

June 2021

# RIDGE REPORTER

## From the Desk of Heather . . .

I hope you are all enjoying the beautiful spring we have been having. The campus is looking stunning with beautiful flowers and greenery! It's also great to hear and see residents active again in the community center and around campus. We have updated the COVID-19 postings with the current CDC guidelines. We continue to appreciate these small but mighty steps forward.

Each and every one of you make this campus the special place that it is. We would love to get to know you, our residents, better! In doing so, we are asking anyone who wants to share an interesting, inspirational, or funny story about their life to contact me so we can share it in the newsletter. I have met some incredible residents and have heard some amazing stories! Sharing is caring, so please send me an email if you are interested in sharing an interesting, inspirational, or funny story that occurred in your life.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the June resident meeting at the Berean Bible Church. We have created resident name tags that you will be able to pick up in the lobby of the church prior to the June meeting. The name tags are not mandatory to wear, but something that may help all of us remember names when attending a meeting or resident function. The name tag, which is a best practice in 55+ communities, has been created and laminated by our team members. The name tag includes your first and last name only. We didn't want the community or house number identified on the name tag in case it is misplaced.

Thank you again for the warm welcome you have given me. I am honored to serve you along with this fabulous team we have here at SRC/BRC. Have a great day!

*Heather*

Sunday, June 20 is Father's Day.  
We'd like to wish all of our fathers  
a Happy Father's Day!

*Dad, your guiding hand on my shoulder will  
remain with me forever. ~Author Unknown*

Happy  
*Father's*  
Day

***Any items to be included in the July Ridge Reporter need to be submitted to Patty by Friday, June 18.***

## **Resident Committee Meeting**

**Monday, June 7 at 9:30 AM.**

**(Berean Bible Church)**

## ***Contacting Office***

Our phones have been ringing off the hooks these last several weeks with people interested in our community. We are asking for your patience and cooperation. If no one answers your call, rather than hanging up and dialing back immediately, we ask that you leave a detailed message instead. We will then return your call.

The Office will be closed from 12 Noon to 1 PM. This will allow the staff time to return phone calls and schedule work orders.

We are asking that you do not email staff directly with vacation schedules, maintenance or landscaping items. Staff members could be on vacation or at off-site meetings and do not always have access to their email. Calling the Office and speaking to someone directly (or leaving a message) will ensure your item is addressed.

## ***Items for Maintenance and Landscaping***

Many times our staff is approached with maintenance or landscaping items that need to be addressed while they are completing other tasks. While we would like to handle the issue right away, our policy is for you to call the Office to report these items. Your item is logged into our database which allows for proper staff assignment and tracking the status.

## ***Items To/From Attic or Basement***

The moving of items to/from the basement or attic will occur every Tuesday. However, we understand certain situations will arise for residents that will require us to respond outside the normal schedule. Whether you desire to schedule a move or have a more urgent need, please contact the Office.



## ***Recently Added***

We recently added these signs to key areas on the roads at SRC. This will let people know we are a private property community with no trespassing.



## ***Maintenance Manager***

We are excited to announce the hiring of Joe to the position of Maintenance Manager. Joe joined our team on 1/2/2020. He has worked in both maintenance and refurb while employed for SRC. He had also worked in an interim maintenance manager role a few months ago when the position was open.

Joe has many years of experience in both maintenance and management. He has been a wonderful addition to our leadership team. While he has been offered and accepted the maintenance manager position, he is also still working in refurb until we fill his position. We have posted for the refurb/remodel technician position and are working to fill this opening. Joe has great ideas on how to improve this department. We will be waiting until we hire for the open refurb position before implementing the ideas/changes. Thank you for your patience as we transition.

## ***PECO – Power Outages***

We received many calls from residents without electric due to a power outage in the area, and some follow up concerns regarding breakers tripped. Our maintenance team assisted residents who had “breakers tripped”.

When we contacted PECO about the power outage, we were told to reiterate the following to our residents:

***Residents need to report an outage to PECO directly when one occurs.***

***Call: 1-800-841-4141***

It is important each resident who is experiencing an outage to call PECO themselves to report it. Perhaps “neighbors can check on neighbors” who might need help calling PECO to report the power being off.

## ***Microwave Ovens***

### ***We Care About Your Safety!***

As a reminder, when using your microwave oven please keep the following safety guidelines in mind:

- Re-heat or cook foods for the recommended times
- Only use dishes labeled as “microwave safe” in your microwave oven
- Using metal and aluminum foil can damage your microwave oven and also create sparks which may cause a fire
  - Do not put metal dishes or utensils in the microwave
  - Do not use aluminum foil in the microwave

## ***Locking House Windows***

We recommend locking all of your windows for safety purposes as well as energy efficiency. When the windows are locked, it creates a tighter seal on the house, improving efficiency when using your Heating/AC systems.

## ***Check it Out . . . Bulletin Board in Library***

There is a glass case bulletin board in the library. It is on the wall to the right as you enter the area for DVDs. This bulletin board will be used by the Office to post seminars and information relevant to the Community.



*Nate*

## ***Welcome – Summer Help***

Over the next few weeks, we would like to welcome new members to our summer staff. We also have a few summer staff team members returning to help us again this year.

*Here's an update. At the end of last summer, Ian joined the military to serve our country. Rumor has it he is stationed in Alaska and jumping out of airplanes!*

## ***June Pruning/Trimming***

Penn Outdoor's crew is scheduled to come week of June 14 (weather permitting) to trim and prune woody plants (such as burning bushes) and evergreens (boxwoods/hollies). Flowering shrubs will be pocket pruned as needed. All others will be trimmed in September.

## ***Chemical Application***

Granular chemical application will occur to the lawns on the front, back, and sides of the homes by Penn Outdoor. The chemicals will be applied the end of June or early July (weather permitting). Updates will be placed in the US Mailbox information bins.

Please remain off these areas for approximately 1 day. If your pet goes onto the area, wash their feet as soon as they come inside.

Occasionally Penn Outdoor is required to have signage posted in our Community regarding various services provided. Should you see these signs or markers, please do not remove or relocate them.

As always, call the office should you have any questions.



## *Front of Home Siding Cleaning Pilot Program*

While many residents desire to have the siding of their homes fully power washed annually, it is not something that can be provided as a free service to all residents, due to the finances involved, as well as the staffing time required. The residents' desire for their houses to look clean is understood by the staff. The staff also understands the potential physical limitations of some residents in cleaning the exterior of their homes. With this in mind, a pilot program will be instituted this summer to determine if cleaning of the fronts of homes including porch railings could be done economically with minimal impact on the staff. The pilot program will consist of a few high schoolers who will clean the siding of front porches by hand brushing and use of a garden hose. There will be no charge for this service. While it is understood that some residents already paid for their homes to be professionally powered washed, this process is not expected to result in the same degree of cleaning that comes from a power washer. This program is optional to residents. Should a resident desire not to have this free cleaning performed, it is requested that they call the office by Friday, June 11.

For those who allow the free cleaning, the following are important to understand:

- To be able to perform this task at all the homes at SRC and BRC, time must be limited to approximately 30-45 minutes per home. The intent is to remove as much surface dirt and pollen from the front porch, siding and porch railings within that time period.
- Porch items will be moved only as necessary to clean the house surfaces and railings. The items will not be removed from the porch during the cleaning process.
- The concrete porches and walkways will not be cleaned.
- While special care will be taken to limit the amount of soap and water that flows onto windows, the summer staff will not be able to clean windows resulting from any residue left on the glass due to the process.
- Dawn dish detergent will be used in the cleaning process. Per the manufacturer, the risk of adverse effects on the environment is considered small.
- Spraying of front doors will be kept to a minimum to limit the potential for water seepage into the home.

If a resident is concerned with any of the above, they should opt out of the program.

The program will start on vacant homes. Assuming no problems develop, the cleaning will occur on a section by section basis. Advanced notification of when various residential sections will be cleaned will be made via postings at mailboxes.



## ***Walking, Riding, Driving Safety Reminder***

We would like to remind you this is an active retirement community with walkers, joggers, & bike riders.

- Bicycles are allowed on the roadways – NOT on the sidewalks.
- Be aware that the resident exiting their garage may not see you until it is too late.
- Be aware of oncoming traffic should you be approaching a turn or intersection.
- There are to be no skateboards or roller blades on our grounds.
- Guests (or guest children with adult supervision) are permitted to ride bicycles.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult when visiting the community center.

Please remind your grandchildren & visitors of the above information.

We have found that there are children (and walkers) on our grounds from neighboring communities. It is nice to know they feel safe in our community. However, we need to keep our residents safe too. Should you observe these visitors causing damage, threatening the safety of our residents, or other activities, do not approach the person. Instead, please call the office (or on-call after hours) to report the incident.

These guidelines help make our community safer for our residents and visitors.

## ***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. Pets must be under full personal control of an adult and when outside must be kept on a leash at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ***Ticks***



Now that the warmer weather has arrived, your outside activities may have increased. Remember to check yourself for ticks if you were gardening, walking in a park or through wooded trails.

## *U. S. Mail*

Please make sure you are using the entire address on your U.S. Mail. Remember to include your unit number. If you do not include your unit number, the mail may not get delivered to you in a timely fashion or at all.

*(e.g., Patty, 2461 E. High Street, Unit A-1234, Pottstown, PA 19464).*

Occasionally, mail gets delivered to the wrong resident. If this occurs, please let them know you received their mail.



*Back row left to right:  
Ed, Nancy, Judy, Muriel, Shirley, and  
Nancy*

*Front row: Lee and Linda*

*Also attending: Marley*

## *Rocket Launch*

We all were interested in the rocket that was to be launched on Saturday, May 15 from Wallops Island, VA, so we gathered to keep an eye in the southeastern sky. The launch wound up begin called off that night, but we enjoyed ourselves nonetheless!



***Save the Date & Your Personal Papers!***

Shred event on Saturday, September 18 at SRC.

Watch the Ridge Reporter for more information.

# Announcements



## ***Happy Birthday!***

8 June  
Ed  
9 Bob  
Jeanne 11  
Barbara  
13 Jean  
15 Dottie  
17 Lou  
21 John  
22 Larry  
23 Doris  
24 Richard  
27 Paul  
30 Jeanette



## ***Happy Anniversary!***

11 Bob & Millie  
12 Lou & Sunny  
14 John & Florence  
15 Michael & Virginia  
15 Ken & Debbie  
19 Donald & Linda  
25 Charles & Betty  
26 Paul & Ruth  
David & Jean  
27 Ed & Dianne

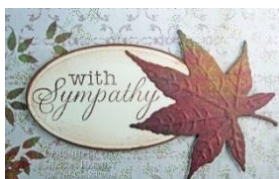


### ***Welcome To The Neighborhood!***

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

**Mary Ellen & Ken**  
from Pottstown, PA

*Nearly every day in April and May prospective residents toured our community! Many were referred to us by current residents! We are grateful when you let your friends know how much you enjoy living in our community. Thank you for sharing your experience living here with your friends! Because of your recommendations, we are excited to welcome many new families this summer!*



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

**Katherine**

passed on Sunday, May 2.

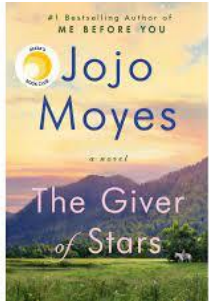
Katherine moved into SRC June 2013.

**Ron**

passed on Tuesday, May 25.

Ron & his wife moved into SRC  
March 2007.





## ***Book Club***

The Book Club meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes will be discussed at the June 7 meeting. July's book will be Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate.

*Contact Jeanette for more information.*



## ***Jeff, Elvis Tribute Artist Wednesday, June 16 – 3 PM***

Jeff will be performing an Elvis Tribute. Jeff is one of the most successful and endearing “Elvis Tribute Artists” in the country. In 2016, Jeff placed #6 in the entire world. Many will remember his romantic performances here at SRC in the past.

“Elvis” will be at the Gazebo in the F Section. For residents in the F Section and Apartments, you may be able to see / hear from your porch. Others may drive and park in the unnumbered spots and listen from your cars, or drive or walk over, and bring a lawn chair.

*(Rain date June 17 or 18 if needed.)*



## ***Attention SRC Singers***

Are you ready for some singing? The “N” Section Pavilion has been reserved for an SRC Singers Sing-A-Long on Thursday, July 15 at 4 PM.

If you don't like sitting at the tables, bring a folding chair. There should be enough space to spread out and since we are outside it should not be a problem. More on that when I see you. If you did not return your music, please bring it with you.

Hope you can all be there. I am really anxious to see all of you!!!

*- See you soon, love from Vivian*

## ***Words on Wheels Bookmobile***

The Bookmobile is here the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 10 AM in the Community Center parking lot.



## ***Yoga***

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

### **TUESDAY EVENING CHAIR YOGA**

**6:30 PM**

### **WEDNESDAY MORNING FLOOR YOGA**

**9:30 AM**

*Come join in the fun for some stretching, balancing, deep breathing and some laughs.*

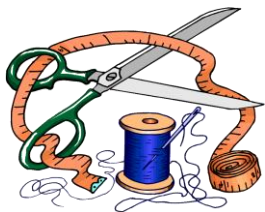


For questions or concerns, please call Susie.



## ***Pinochle***

Thursdays at 2 PM – Dining Room



## ***Sewing Club***

Sewing Club will meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month at **9:30 AM** in the sewing room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Community Center.

*Are you already a pro? New to the Community?*

*Or maybe just interested in trying out sewing?*

*No experience needed! Come out and join us!*

*We will even teach anyone interested in learning a new skill!*

We have a great time, talking, sewing, making lap robes for nursing homes & hospitals. Start gathering your materials and get ready to start stitching!

*Can't wait to see you!*



*Stop by the Office to pick up  
the recently revised maps.*

## ***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!

Check out the 1/4, 1/2 and 1 mile paths marked on the sidewalks in the Community.

## ***Horseshoes***

The horseshoe pits are ready to go! They are near the Community Garden located near the "G" Section. The "shoes" are in the shed (please return them after use). There will be wipes available to wipe down the "shoes" before use. Help yourself and pitch a few!



## ***Farm Stand***

Beginning in June, local produce will be sold Monday mornings from 9 to 11 AM in the "N" Section Pavilion. The produce will come from Donna & Richard's Farm off Metka Road in Limerick. Payments will be on an honor system. Strawberries will be available soon. Other produce will be ready mid-July. Please call Nancy if you have any questions.

## ***Lower Pottsgrove Township Summer Concert Series Sundays 6 PM (Weather Permitting)***

No reservations required. Bring the family, a beach blanket, or chair and enjoy a night of family-friendly concerts under the stars at the Sanatoga Band Shell.

*For more information call the Township Administration Office at*

*610-323-0436 ext. 207.*

*[www.LowerPottsgrove.org](http://www.LowerPottsgrove.org)*




- June 27 – Bill Koss Combo
- July 11 – Flamin' Dick & The Hot Rods
- July 18 – Jump Jive & Wail

# Bus Trips are Back!

## *Trips are through Perkiomen Tours or Kline Transportation*

- RSVP by deadline a must
- Limited seating
- To Sign up with the Office
- Payment is by Check Only (Payable to SRC)

### LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

 Little Walking

 Plenty of Walking



### **Friday – June 25 – Annapolis Tour (Perkiomen Tours)**

Enjoy a scenic cruise around Annapolis. Choice of box lunch included. There will be free time after the cruise to enjoy the area.

Lunch choice:

- Craisin chicken salad on wheat
- Roast beef and cheddar on knot roll
- Turkey and provolone with lettuce on croissant
- Fire roasted veggie vegan

*(grilled zucchini, yellow squash, portobella mushroom, red pepper and hummus on focaccia bread)*

**Payment, lunch choice and RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, June 1.**

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 9 AM

Cost: \$102.00



### **Thursday – September 2 – Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre – Grumpy Old Men (Perkiomen Tours)**

Don't miss this laugh-out-loud story of family, friendship, love and romance in a fresh new musical that's guaranteed to delight! Come along with family and friends and experience the fun and memorable experience at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, consistently providing top quality productions, award-winning food and exceptional service in the simple yet sophisticated charm of the theatre.

**Payment and RSVP to the Office by Friday, July 30.**

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:15 AM

Cost: \$95.00



### **October – New England Trains and Cruises (Kline Transportation)**

Bettie Pelfrey is planning this trip and needs names of anyone wanting to take part. A minimum of 20 names is needed to schedule the trip the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October.

Includes: • Transportation; • 4 Nights accommodations; • 4 Expanded continental breakfasts; • 1 Luncheon Cruise; • 3 Complete dinners with one being a Maine Lobster dinner with entertainment; • All attractions and guide service; • Traveling thru Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts by bus, train and cruises along waterways.

Prices: • Double \$885; • Triple \$821; • Quad \$790; • Single \$1,121

**If interested, call Bettie or Millie  
by Tuesday, June 15**