

#### Manager's Memo . . .

My 16-year old has been playing golf for just about 2 years now and has really turned very quickly into a very good player. The golf swing came pretty easy to him and if you were to watch him, you would think he had been playing for years. Yesterday was a tournament for school golf teams in our area in which those with the best 16 scores would move on to the next tournament. He practiced and played a lot the week prior to the tournament. While well prepared, he did not play well on the tournament day and will not advance to the next tournament. He was devasted to say the least.

As adults, we know things like this are not the most important things in life. However, they do serve as great learning opportunities. In my son's case, he will have a choice to give up the game, which would be the easiest thing to do or to continue to work and only get better. (I am sure the latter will be his choice.) The experience will only make him a better golfer when the next tournament comes around.

As in my son's situation, we have several young staff members who have a good educational background but who may struggle at times when working directly in a resident's home. Working in a resident's home is similar to my son's playing in his golf tournament. The young workers feel the pressure to "score" well with the repair job for the sake of the resident. They also feel the pressure to demonstrate their abilities to their supervision. We have thrown some of these young guys into some significant challenges. This was not our plan. As we brought them on, we had the intent of having them work alongside an experienced staffer. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on your perspective, we have become extremely busy with sales and our most experience staff have been needed to prepare homes for move ins.

I felt it important to explain the circumstances of our younger staff. While you deserve the best of service, I ask for your patience as our younger staff develops. We will continue to provide more training to our younger staff as time permits. We will be encouraging them to not fear calling the more experienced staff for assistance if struggles arise. We are also looking for your feedback. With this in mind, please consider contacting the office with any comments that will help in our developing them into the best that they can be.

My continued thanks, *John* 





## New Staff Member!

We are pleased to introduce Josh as the newest member to our team.

Josh has 17 years of construction experience and is joining us as a member of the refurbishment and on-call teams.

Josh

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

Welcome Josh!

## Face Masks, Social Distancing and Sign-In Sheet Reminders

(Detailed information can be found on the flyers posted for the Exercise Room and Salon.)

- FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN:
  - Community Center
  - Exercise Room
  - Salon (by both Stylist and Customer)
  - Common Areas and Hallways in the Garden Apartments
- Maintain 6 feet social distance
- All users must complete the information on the log in sheet before using the Exercise Room and Salon for tracking purposes

#### The bridge area in the garden apartments remains closed.

#### **Tree Services**

We have identified a number of trees in the community that need to be cut down. The majority of these are green ash trees that have been decimated by an invasive pest. With this in mind, Martin's Tree Service will begin removal of some of the trees on October 3 and 4. Please note this is a weekend when we do not normally do such work but was necessary due to the high demand of tree removal services in our area.

They will commence work in the E and F sections. Additional trees not removed on this weekend will be scheduled at a later date. They will be moving their equipment behind C section so residents in C 5-17 may have trucks and trailers coming in behind their homes for those days. As with all landscaping services, it is weather dependent.

### Fall Shrub Trimming

Penn Outdoor will begin fall shrub trimming the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of October at SRC. Once SRC has been completed, they will then move to BRC. *(The schedule is dependent upon weather.)* 

#### **Heater Inspections**

Beginning in October and continuing throughout the fall and winter months, 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.

#### Fall Maintenance Items

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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 in 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.

### **Dryer Vents**

The maintenance staff does not routinely clean dryer vents. Please contact the Office should you experience longer drying cycles or clothes still being damp after a typical drying cycle. This could indicate the dryer vent needs to be cleaned.

## 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.
- 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.

#### Outdoor Christmas Decorations, Lights, or Timers

Have you been going through your items these last few months trying to keep busy and came across outdoor Christmas decorations, lights or timers that you were going to donate? If so, please let us know. We would pick them up and use as much as we can to decorate our Community. Anything we cannot use, will be donated.

#### SRC Email Group

Please call the Office or email Patty (pmb@src-brc.com) to be added to the email list or if you have a new email.



#### Thank You Notes

Please check out the bulletin board in the Library for Thank You Notes written from residents to the Community expressing their gratitude for an act of kindness.

### Trailblazers!

Now that cooler weather is approaching, take a stroll through the Community using the  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  or 1 mile as indicated on the map. Pick up a map in the Office and find out why walking is more than just taking steps!



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### Happy Halloween!



Saturday, October 31 is Halloween. Due to COVID-19, modified festivities may be held. If the CDC guidelines permit door to door trick or treating and 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.

We are still supporting the "Joy of Sox" program by donating one or more pair of <u>NEW</u> socks for the homeless. A collection basket is in the lobby. 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 Page 5

## 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.



## Lower Pottsgrove Police – Thanksgiving Food Drive

Non-perishable food items and Giant Supermarket gift cards are being collected through October 31 by the Lower Pottsgrove Police Department to create memorable Thanksgiving meals for families facing financial hardship. The effort helps support a program of the Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, the department said.

<u>Needed as donations are</u>: cans of green beans, corn, sweet potatoes or yams, turkey gravy, and cranberry sauce; boxes of instant mashed potatoes, biscuit or corn bread mixes, stuffing mixes, and dessert mixes. Donated Giant cards, in amounts of \$10 to \$15, will be used by families to purchase a turkey.

You can drop your donations in the SRC Lobby. A donation drop box is also located at department headquarters, 2199 Buchert Rd., and is available 24 hours a day. The department said it offers advance thanks to township residents for their support of families in need.

### September's Crossword Puzzle Answers

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## Announcements



## Happy Birthday!

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- 23 Kathryn
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- 27 Dianne
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- 31 Charles



- 3 Ron & Susanne
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- 18 Otto & Barbara
- 29 Bill & Mary

## Daylight Savings Time!

Mark your calendars....Daylight Savings Time ends on <u>Sunday, November 1</u>. Don't forget to change your clocks and "Fall Back" one extra hour.







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

Bob passed on September 20. Bob and his wife, Alicemae, moved into SRC March 2012.



# **Keeping Busy**



## Maria Damore – <u>Outside Concert</u> Monday, October 5 at 3 PM

Maria is a professional vocalist noted for her strong, clear vocals, and versatility in covering musical styles such as pop, jazz, soft rock, 50s-60s-70s music, standards, Broadway show music, classical, and Greek folk music. Many of you may remember that Maria performed for us in February before the quarantine.

Her concert will take place 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. While others may want to drive or walk and bring a lawn chair.

Be sure not to block anyone who needs to drive their car in or out of Section F.

We will be practicing Social Distancing and recommend wearing your mask.



## 'Painting with G' – "Hope is Rising"

Georgeanne Zvodar will lead and instruct us to produce this beautiful painting on a canvas. This is open to friends and family. 10 Guests Minimum needed – SEATING LIMITED TO 12.

We will be 'socially distancing' and we recommend that you wear a mask.



#### Saturday, October 10 at 3:00 PM Pavilion in the N Section <u>SEATING IS LIMITED TO 12 PEOPLE</u>

(Please arrive 15 minutes early in the "at the Pavilion")

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, October 8 Cost \$10/pp 1 hr. lesson **CASH ONLY** 

12 x 12 Painting

Sign-up and <u>cash</u> payment is required at the SRC office in order to reserve your space. 10 Guests Minimum needed – SEATING LIMITED TO 12.

## **Keeping Busy**

## Medicare Annual Open Enrollment October 15 - December 7

Want to learn about Medicare? Not sure which Medicare plan is right for you? Presentations:

#### Medicare 101

September 24, 2020 7:00 pm September 29, 2020 7:00 pm October 8, 2020 7:00 pm

### What's New for Medicare in 2021 during Open Enrollment?

October 13, 2020 11:00 am October 27, 2020 11:00 am November 5, 2020 7:00 pm November 10, 2020 11:00 am November 19, 2020 7:00 pm November 24, 2020 11:00 am December 3, 2020 7:00 pm

Ed (SRC Resident) will be the presenter for this session.

Pick any presentation. No registration required.

#### How to access the Presentation

- In your browser on your computer, tablet or smartphone, go to <u>www.zoom.com</u>. Download Zoom app if needed.
- Click on 'Join a Meeting' at the top of the page.
- Enter Meeting ID: 439 627 8077
- Click 'Cancel'
- Click 'Join from your browser'.
- Enter Passcode: 6998237

#### No Computer?

#### Listen In by Phone

Call (646) 558 8656 (check with your carrier whether this is a toll call) Meeting ID: 439 627 8077 Passcode: 6998237

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#### 11. When you were a child, what was the worst thing you could catch from the opposite sex?

- a. A cold
- b. VD
- c. Cooties

#### 12. "I'll be down to get you in a \_\_\_\_\_, Honey?"

a. SUV

- b. Taxi
- c. Streetcar

#### 13. What was the name of Caroline Kennedy's pet pony?

- a. Old Blue
- b. Paint
- c. Macaroni

#### 14. What was a Duck-and-Cover Drill?

- a. Part of the game of hide and seek
- b. What you did when your mom called you in to do chores
- c. Hiding under your desk, covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill

#### 15. What was the name of the Indian Princess on the Howdy Doody show?

- a. Princess Summerfallwinterspring
- b. Princess Sacajawea
- c. Princess Moonshadow

#### 16. What did all really savvy students do when mimeographed tests were handed out in school?

- a. Immediately sniffed the purple ink, as this was believed to get you "high"
- b. Made paper airplanes to see who could sail theirs out the window
- c. Wrote another pupils name on the top, to avoid failure

#### 17. Why did your mom shop in stores that gave Green Stamps with purchases?

- a. To keep you out of mischief licking the backs, which tasted like bubble gum
- b. They could be put in special books and redeemed for various household items
- c. They were given to the kids to be used as stick-on tattoos

#### 18. "Praise the Lord, and pass the \_\_\_\_\_?"

- a. Meatballs
- b. Dames
- c. Ammunition

#### 19. What was the name of the group who made the song "The Gypsy" a hit in the US?

- a. The Ink Spots
- b. The Supremes
- c. The Esquires

#### 20. Who left his heart in San Francisco?

- a. Tony Bennett
- b. Zavier Cugat
- c. George Gershwin

20. a) Tony Bennett and he sounds just as good today.

QUIZ TIME

Part 2

- 18. c) Ammunition, and we'll all be free.19. a) The all male, all black group, The Inkspots.
- 17. b) Put in a special stamp book, they could be traded for household items at the Green Stamp store.
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  - 15. a) Princess Summerfallwinterspring. She was another puppet.
  - 14. c) Hiding under your desk, covering your head with your arms in an A-bomb drill.
    - 13. c) Macaroni.
    - 12. b) Taxi. Better be ready by half-past eight!
      - 11. c) Cooties.

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#### Name Game - ALL

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

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Name as many songs, poems or nursery rhymes as you can,

which contain the word ALL in the title or the lyrics. Use your memory only. <u>No Googling</u>!

Submit answers to the office "In-Box" on the wall by October 15.

Winner will be announced in next month's Ridge Reporter. (First one is filled in as an example). Good Luck!

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