

May 2020



# RIDGE REPORTER

All events, activities, meetings and bus trips have been cancelled for the month of May.



## Manager Memo . . .

We are not aware of any cases of COVID-19 impacting any of our residents or staff and we appreciate the things being done by all to prevent the disease from impacting anyone involved with our communities. I know for myself, I have probably washed my hands more times in the last month and a half than possibly in my lifetime. And after this is all over, I only hope that Congress approves a bill for a new birthday song.

As it appears some restrictions are being lifted by the Governor's Office such as on-line car dealerships, parks, golf courses, etc. Please do not ease up on the safety measures suggested for your safety and the safety of others. While things may appear to be improving with respect to our region and COVID-19, I believe we are still a considerable time from returning to "normal". With this in mind, our maintenance staff will continue to limit work activities inside houses to those matters that are essential for the functionality of the home. When in resident's homes, our workers will continue to wear masks and gloves. We ask that if work is necessary to be performed inside a home, that you also wear a mask and stay a good distance away from the worker.

With the Governor also lifting the restriction on construction activities, our staff will soon return to work to prepare homes for new move-ins. Special measures are being put in place with respect to working during this pandemic including staggered start/leave times for workers, limiting time in the maintenance shop, having staff work independently of others to the greatest extent possible, promoting frequent hand washing and of course, staying home if feeling ill.

I also ask that anyone who needs to come to the Community Center to drop something off or to pick up a library book, video or puzzle to wear a face mask. I also suggest bringing along a mask if taking a walk outside which you could put on if you come in contact with another resident. I believe the wearing of masks is going to be required of all of us at public places for a good amount of time. We might as well get used to it.

I am confident that we will get through this together if each of us simply does our part.

My continued thanks,

John



## ***BRC & SRC Offices Closed Monday, May 25***

Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor the military personnel who died in service for our country. As we spend time with friends and family on the holiday, let us remember those who have fallen so that we can live as free Americans.

## ***Window Cleaning***

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the spring window washing typically performed at the Sanatoga Ridge apartments and homes with 2nd story windows will not be performed this year. This decision was made because window washing is required to be performed from inside the home and due to the aggressive nature of the virus and the vulnerability of many of our residents. We appreciate the understanding of those impacted by this but the protection of our residents remains our top priority.

For those who signed up for the optional window washing at your home, you will be contacted directly by the contractor.

## ***Interim Grocery Assistance Program***

This is a temporary program and is intended for residents who have no other means of getting groceries or other items from the grocery store. It is intended for those residents who should not be venturing out in public per doctor's recommendation due to health issues and require additional assistance. We are proud to report that to date we have filled 198 orders to date.

Our grocery team has been shopping at grocery stores that are more fully stocked, based on availability of items and is only shopping at one grocery store per trip. If you need an item on your order and it is only carried at one specific store, you may want to consider other options to acquire that item(s) or be open to a substitute (e.g., Landis does not carry Boars Head deli items – they carry Alderfer and Dietz & Watson).

Remember to be specific if you need an item based on dietary needs/restrictions (e.g., sugar free vs. regular). The more information you can provide on your order, the easier it is for our team to fulfill your requests.

If you are participating in this program, we are asking that you do not pay until you receive an invoice for the grocery purchase(s). Invoices will be delivered to you typically on the 1st and 15th of the month.

Please also have your grocery orders submitted by 4 PM the day prior to shopping which remains Monday, Wednesday and Friday. This helps plan the number of shoppers needed on a given day.

## ***Safety Issue – Approaching Staff***

As we continue to deal with COVID-19, we ask especially at this time to residents remain at least 6 feet away from any staff member or contractor. Also, as a reminder, please avoid approaching a staff member or contractor while they are working. There have been numerous cases when a worker was not aware of a resident approaching them and “near misses” occurred. While we pride ourselves on having a friendly and approachable staff, safety is our priority.

## ***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.

## ***Trash & Recycle Policy***

SRC has twice a week garbage collection. All garbage must be placed in bags to avoid leaks and spills. Place garbage bags at the end of your front sidewalks (or outside your hallway door in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Garden Apartments) on Tuesday and Friday mornings by **8:00 AM**. Please keep in mind that placing trash out too early could result in broken bags and scattered trash from our wildlife friends.

We recycle on Friday mornings ONLY. See the previously distributed flyer for the acceptable recycling items. Please DO NOT recycle any plant clippings or leaves, styrofoam, plastic bags, pizza boxes or any other product contaminated with grease. Remember to remove lids and rinse out containers before putting them in your recycle bin.

Should you need to dispose of something between the scheduled pickup days, please use the dumpster and recycle bins located behind the SRC Community Center and by the Garden Apartments.

## ***Facebook***



Please make sure you like our Facebook Pages (and not be friends with the profile) [@SanatogaRidgeCommunity](#) and [@BuchertRidgeCommunity](#) as our profiles will be going away by mid-May. Don't forget to tell your friends and family!



## ***Salt Bags***

Please place your salt bag out with your trash for collection.

## ***Keep Office Files Updated***

It is important to keep your information on file in the office up-to-date. This information includes your power of attorney, emergency contact information, car's make/model and license plate number, doctor's name and telephone number, and pets. We understand that when this information changes, residents often overlook notifying the Office. Please call the office should you require a new form to complete.

## ***Away From Home***

Did you ever get that bottom of the pit sick feeling in your stomach? That's what happens when we get a phone call from someone who is trying to reach you and can't. The Staff is asking that if you (or your family) are aware you will not be home for several days, to please let us know. We have the "away" days on a calendar and it is easy for us to check to see if your name appears. This way, we know you are not home and are OK.

## ***Vents***

For warmer weather and to maximize your A/C efficiency, you should have the top vents open to draw the hot air out and bottom vents closed. Remember – these vents are for air circulation – they are NOT the actual heating or cooling vents. Should you require assistance in changing your vents, please contact the Office

## ***Air Conditioners***

As days get warmer, you may need to turn on your air conditioner. We suggest you turn it on for prior to the arrival of hot weather to insure the system will work properly when you really need it. If you believe your air conditioner is not operating properly, please call the office to have it serviced.



## ***Pesky Pests***

If you have noticed ants in your home, we suggest you keep a can of insect spray of your own to address any "normal" insect issues. As a courtesy, we do occasionally spray around and/or in the homes. However, we are not exterminators. By law, there is only a certain strength insecticide that can be used by anyone who is not a licensed exterminator. If you have tried your own spray and SRC has sprayed your home and you still have a pest problem, we recommend you call Moyer Indoor/Outdoor Services (215-799-2010) at that point in time. SRC is responsible to ensure your home is not infested with **termites, carpenter ants and carpenter bees**. If this is the case, SRC will finance the measures necessary to rid your home of these specific insects.



# Announcements

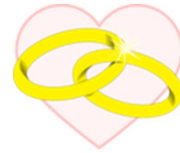
## *Happy Birthday!*



6 - Linda  
8 - William  
11 - Ruth  
    Carl  
17 - Shirley  
18 - Otto  
22 - Robert  
23 - Dave  
29 - Gay  
30 - Pat

## *Happy Anniversary!*

1 - Michael & Kathryn  
9 - Joe & Kathy  
11 - Carl & Mae  
14 - Larry & Eileen  
19 - Ken & Janice  
    Ken & Debbie  
20 - Dennis & Barbara



### ***Residents Picnic – DATE CHANGE!***

Due to the current restriction, the Residents Picnic date has been changed to Thursday, August 6.  
Watch future Ridge Reporter for more information.



### ***Pot Luck – CANCELLED FOR MAY – WATCH FOR NEW DATE!***

Due to the current restriction, the Pot Luck that was scheduled for May has been cancelled. A new date will be communicated in a future Ridge Reporter.



### ***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***

Sunday, May 10 is Mother's Day. We'd like to wish all of our mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Wishing you all the love and happiness you so richly deserve.







## ***Ridgie the Rabbit Bio***

Ridgie the Rabbit is the son of Roger and Rachael Rabbit. Born near Cutillo's along the Sanatoga Creek, in the Village of Sanatoga, Ridgie has 74 brothers and sisters. Ridgie works in the health care industry in the Marketing Department for a group trying to stop the spread of COVID-19. Ridgie's hobbies include skydiving, biking, skateboarding, fishing and writing (on sidewalks with chalk). Ridgie's great-great-great-great-great-great-great grandfather was once the main course at a dinner for the Queen of England.



## ***Bucheretta the Bunny Bio***

Bucheretta the Bunny is the daughter of Bob and Bunny Bunny. She was born in the wooded area near the intersection of Buchert and Kepler Roads in Lower Pottsgrove Township. She has 55 siblings. Bucheretta is an activist with a passion to stop the spread of all infectious diseases. Bucheretta goals include getting married, having 100 or so kids and sunbathing as often as possible. Bucheretta is also a vegetarian.





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