

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 Sanatoga Ridge Community. Recently, I have accepted another career opportunity and my last day working at Sanatoga 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, 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

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



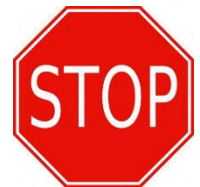
A reminder that the Offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 for the Thanksgiving holiday. **Trash AND Recyclables will ONLY be collected once that week on Wednesday, November 24.** Please do not put your trash out on Tuesday or Friday.

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.

Stop Signs

We will be adding 16 new stop signs to courts and intersections throughout the community to enhance the safety of our campus!



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.

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

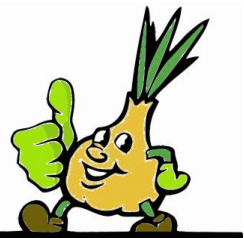
Beginning in November, the SRC Staff will be decorating the community center, common areas and gazebos. Please feel free to decorate your homes and porches.

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.

Green Thumbs

This year the green thumbs group was a success! Our community garden has never looked so good. We are excited to see our hard-working residents participate and cooperate in such a beautiful activity. Between the produce and the beauty, many families benefited due to the hard work and time put into making these gardens a success. We are thankful for everyone's help and are hoping that next year will be even better!



In order to give everyone a better start on the next season, we ask that the plots be completely emptied by November 19. You can leave all debris by the side of the shed in or around the wheelbarrow. If anyone is doing winter plants, bulbs, or produce for future years, please contact the office so we are aware.

Trees

The next phase of tree removal was completed the end of October. Trees were evaluated and removed due to safety concerns. Within the last year, we have spent approximately \$20,000 on tree removal.



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. Please be sure to call the office by November 12 if you would like a salt bag placed on your porch for the occasional icy areas that freeze overnight during the winter months. For planning and supply purposes, please call the office by the above deadline.

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. SRC 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 on your section map.
- If you do not move your car for us, then you will be responsible for clearing the snow around your car.
- Check your section map for appropriate parking locations during a snow event.



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!



Library News

Here is some information our SRC Librarian would like to pass along regarding the Library.

- We appear to be missing some books (specifically all of the Stephen King books). They were on our library list but are no longer in the library.
- Please return books in a timely fashion for others to enjoy.
- Please remember to use the card to sign out the books/DVDs and drop the card in the slot
- "Donations" should be dropped off at the SRC office.
- Please do not put "donations" on the shelves directly. There is a process that is completed to catalog the books before placing them on the shelves.



Christmas Child Project

November is the month of Thanksgiving when we should think about what we have to be thankful for, how blessed we are to live in such a beautiful community and have all the comforts that we have. There are many in our local area who are struggling to have necessary clothing or food. Barbara has volunteered to continue the Christmas Child Project which benefits the families through the Cluster of Churches, Genesis Pregnancy Care Center, and Salvation Army. If you would like to contribute to this very worthwhile project, please bring your gift UNWRAPPED to the Community Center lobby. The gifts should be brought in November 1 through December 10.



Much needed items include:

- Infant blankets
- Disposable diapers, sizes 4-6 (these larger sizes are greatly needed)
- Clothes for newborn through 3 years old (underwear, sweaters, sweatshirts, outfits, onesies, booties, shoes, socks, mittens caps, jackets)
- If you prefer to contribute a monetary donation, please drop your donation in the office in-box on the wall. Your donation should be in an envelope with “CHRISTMAS CHILD” clearly marked.

Mark your calendar for this wonderful opportunity to make a needy child’s Christmas brighter! (NO toys, please.)

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.

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.



FUN!

Miss your friends or looking to make some new ones?

Looking for something to do?

Bored at home?

Come out to the COMMUNITY CENTER!

The Community Center is an extension of *your home!* So many good things await your visit....

Feel like having a game of Wii Bowling? Come on out with your friends to the Club Room and build your own team! Or, go solo!

Want the challenge of a multiplayer game? We have those too!

Take on a project - build a puzzle and get caught up with your neighbors. Bring a snack!



The Game Room invites you to a game of pool, backgammon, cards, Yahtzee, or chess. Come with a good book and relax on comfy chairs and sofas. Watch a movie with your friends!

Why not start a new tradition - weekly get togethers! Share a meal in Carol's Café or the dining room!

Yay!

Family members may also join you in your extended home! Make some new memories together.



Happy Birthday!

- 4 Donald
Kathryn
- 5 Lynn
- 6 Nora
- 6 Carol
- 9 Janet
- 11 Cathy
- 12 Marian
Ed
- 13 Leslie
- 15 Skip
Pat
- 16 Nancy
- 17 Suzie
Doug
- 18 Cinthia
- 20 Leon
- 21 Marie
Bill
- 22 Muriel
- 23 Deborah
- 25 Vivian
- 26 Nancy
Ann
Ruth
- 27 Marian
- 28 Nancy
Carol
Sandy
- 29 Edie
Dennis
Elsie

Happy Anniversary!



- 2 Skip & Norma
- 3 Stephen & Cheryl
- 6 Bill & Gerry
- 21 Doug & Nancy
- 27 George & Bobbi

Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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

Please stop by and introduce yourself.



Juddy
from Morehead, Kentucky

Loretta & Dean
from Blue Bell, PA

Bob
from Barto, PA



Resident Committee Meeting

Monday, November 8 at 9:30 AM.

This meeting will be held at Berean Bible Church.

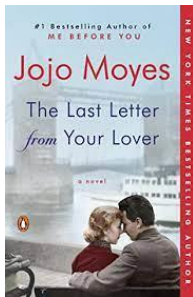
Words on Wheels Bookmobile ***CANCELLED FOR NOVEMBER***

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 1st 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 1st Tuesday of each month at 2 PM. We will be getting together Tuesday, November 2 in the game room. For more information, contact Nancy

COFFEE HOUR (and Tea too!)

An informal social gathering for coffee, tea and conversation

Weekly in November on Thursdays

(except for Thanksgiving)

Bring your coffee or tea to the Coffee Hour every Thursday at 9:30 AM in the Dining Room. There is also a variety of tea, coffee, creamers in Carol's Café for you to enjoy.

Contact Pat or Anne for more information.

Donations will gladly be received to help cover the cost of supplies.

Please place your donation in the wooden box.



Lunch Bunch



This month's lunch bunch trip will be going to Collegeville 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 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



The Residents at BRC are inviting you to their *Photos with Santa* on Saturday, November 27 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.

Dominoes

Mondays at 6 PM in the Club Room.

Yoga

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

NEW TIME FOR FALL/WINTER!!!

TUESDAY – CHAIR YOGA

3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY – 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.

Hooks and Needles

1st Tuesday at 2 PM



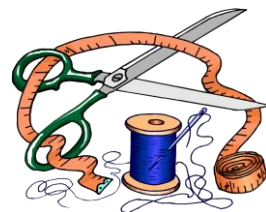
Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – Dining Room



Sewing Club

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



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.



Stop by the Office to pick up the map.

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