

October 2021



RIDGE REPORTER

From the Desk of Heather Kessler . . .

New 65-inch Flat Screen Smart Samsung TV

We are excited to announce we now have a 65-inch flat screen smart tv available for resident use in the SRC Dining Room. Residents have contacted us already with ideas for educational shows, programs, special tv events that residents may want to gather for, etc. Please contact the office if you wish to reserve the tv/dining room. *We also want to thank our Anonymous SRC resident for donating funds for this awesome purchase.*

Communication

We have received some feedback regarding office communications with our residents. We wanted to share with you that it is our goal to return calls within 24 hours. The return call may not take place on the same day, and could take place on the next business day, but still within 24 hours. If you have a concern, please contact us, we would be happy to listen and assist in addressing the concern.

SRC Bus Transportation update

We wanted to announce that the SRC bus will be used for trips coordinated by the bus committee. We discussed the six foot guideline and masking for our SRC bus; the following was decided:

- Masks are required.
- A release will need to be signed for each trip prior to entering the bus.
- If you do not wear a mask on the bus, you will not be able to participate in the trip.

Potassium Iodide (KI) tablets

We have been in contact with the local organization that distributes the tablets. Once we have secured our supply, information/tablets will be distributed in the internal mail slots located in the Salon reception area.

Residents bringing a guest to play games

Residents are welcome to bring a guest with them to play games, etc. Guests are required to pay any event fees if money for the event is from the resident treasury. Due to limited seating on the bus, guests would only be invited if the trip has seats or tickets available (residents take priority for trips).

Guests must abide by rules. Movie night is the exception to this, due to Copyright laws.

Carol's Memorial

Beginning in October, the "Chat 'n Chew" located in the cafeteria area near the kitchen will be renamed to "Carol's Café" in memory of Carol Dickinson. Carol had a close family tie to the Chat 'n Chew and shared many stories of her days growing up at the Pottstown Youth Center. A plaque and sign will be installed to commemorate the memorial.

Employee Photo Directory

We are currently working on the employee photo directory. The directory will be distributed in the internal mail slots located in the Salon reception area.

Maintenance On-call Phone Etiquette

We are reminding our team members to answer the phone by identifying who they are and the community we work for. Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Refrigerator in Shed by the Garden

We had a few requests to place a refrigerator in the garden shed so residents who play games near that area, or garden can have access to cold water. A refrigerator will be placed in the shed once we have verified the size required and confirmed proper electricity is provided.



George Diener

New Staff Member!

We are pleased to introduce
George Diener
as the newest member to our
refurbishment and on-call teams.

George lives in the area with his family and has been busy remodeling houses prior to starting at SRC.

We are excited to have him as the newest member of our team.

Welcome George!

Staff Update

Scott Huhn has resigned from his Grounds Manager position at SRC. Joe Slavinski, Maintenance Manager, has graciously offered to step in to oversee Grounds, until a permanent Grounds Manager is hired. We ask that all residents continue to call the office with any grounds work orders that may be needed. We thank you in advance for your patience as we start a search for a new Grounds Manager.

COVID-19

Our residents have exhibited great care and support for one another as well as for the staff as we have all had to face the challenge of adapting to the Coronavirus pandemic together. As we approach the cold weather months and witness a rise in positive cases in our area, the increased risk of exposure to our community also rises. The health and safety of our residents and staff remains our priority.

In the event a resident is experiencing symptoms of illness, tested positive for COVID-19, or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, we ask that residents please:

- Follow CDC guidelines for self-quarantine
- **Contact the office** – NOTE: *Any information shared with the Office will be maintained in strict confidence and used only for the purpose of ensuring the safety of our staff and residents*

Gutters & Downspouts

The recent rain events have produced an extremely high amount of precipitation in an extremely short amount of time. The runoff from the roofs into the gutters/downspouts are too much to handle during an intense rain event, thereby causing the overflow. In addition, there are gutter guards installed in various locations throughout the community. These also cause a problem for extreme amounts of rain. The gutter guards cannot handle the rush of the water during the intense rain. The gutters/downspouts and gutter guards are designed to handle normal rainfall.

When the gutters are overflowing during the intense rain, there is nothing we can do at that point in time. Please call the office to have a work order placed to have the gutters examined for a clog. The gutter will be checked after the rain event.

Heater Inspections

Beginning in October, our maintenance team will be performing heater safety inspections. The majority of the inspections will take place early morning and entirely in the mechanical room. With the exception of units with heating systems located in the basement and apartments whose mechanical rooms are accessed from inside the unit, no attention at all will be required from the resident.

Dryer Vents

The maintenance staff is scheduled to begin cleaning residents' dryer vents. We will be doing one Court each month. If you experience longer drying cycles or clothes still being damp after a typical drying cycle before your Court is scheduled, please call the office.

If you are not home and are a DO NOT ENTER, a note will be left for you to contact the office to schedule the cleaning. Otherwise, staff will be at each house to clean the vents. A note will be left behind if you were not home and your vent was cleaned.

Watch the US Mailbox information bins for your Court's vent cleaning month.

Fall Maintenance Items



With cooler weather coming, it will soon be time to change your heater return vents and filters. There is a simple way to remember which vents need to be open or closed. For winter, open the bottom vents (to keep your feet warm) and close the top vents. Should you need assistance changing the vents, please call the office to be placed on the list. The maintenance staff will be coming around to change the filters.

You can run your heater before the return vents are changed. The vents only assist in giving better circulation of the heat. We recommend **testing your heater prior to the onset of cold weather**. The staff would appreciate your testing Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM and contact the Office during normal business hours with any issues. This will prevent emergency calls to our maintenance staff.

Trash Pickup Reminder

When placing trash out for pick up on Tuesday and Friday:

- Have trash/recycle out by 8 AM
- Place at the end of your sidewalk
 - Avoid placing trash on the porch as other items could also be picked up by mistake
 - If it is not visible, it may not be picked up
- Call the office if you have trouble getting trash to the end of the sidewalk

Hate to Say It . . . SNOW?

Now is the time to make sure we have a copy of your car key for snow removal, especially if you are a new resident or have gotten a new car. Please call the office with any questions.

- It is NOT mandatory to participate with this snow policy.
Note: Residents who have not provided a copy of their key will be responsible for moving/clearing their own cars.
- A set of your car keys will be kept and locked in our office for our snow crew to move your car at their convenience for plowing.

This year's snow removal contract was awarded to Triton. They are experienced in snow removal at senior living communities. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Maintenance or Landscape Items

If you have a landscape or maintenance item, please call the issue into the office as soon as you notice it. If you wait, warranty or project timeframes could be missed. Also, by waiting, additional damage could be occurring. It's also easier for our staff to schedule and perform maintenance/landscape issues as they arise and are reported.

Comcast



Comcast visits the community on Tuesday mornings to provide service to our residents. A FEW REMINDERS:

- The service is free to residents with existing Comcast service.
- In order to request service, residents must call the office by 3 PM on Monday with a description of their issue.
- Residents must be home on Tuesday morning when the Comcast technician arrives.

Happy Halloween!



Sunday, October 31 is Halloween. If you desire to have little "munchkins" trick or treat at your door, please leave your porch light ON. If you do NOT wish to have them, please turn your front porch light OFF.

No Trespassing or Soliciting Communities

Both Sanatoga Ridge and Buchert Ridge are no trespassing and no soliciting communities. We do not want to be unfriendly neighbors to people who feel safe walking through the community, however, we do not want to be a place where adults or children loiter.

In addition, in Lower Pottsgrove Township, all people/groups are required to have a permit to solicit from the Township. Should a solicitor knock at door, kindly close the door and call the police.

Should you witness loitering or soliciting, for your safety, do not approach or engage in conversation. Please call the police directly. If you call the office or on-call staff, by the time we call the police, the offending person(s) may be gone.

SRC Resident Committee – Dues for 2021

The 2021 Resident Dues are due by Friday, October 15. Dues help cover expenses for the Christmas Party and also provide voting privileges at the meetings. If you have not already done so, you can put your dues in an envelope and drop the envelope with your name and unit number in the mail slot to the left of the Office window. (Contact Joyce Leary for more information 484-949-8267.)

We are still supporting the “Joy of Sox” program by donating one or more pair of ***NEW*** socks for the homeless. A collection basket is in the game room. The socks can be of any size or style for men, women, and children.

Thank you for your donation.

THE JOY OF SOX®



*giving joy to
the homeless
with new socks*



Reminder, the speed limit through the community is 20 MPH.
Please make sure to stop and look both ways as you are coming out of each Court.

“Mike the Mailman” is Retiring!

Did you know that “Mike the Mailman” will be retiring in December? If you would like to wish him well on his retirement, you may drop your cards/notes to the Office In-Box to the left of the office window by November 19. *Check out the article posted in the Salon reception area.*



SRC Resident Committee Meeting

The October Resident Committee meeting has been cancelled.



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Jim Louis H-104
Anne Miller F-3
Fred Smith D-20
- 3 Adrienne Monte C-20
- 4 Donna Gray C-2
Alma Nelson A-4
- 5 Bob Edleman N-11
- 7 Jennie Clouser F-14
- 8 Charles Shank F-28
- 9 Kenneth Bomberger L-2
- 12 Rugene Caldwell L-1
James Krause E-2
Michelle Nonamaker G-9
Betty Thomas F-19
- 13 Gerry Marvel C-16
Allen Miller F-17
Mary Ellen Plumley K-104
Jean Schaeffer F-16
- 14 Debbie Errin A-13
Bernadette Jackson I-201
Addie McCabe K-201
- 16 Bob Hindle D-17
- 19 Betty Becker F-24
- 22 Ray Langan M-11
- 23 Peg Brenn D-7
Kathryn D'Orazio F-9
- 25 Ken Christman M-3
Glenn Danenhower L-8
Stephen Diffley A-20
- 27 Dianne Savitsky M-14
- 30 Barb Mentzer B-2
- 31 Charles McFarland M-1



Happy Anniversary!

- 13 Charlie & Betty Thomas F-19
- 17 Tom & Sandy Overholtzer L-13
- 29 Bill & Mary Miller I-104



Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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

Please stop by and introduce yourself.

Veronica Wojton (A-03)
from Douglassville, PA.

Marilyn Cornell (B-07)
from Fountain Hills, AZ.

Adrienne Monte (C-20)
from Stroudsburg, PA.

Suzie Moyer (F-02)
from Pottstown, PA.

Marie Cisik (G-15)
from Milford, DE.

Gwen & Bill Hillegas (L-03)
from Schwenksville, PA.

Trailblazers!

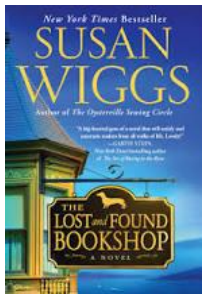
With cooler weather approaching, take a stroll through the Community using the 1/4, 1/2 or 1 mile arrows as indicated on the map. Pick up a map in the Office and find out why walking is more than just taking steps!



Book Club

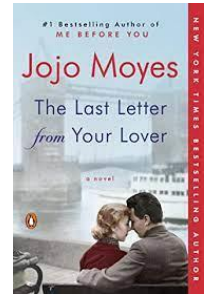
Monday, October 4 – 2 PM

The Book Club meets the 1st Monday of each month at 2 PM in the SRC Dining Room. *The Lost and Found Bookshop* by Susan Wiggs will be discussed at the October meeting. November's book will be *The Last Letter From Your Lover* by Jojo Moyes.



October 4

Contact Jeanette Granger for more information.



November 1

COFFEE KLATSCH!

An informal social gathering for coffee and conversation

Thursday, October 7 – 9:30 AM

Bring your coffee or tea to the Coffee Klatsch on Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 AM to Carol's Café (formerly Chat 'n Chew) in the cafeteria area in the kitchen.

Please bring your ideas for frequency of gathering, coffee flavors (regular, decaf, tea, pumpkin spice, etc.), creamers (powder, liquid, flavored), etc.

Contact Pat Fizz or Anne Miller for more information.



Lunch Bunch

This month's lunch bunch trip will be going to Copperfield Inn on Friday, October 8 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 11:15 AM. Please RSVP to the Office by Tuesday, October 5.



Liberty Bell Glass Club ***DO YOU LIKE ELEGANT GLASSWARE?***

If so, you are invited to attend the Liberty Bell Glass Club meeting in the SRC dining room on Sunday, October 17th at 2 PM. We have many fine examples of elegant glass discussed by our knowledgeable presenters. Afterwards we have lovely refreshments. All are invited to attend.

For information call Suzanne Yorgey F-32 (484-624-4828).

Resident Christmas Luncheon

At this time, we are still planning for the annual Christmas Luncheon (held at Berean Church). More specific information will be shared in the November Ridge Reporter related to date/time, cost, RSVP date, menu and entertainment.



The Great Pumpkin Contest ***October 18 to 29***

We will be holding our first Pumpkin Decorating Contest!
What are the details? Read on!

- 🎃 Residents are encouraged to decorate a pumpkin for the contest
 - 🎃 You are unique – make your pumpkin as unique as you are!
- 🎃 All pumpkins must be real pumpkins
- 🎃 NO cutting/carving! Use your imaginations!
- 🎃 Bring decorated pumpkins to Community Center for display starting the week of October 18th
- 🎃 Cast your votes for your favorite pumpkins!
 - 🎃 Each resident will be given 2 tickets to be used to cast their votes
 - 🎃 Pick up your tickets at the office
 - 🎃 Votes must be cast by 12 Noon on Friday, October 29
- 🎃 Winners will be awarded a prize and announced in the November Ridge Reporter!



Words on Wheels

2nd & 4th Mondays at 10 AM
SRC Community Center Parking Lot

Dominoes

Mondays at 6 PM in the Club Room.

Yoga

Both chair yoga and floor yoga classes offered weekly in the 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 Rhinehart
610-310-1537.

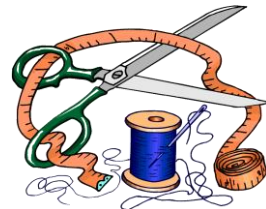


Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – Dining Room

Sewing Club

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



TRAILBLAZERS

Walking
is
More
Than Steps!

*Stop by the Office
to pick up the map.*

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 arrow paths marked on the sidewalks in the Community.

LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

1 Little Walking

1111 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)**

111 Tuesday – October 5 – Shopping Trip and Lunch in Ephrata

Our first stop will be at the Morgantown Thrift Shop then we will venture up Route 322 to Fox Meadows Creamery and Country Market. Your lunch there could consist of a half of a variety of sandwiches and 4 scoops of maple waffles with ice cream for \$10 (at your own expense). From there we will continue on Route 322 to Eschscholtz's Garden Centers. Last stop before coming home will be Weaver Nut Sweets & Snacks to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Payment and RSVP to the Office by Monday, September 20.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$6.00 (lunch at your own expense)

11 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 carols tableside as you dine.

RSVP to the Office by Friday, October 15.

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 11:00 AM

Cost: \$66.00



by Linda Rennard

John & Barbara Jo Turner – D-10

A friendly couple who recently moved here from Maryland, they are looking forward to seeing more of their grandchildren who live in the area.

John was born in San Diego, CA. His father was in the Merchant Marines, so they lived in various places, including New Jersey and Delaware. As a child, he wanted to be a pilot, and he did get to fly in the National Guard. His hobby is woodworking and he built his home in Maryland from scratch. Air conditioning and refrigerator maintenance was his occupation.

Barbara Jo was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Maryland. Her maiden name was Smith. She had one sister. As a child she longed to be a wife, mother, and grandmother, and her wishes came true. She and John will soon be married 60 years and like to do a lot of things together. Their son lives near Pottstown, which is why they moved to Sanatoga Ridge. Their son has 3 children.

Barbara is very crafty. She does knitting, crocheting, sewing, embroidery, and painting. Both are religious and were very active in a Brethren church in Maryland.



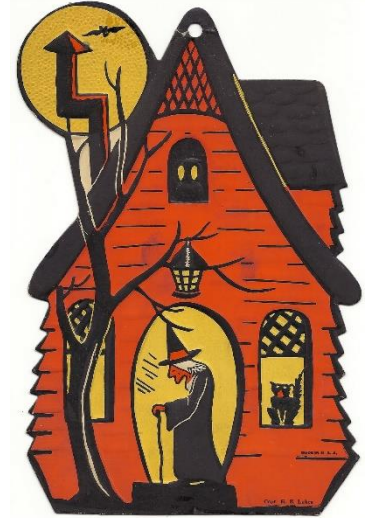
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Jane Phipps and Peg Brenn (Mother/Daughter) – D-07

Jane Phipps and her daughter moved here 1 ½ years ago. Born and raised in Conshohocken, the Waderski family consisted of 4 boys and 3 girls. Their father worked in the mill as a pipefitter. Having gone to Catholic schools as a child, she wanted to be a nun, but she ended up getting married and having 6 children. She now has 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. She likes to do crossword puzzles and play Bingo. After her husband died, she went to work at a daycare. She wants people to know she's very sociable but hasn't gotten to know many people so far.

Peg Brenn, a widow, lives here with her mother Jane. Born in Norristown, she grew up in Conshohocken along with her 3 brothers and 2 sisters. As a child, she aspired to be an interior designer. Her father was a mechanical engineer and plumber. She ended up working for the telephone company. Now widowed, she has 2 sons and 2 granddaughters. She belongs to the Masonic Lodge and the Bocce Club in Royersford. She works part-time at the Limerick Hardware Store. She enjoys gambling and crafting and looks forward to teaching a craft class here.

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