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SANATOGA RIDGE
COMMUNITY

RIDGE REPORTER

*From the Entire Staff at
Sanatoga Ridge Community*



*We wish you a wonderful
Holiday Season!*



Holiday Closings & Trash Schedule

A reminder that the Offices will be closed for:

- Christmas Eve – Tuesday, December 24
- Christmas – Wednesday, December 25
- New Years – Wednesday, January 1

Christmas Week Schedule:

- Trash and recycles will be picked up on **Friday, 12/27 only.**

New Year's Week Schedule:

- Trash/recyclables will be on a normal schedule.

If you must dispose of trash before the scheduled pick-up, you may use the dumpster at the rear of the Community Center or near the apartments.

Seasonal Maintenance Items

Salt Bags - If you have a salt bag, please keep your salt bag scoop in the salt bag for collection at the end of the season. If you run out of salt in your bin, you may refill it from the bins at the mailboxes.

Mechanical Rooms - Please be sure that your mechanical room door is always closed tightly to prevent any pipes from freezing during the winter months. NOTE: The Mechanical Room is not to be used for storage. Our staff/contractors always need full access to the heater and water heater.

Lawn/Garden Décor - Please remember to remove all outside flowerpots, chairs, solar lights, flag holders, etc. from edges of sidewalks and driveways to prevent damage during snow removal.

Windows - Check your windows to make sure they're latched securely to prevent drafts.

Outdoor Holiday Lights - The decorated trees and shrubs around the community are on a timer and will turn on and off automatically.

Outdoor Seating Areas

Chairs and benches (including at mailbox areas) will be removed for the winter season. Removal of these items is necessary to avoid damage during the winter.

SNOW? Yes! It's That Time of Year Again

The basics of the Snow/Ice policy are as follows:

- **If snow is predicted and you MUST get out on that day, please call by 2 PM at least one business day BEFORE the snow arrives to let us know the time you need to leave. The earlier the office knows, the easier it is to coordinate with the snow removal staff.**
- If you have a true emergency, call the On-Call number at 610-326-4043.
- Don't leave a message for the above items at the office after hours or on weekends.
- You must have signed a waiver in the Office giving us permission to move and clean your car.
- A set of your car keys will be locked in the office for the snow staff to move your car for plowing.
- All residents were issued a pink snow placard this year. Please place them on the driver side dash of your car so staff can easily identify your vehicle.
- If you do not participate in the snow removal program, 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 court map.
- If you do not move your car, you will be responsible for clearing the snow around your car.
- Every court has a designated area where all cars are to be parked during a snow event. Check your court map for appropriate parking locations.
- The snow removal staff will not scrape ice from residents' vehicles.
- If your car has already been moved to the designated snow parking area and you need to use it, please let the office know and your car will be put back in your assigned parking spot.
- If trash/recycle day falls on a snow event day, please know that trash/recycle pick-up may be delayed or even canceled.

Snow removal is typically completed within 24 hours once the snow event has stopped. If possible, we will allow nature to work in our favor to melt the majority of the elements, saving time and resources.

Yard Clippings – Tuesday Pickups

We will be collecting yard clippings on Tuesdays during trash pickup. Please put clippings out with your regular trash. Do not place the clippings in bags. While your trash may have been picked up and the clippings left behind, we will be through again just to collect the yard clippings. For special cases, call the office to be put on the schedule to have them removed.

Dishwasher Detergent

It has been recommended that dishwasher users should not use liquid or powdered soaps in their dishwashers as they do not dissolve properly. Dishwasher detergent packets should be used instead. It is also recommended running a cup of vinegar every six months to clean out any buildup of detergents or minerals. The cup of vinegar should be placed on your top dish rack. These simple steps will ensure that your dishwasher will work at its peak performance for many years.



Carbon Monoxide Detectors

All homes are equipped with a carbon monoxide detector. It is important to know that the device will beep ONCE if the electric goes out. There are different types of devices. One device will signal a detection of carbon monoxide by beeping 4 times, then a pause followed by 4 additional beeps. It will repeat this 4 beep signal to alert occupants of the detection. The other device will beep in addition to verbally alerting you of carbon monoxide detection. If this 4 beep alert/verbal alert occurs in your home, please leave your home immediately. Have a neighbor call the office or maintenance on-call person right away.

Recycle Reminders

Plastic bags are not accepted as part of recycling. If you want to use a bag for your recycling, paper bags are acceptable. If you are disposing of boxes, please break them down to the best of your ability. Please see your Resident Handbook or stop by the office for a complete list of approved items.

Home Safety

Please be mindful of the following safety precautions as we approach the holiday season:

- Never leave a lit candle unattended.
- Never leave the stove or oven unattended.

Mechanical Room

- Do not store items in mechanical rooms.
- Mechanical rooms must be free of combustible materials.
- Staff and contractors need full access to the heater and water heater.
- If you have any combustibles in your mechanical room and need assistance to dispose of them, please call the Office.

BEWARE! Don't be fooled by Scammers!

Take action!

We are reminding all residents that SRC/BRC are **NO SOLICITING** communities. If someone knocks on your door trying to sell you something or representing a company or even a politician, please do not let them into your home. Call the police and report the person immediately. You may also call the office to let us know about the incident after you call the police.

If you unwittingly allow solicitors to view your PECO bill, it is possible you could be signed up without your knowledge for an alternate electric or gas provider. Residents are encouraged to call PECO to check on the status of their account and ask them to not allow their service to be changed without their express permission.

General Information:

- Anyone soliciting in the township must obtain a permit from the Township.
- Every member of the group must have a copy of the permit along with photo identification.
- No Soliciting communities are listed on the permit (this includes SRC & BRC).
- SRC/BRC has NO SOLICITING signs posted at all the entrances to the community.

There have been times when solicitors come through the community presenting themselves as PECO employees. These people are not from PECO but from an alternate energy company. They take many residents by surprise and coerce them into showing them their PECO bills. Even though no paperwork was signed by residents, many find in the following days that their service had been switched from PECO to this alternate company.

Resident & Guest Parking



SRC residents are asked to park in the numbered parking spaces corresponding to their own home. In addition, please have your guests park in the unnumbered spots around them. Thank you.

Collecting Socks, Hats, Gloves

We are continuing to collect items for the needy in the Pottstown area. Donations are taken by Kitty and Jim K to a local Pottstown charity which distributes them to people who come to them for help.

If you wish to donate, bring them to the basket in the Salon area. Thank you for your past and future donations!

Shared Spaces

As sales continue to be busy, you have likely noticed many new visitors touring the community. We receive excellent feedback on a regular basis from visitors to the community about the beauty of the campus and the friendliness of the residents.

Please remember to keep all common areas free of personal items including items for decoration or items to give away. The staff decorates common areas for the holidays and seasons. Residents are free to decorate their personal spaces and may post items for sale/free on the Resident Bulletin Boards. Thank you for helping to make SRC/BRC such a special, welcoming place!

Library Computer

The residents have access to use a computer in the Library. This computer is supported by our IT Subcontractor.

As you “surf the web” or check on your email, please be aware of potentially risky websites or email attachments.

If any messages or issues occur with this computer, **please report it to the office.**

Christmas Child Project

Barbara H. has volunteered to continue the Christmas Child Project which benefits the families through the Cluster of Churches, Genesis Women’s Clinic, 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 15.



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 (CASH) donation, please drop your donation in the Office in-box on the wall. Your **CASH** donation should be in an envelope with “CHRISTMAS CHILD” clearly marked. No checks please.

The **CASH** donations are distributed between the organizations listed above. Mark your calendar for this wonderful opportunity to make a needy child’s Christmas brighter! **(NO toys or food items, please.)**



Happy Birthday!

- 3 - Michael R.
- 4 - Bettie P.
- 5 - Loyce C.
Carol J.
- 6 - Lynn D.
Mary M.
- 7 - Richard B.
- 9 - Randy K.
- 10 - Areta F.
Mae M.
Loretta R.
- 12 - Suzanne Y.
- 14 - Fred V.
Robert H.
- 16 - Sunny M.
- 20 - Kathy K.
Linda M.
- 21 - Miriam F.
John T.
- 25 - Harvey M.
Mike M.
- 28 - Wanda R.
Barbara V.
- John W.
- 30 - Carol Anne D.
- Eddie M.



Welcome To The Neighborhood!

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

Detlef K.

From Ambler, PA

Nancy P.

from Spring City, PA

Florence D.

From Sarasota, FL

Elizabeth W.

From Douglassville, PA

Charlotte S.

From Lansdale, PA

Joanne L.

From Pottstown, PA

Barbara S.

From Pennsburg, PA



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

Barbara Hornberger

Resident since 2002

Bernadette Jackson

Resident since 2019

Ernie Adams

Resident since 2021

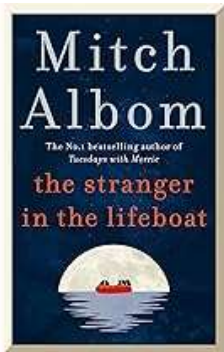
Friday Night Social

... on hold until the Spring.

If you are interested in hosting a Friday Night Social, contact Diane J. or call the office.

Resident Committee Meeting

Monday, December 2 at 10 AM.



Book Club

Monday, December 2 at 2 PM

- December 2 The Stranger in the Lifeboat, by Mitch Albom
- January 6 The Maid, by Nita Prose

Contact Jeanette G. for more information.

Supermarket BINGO! with Amity Place

Wednesday, December 4 at 10:30 AM

Amity Place will bring Supermarket BINGO to you! We have extra bingo cards, so we can play several cards at once! Bring a friend! **RSVP by Tuesday, December 3.** Meets in the Dining Room.



Resident Directory

Friday, December 6

Last year at the request of residents, we started putting together a directory with residents' pictures. It was distributed earlier this year. However, we are missing many residents and would like to try to fill in the blanks.

We will be taking pictures on Friday, December 6th at the Christmas Luncheon. If you can't make it then, please call us and we can set up another time.

- Nancy E
- Shirley B.



Resident Christmas Luncheon ***Friday, December 6 at 11:30 AM***

- For those of you that have signed up, the Luncheon will be on Friday, December 6 at 11:30 AM at Berean Bible Church.
 - The doors will open at 10:30 AM – Enter through the front door.
 - Sign in begins at 11:00 AM
 - Meal will begin promptly at 11:30 AM.
- Remember to bring your ticket to be eligible to win a door prize.
 - Helpers will be available if you are on a cane, walker or in a wheelchair and you require assistance through the buffet line.
 - If you are sick that day, call the SRC office to have your meal boxed and delivered to you at home.
 - Please remember to wear your nametags.

2025 Resident Dues – via Check Only (Payable to SRC)

Resident dues for 2025 can be put in an envelope with your name and unit number and placed in the box that will be provided at the Resident Christmas Luncheon OR you may place your envelope in the mail slot to the left of the Office window.

Brown Bag History: ***The Attack at Pearl harbor*** ***Saturday, Dec. 7 at 12 Noon***

On December 7, 2024, we will pass the 83rd anniversary of the terrible attack at Pearl Harbor. Soon after, “Remember Pearl Harbor” became the battle cry as thousands of U.S. citizens signed up for the war. This was the beginning of the United States entry into World War II and forever shaping the future of our nation. Join Mike Jesberger for a discussion on the events that led up to that fateful day in 1941. A very powerful slideshow will accompany the lecture including actual photos from the time.

Open to the Public. RSVP by Fri., Dec. 6.

The Stories Behind the Words

Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 12 Noon

Explore the fascinating stories behind WORDS... with the popular Art Historian, Martin Bradfield!

Presented in a "Words of Fortune" game show-type setting with audience participation and door prizes!

Open to the Public. RSVP by Mon., Dec. 16



Owl Walk

Tuesday, December 17 at 6

PM

Join us for a fun and engaging evening of owl investigation with DCNR Environmental Education Specialist, Matt Truesdale! Discover the fascinating world of nocturnal wildlife as you learn about the owl

species that call Pennsylvania home. This program includes hands-on exciting opportunity to call for nearby owls. While most of the presentation will take place indoors, the program will conclude outdoors as we attempt to communicate with owls in their natural habitat. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

A minimum of 10 people is needed to host this presentation

Open to the Public. RSVP by Friday, December 13th

Brown Bag History

A History of Military Recruiting Posters

Saturday, Jan. 4 at 12 Noon

Join historical lecturer, reenactor, and tour guide, Mike Jesberger, for a fascinating discussion on military recruiting posters.

This program explores the patriotism and propaganda behind the recruiting posters used during the American Revolutionary War, the American Civil War, World War I, and World War II.

Open to the Public. RSVP by Fri., Jan. 3.



**American
Red Cross**

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Tuesday, January 7 from 2 PM to 7 PM

Register online or reach out to Cheryl H.

New Bible Study - January 2025

Beginning January, 2025, Bev Tolbert will lead a ladies Bible Study in the Dining room entitled: *Do We Need the Old Testament? Finding Christ and the Gospel in Ancient Texts.*

Keeping Busy

Words on Wheels

Book Mobile

2nd & 4th Monday at 10 AM

Book Club

1st Monday at 2 PM
Dining Room

Friday Night Social

CANCELLED FOR DECEMBER
1st Friday at various locations

Dominoes

Mondays at 6 PM
Club Room

Bible Study

2nd Monday at 2 PM
Dining Room

Circle of Support

1st Thursday at 11 AM
BRC McMenammin Rec Center

Needlecrafters

2nd & 4th Wednesday at 3 PM
Dining Room

Yoga

Chair – Tuesdays at 3:30 PM
Floor – Wednesdays at 9:30 AM
Joy of Yoga – 1st & 3rd Fridays 10:30 AM
Auditorium



Vietnam Veterans

1st Tuesday at 7 PM - Dining Room

Wii Bowling

3rd Wednesday at 2 PM
Club Room



American Legion

4th Thursday at 7 PM - Dining Room

Mahjonn

Tuesdays at 1 PM - Dining Room

BINGO!

The Bingo Addicts – 2nd & 4th Saturdays – 10 AM
Supermarket Bingo w/Amity Place – 2nd Wednesday – 10:30 AM
Dining Room



Coffee Hour (and Tea too!)

Thursdays at 9:30 AM – Dining Room

Pickleball

Cancelled for Fall/Winter
Will Resume in Spring



Pinochle

Thursdays at 2 PM – Dining Room

Lawn Games

Cancelled for Fall/Winter
Will Resume in Spring

LEGEND FOR AMOUNT OF WALKING

Little Walking

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)**

Wednesday – December 11 – Hollywood Casino

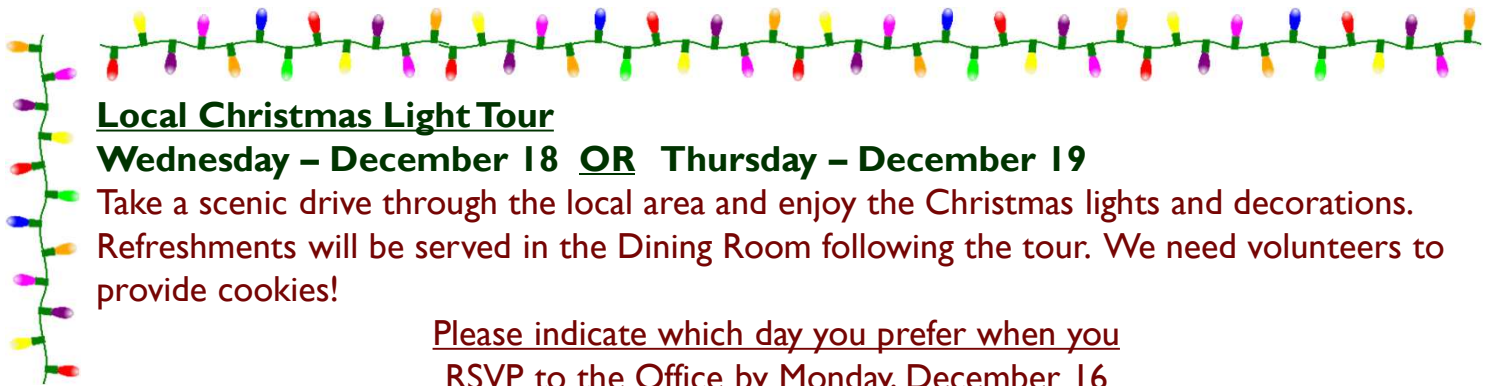
Want to try something new! Try your luck on the slots with your friends at Hollywood Casino in Morgantown. Following a couple hours of fun, you can enjoy lunch on your own at Tony Luke's Food Court before you leave.

Lunch at your own expense Tony Luke's Food Court.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 9

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 10:00 AM

Cost: \$5.00



Local Christmas Light Tour

Wednesday – December 18 OR Thursday – December 19

Take a scenic drive through the local area and enjoy the Christmas lights and decorations. Refreshments will be served in the Dining Room following the tour. We need volunteers to provide cookies!

Please indicate which day you prefer when you RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 16

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 6:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00

Saturday – December 21 – “Annie” at Steel River Playhouse

Step into a world where dreams come true, and optimism shines bright! Annie's story is one of hope and resilience in the face of abandonment and hardship. This timeless musical will warm your heart and leave you with a smile that lasts “Tomorrow” and beyond! Experience the magic of this classic musical, filled with laughter, toe-tapping tunes, and a message that resonates across generations. Don't miss the chance to witness the sun come out on the stage and join Annie in spreading joy to all for the 2024 holiday season!

Dinner after the show at your own expense at the WQ Diner.

RSVP to the Office by Monday, December 2

LEAVE BEREAN PARKING LOT: 1:15 PM

Cost: \$21.00

Save the Date:

Wednesday, January 22, 2025 – The Mid Atlantic Air Museum