to decorate your homes and porches.

## ***Pet Registration***

We are a pet-friendly Community. Please make sure your pet is registered with the Office. When a staff member is dispatched to your home, this assists us in knowing that there is a pet in your home.

## ***Adaptive Equipment***

Please contact Bill or Carrol if you have adaptive equipment you would like to donate. A particular need is for 3 prong canes and rollator walkers. Please also contact them should you require an item.



## ***Seasonal Maintenance Items***

**Hoses** - Hoses in the front and back of your homes must be disconnected by November 12. Turning off the water is not enough. Water can back up and burst the pipe. If you need assistance disconnecting your hose, please call the office to schedule a staff visit.

**Salt Bags** – ***Snow, sleet, freezing rain, ice is just around the corner.*** A salt bag will be placed on your porch for the occasional icy areas that freeze overnight during the winter months.

**Before it Snows** - Please remove all personal decorations such as flower pots, chairs, flag holders, bird houses, solar lights, etc. from the sides of your walkways and/or driveways. When covered by snow, these items cannot be seen and may become damaged by the snow removal crew. BRC will not be held responsible for damage to these items. Also, please make sure your mechanical room is latched to prevent frozen pipes.



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

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

- You must sign a waiver in the Office for us to have permission to move your car and to clean it off.
- A set of your car keys will be kept and locked in our office for our snow crew to be able to move your car at their convenience 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 for us, then you will be responsible for clearing the snow around your car.





## *Renaming Garden & Recreation Center*

We will be dedicating and renaming the Garden & Rec Center in memory of John.

John was very instrumental in the creation of Buchert Ridge Community. We found it only fitting to dedicate the building to him. Without his vision from the beginning, Buchert Ridge would not exist today.

The “garden” area was created by Sally (owner of the home). The garden area will now be known as the Prizer Gardens.



## *Carol's Café is Officially Open!*

The renovation is complete and Carol's Café is officially open. A private dedication ceremony was recently held with Carol's family. There were many tears of sadness and of joy along with many funny stories.

*A cozy place to sit and enjoy your favorite coffee or tea with a friend!*



## *Prepared Meals – In the Works!*

We are in the final planning stages with Redner's Market to establish a program that would provide access to prepared meals at a reasonable cost. Unfortunately, the menus (including prices) were not completed in time to be distributed with the Ridge Reporter. Please check your mailboxes throughout November. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work through the details.



## Daily Bread Community Food Pantry

For the past 4 years BRC neighbors have contributed food throughout the year. During the holidays we gather toys for children whose families utilize the food pantry. We will be collecting toys and donations until December 10th. If you would like to contribute gifts for children from toddlers to teens please call Carrol or Bill. You can contribute a toy or a cash donation to purchase toys.

We are happy to pick up from your home or you can leave toys in the Community Garden Center by the donation box. Toys should be new and left unwrapped.

Last year we collected two car loads of toys and made Christmas Morning special for many children. You are ANGELS.

During the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays, the Daily Bread Community Food Pantry collects special holiday meals for program participants. Inside each holiday "basket" is the fixings for a complete meal, including a main dish, side dishes, and dessert.

In addition to the holiday baskets, the food pantry offers donated toys and the opportunity for pantry participants to "shop" for their loved ones. Dark colored trash bags are provided so that children visiting the food pantry with their parents do not see the gifts being selected for them. Food pantry volunteers care for participants' children during this time.

Small gifts are available for adults, as well. Each year, the gifts are different based on what is donated. Most often, there has often been a display of warm hats, gloves, and scarves. Sometimes there are new shoes or winter coats donated by a local store.

## Happy Birthday!



- 2 Dot
- 8 Linda
- 18 Gail
- 23 Stosh
- 25 Bob

## Happy Anniversary!



- 25 Ben and Betty

### **Welcome To The Neighborhood!**

*We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our newest residents!*

*Please stop by and introduce yourself.*



**Gail & Carl**  
from Boyertown, PA

### **Veteran's Day - November 11**



Veterans Day occurs on November 11 every year in the United States in honor of the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918 that signaled the end of World War I, known as Armistice Day.

In 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name of the holiday from Armistice Day to Veterans Day.

In 1968, the Uniform Holidays Bill was passed by Congress, which moved the celebration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. The law went into effect in 1971, but in 1975 President Gerald Ford returned Veterans Day to November 11, due to the important historical significance of the date.

Veterans Day commemorates veterans of all wars. Thank you to all who have served.

## ***Resident Committee Meeting*** **Tuesday, November 9 at 10 AM**

This meeting will be held at Sanatoga Ridge Community Auditorium.

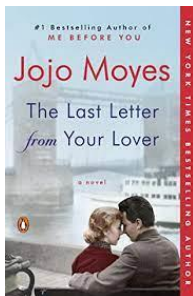
## ***Words on Wheels Bookmobile*** ***CANCELLED FOR NOVEMBER***

The Bookmobile was recently in an accident. Service will resume in December.

## ***Book Club***

***Monday, November 1 at 2 PM***

The Book Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. *The Last Letter From Your Lover* by Jojo Moyes will be discussed at the October meeting. December's book will be *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict.



November 1

*Contact Jeanette for more information.*



December 6

## ***Hooks and Needles***

Do you crochet, knit, do needlework? If so, join Hooks and Needles the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2 PM. We will be getting together Tuesday, November 2 in the SRC game room. For more information, contact Nancy.





## Lunch Bunch



This month's lunch bunch trip will be going to Collegetown Diner on Friday, November 12 at 11:30 AM. The SRC Bus will be available for a fee of \$3 (**check only**) per person for the Bus Driver payable at sign-up. If taking the bus, a release form must be signed prior to entering the bus. The bus and carpool will be leaving the Berean Parking lot at 11 AM. Please RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, November 9.



## Thursday, November 18 Medicare Seminar

Ed will give the updated information and will respond to any questions at the presentation on Thursday, November 18 at 1 PM in the SRC Auditorium. After the meeting, he will be available for possible individual concerns.

**Due to CDC Guidelines, RSVP A MUST – Seating is Limited!!!**  
**Please sign-up in the Office by Tuesday, November 16.**

Ed, an SRC resident, is a Certified Medicare Counselor. He is a member of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Montgomery County which, through the State and County, is tasked with providing Medicare help to individuals as part of the State's program called Apprise.

Though most of our residents have Medicare, it is important to review your benefits, coverage, and costs. These change yearly especially with Medicare Advantage plans.

## Photos with Santa



You are invited to *Photos with Santa* on Friday, November 26 at 11 AM to 12 Noon in the Garden & Rec Center. Come and get your photo taken with Santa. By the way, the Santa at BRC is PET FRIENDLY, so bring them too! There is no cost for the photos; however, a donation to the Food Pantry is requested.



## *Exercising*

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

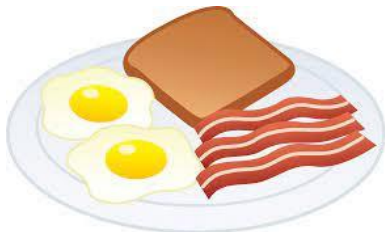
## *Mexican Train Dominoes*

The train whistle is blowing on Tuesdays at 2 PM in the Garden & Rec Center.  
(Donna)



## *Hoagie/Sandwich Night*

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



## *Men's Breakfast Club*

Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday.  
(Jim)



## *Pinochle*

Thursdays at 2 PM – SRC Dining Room

## *Yoga*

Both chair yoga and floor yoga classes offered weekly in the SRC Auditorium.

**TUESDAY - CHAIR YOGA - 3:30 PM  
(NEW TIME FOR FALL/WINTER)**

**WEDNESDAY - FLOOR YOGA - 9:30 AM**



## LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

1 Little Walking



Plenty of Walking

- Sign up with the Office
- RSVP by deadline a must
- Limited seating
- At least 10 participants needed for SRC Bus trip
- Release form must be signed prior to each trip
- **Payment is due at time of sign up and is by Check Only (Payable to SRC)**

### Thursday – November 19 – Holidays at Mount Hope Dinner Theater

Held in Victorian Mount Hope Mansion, this unique setting is the perfect backdrop for this one-of-a-kind theatrical dining experience. Meet and mingle with the holiday characters and carolers inside the Mansion and enjoy some traditional Christmas tales tableside as you dine.

**FULL**

RSVP to the Office by Friday, October 15.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$66.00

**Get in the holiday spirit! Come see the lights with us!  
Check your mailbox and watch for details  
later in November.**

Date of trip is tentatively scheduled for December 14  
(inclement weather December 15)

### More Lights Than Ever

More than 5 million twinkling lights deck the halls of Hersheypark® in celebration of the season!

Get in the holiday spirit with our guests' favorite show, NOEL, featuring more than 250,000 lights dancing to classic holiday tunes. Then, stop by the Kissmas Tree display, see our iconic Kisses Fountain decked out in its holiday best, take a festive photo with your favorite Hershey Characters, and more.



### Upcoming Trip for January:

Gen. Carl Spaatz  
World War II Museum  
Boyertown  
Lunch at Americana Restaurant

# Happy Thanksgiving

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