

RIDGE REPORTER



Offices Closed for Easter

The Offices will be closed on Friday, April 15.
Trash and recycling will be picked up on
THURSDAY, APRIL 14 instead of Friday.



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 **Dave** 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 Dave!**



*The
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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.



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 Tuesday. Please make sure you contact the office by noon on Monday 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 or stop by to pick up his business card. 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 board that is in the Library or in the garden apartments (next to the elevators). These bulletin boards contain gentle reminders, upcoming events and important information.

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 (Thursdays)
- 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 Tuesday or Friday.

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 SRC staff, we will be handwashing front porch siding and/or railings.

- SRC 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.
- If you are a 2nd floor Garden Apartment resident, or in specific homes in the L, M, N sections where the windows are difficult to reach, SRC will contact those residents to schedule a time for the window cleaning.
 - Window cleaning in these areas will begin June 1.
- 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 bring payment to the SRC 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

Wanted! Court “C” Representative

One Court Representative is needed in Court C. Please contact Howard if you are interested in taking the position.

Volunteer Forms Reminder

Did you know? SRC is a non-profit organization. As such, it is important for us to keep a record of volunteer hours.

Do you volunteer? Are you on a committee? Do you organize any activities? Perhaps you help in the library or drive your neighbor to doctor appointments? We have many volunteers in our community!

Please remember: If you volunteer your time within the community, please keep a record of that time. Residents may pick up a Volunteer Form in the Salon area or at the office in the Community Center. Be sure to submit the forms periodically to the office for our records.

THANK YOU to all of our volunteers! You are a huge part of what makes our community so special!

Grocery Trip Survey



Joe has kindly volunteered to drive the SRC bus to the grocery store one day each week. Please call the office by Friday, April 15 to let us know if you would be interested in participating in this program.

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 Wednesdays to be picked up on Thursday the following week. Menus are located at the office window. 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 at the office or in the Salon area of the Community Center.



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!

- 6 - Carol
Carol
- 8 - Ronald
Cheryl
- 9 - Sharon
- 10 - Gwen
Katie
- 11 - John
Rich
- 15 - Vicki
Elsie
- 16 - Ronald
Anna
- 20 - Thomas
- 22 - Linda
- 24 - Judy
- 25 - Mary
- 30 - Jean



Happy Anniversary!

- 5 - John & Lucy
- 7 - Ray & Doris
- 9 - Richard & Jean
- 22 - Allen & Sarah

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Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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

June
from Perkiomenville, PA.

Charlotte
from Pottstown, PA.

Eileen
from Pottstown, PA.



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

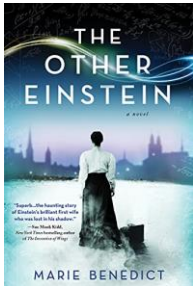
George
Resident since July 2018

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.

Resident Committee Meeting

Monday, April 4 at 9:30 AM in the SRC Auditorium.



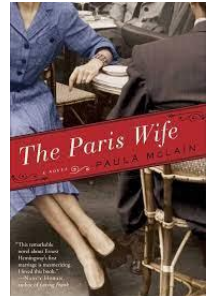
April 4

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.



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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 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

Social Committee is Meeting Again!

The Social Committee will meet on Monday, April 18 at 3 PM in the Dining Room. The Social Committee coordinates dates for activities and trips. All are welcome to attend. We are beginning to schedule some activities we've had in the past. If you are interested in helping or leading any activity, new or old, come out and let us hear from you!

Wildflower “Field” Trip

*Do you love seeing wildflowers in their native habitats?
Here's your chance!*

Link will take you to see what's blooming at Fern Avenue (Part of Evansburg State Park) on Wednesday, April 20 at 9:30 AM. Half the walk is on macadam and half on dirt/gravel (all is level - no hills or valleys). Sign up at the office by Monday, April 18. The bus and carpool will be leaving Berean Bible Church at 9:30 AM.



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 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.

Fire Extinguisher Demonstration

On Monday, April 25 at 7 PM, volunteers from the local fire department will give a demonstration on how to properly use a fire extinguisher. The demonstration will be held at the Community Center parking lot. Please call the office by Monday, April 18 if you are interested in attending.



Water Aerobics at Sanatoga Swim Club

Watch the May Ridge Reporter for more information.



Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM - Dining Room

American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM - Dining Room



TRAILBLAZERS

Walking

is



More

Than Steps!

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!



Words on Wheels

April 11 at 10 AM

SRC Community Center Parking Lot

Dominoes

Mondays at 6 PM - Club Room

Yoga

Both chair yoga and floor yoga classes weekly – Auditorium

TUESDAY – CHAIR
3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY – FLOOR
9:30 AM

Hooks and Needles

1st Tuesday at 2 PM – Game Room



Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM - Dining Room



American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM - Dining Room

Coffee Hour (and Tea too!)

Thursdays at 9:30 AM – Dining Room



Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – Dining Room

Sewing Club

1st & 3rd Fridays at 9:30 AM – 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

See the Library Bulletin Board for Complete Details or 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