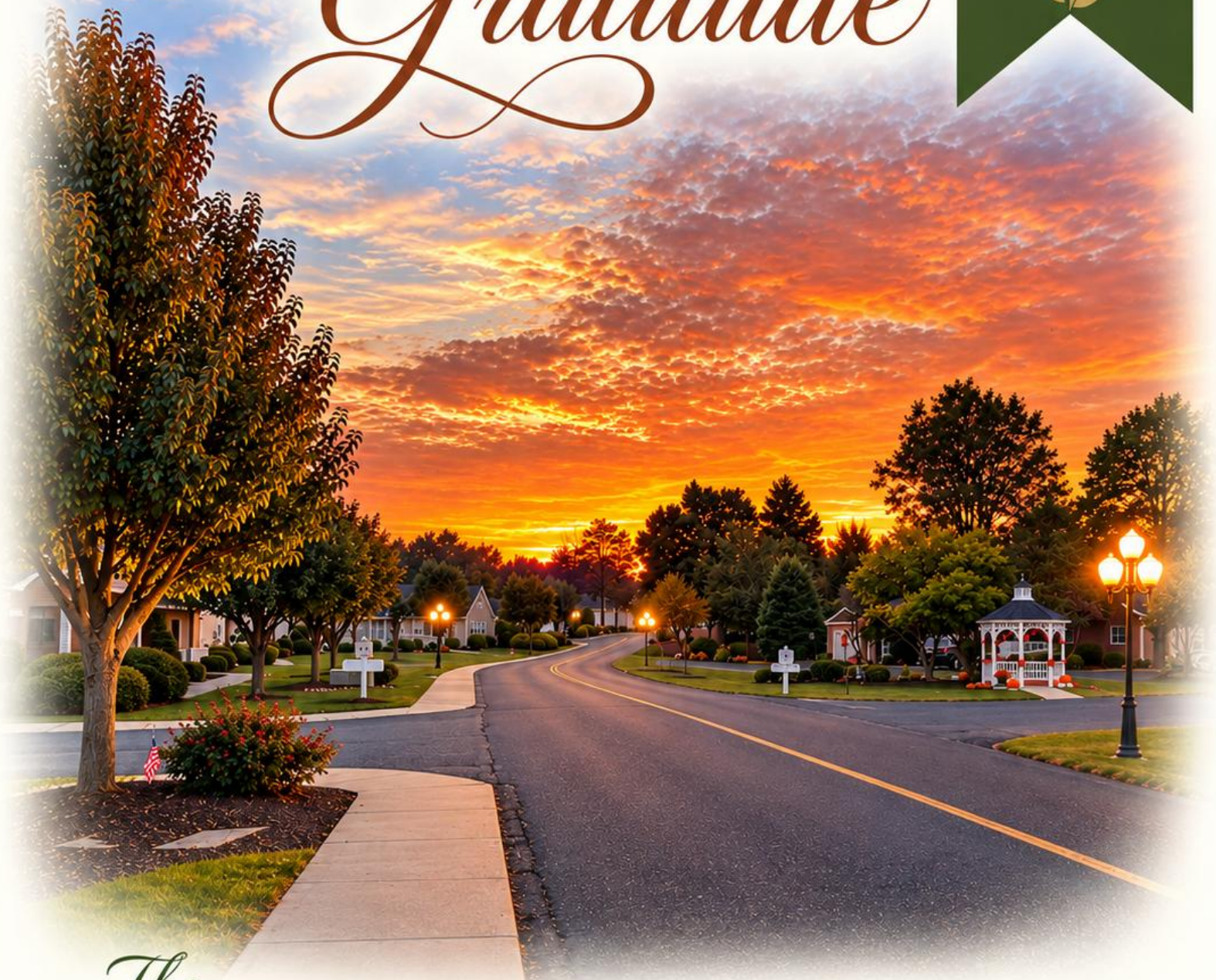
A Season of Gratitude

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SARATOGA RIDGE COMMUNITY

Enriching lives through quality independent living and a strong sense of community

From Jon's Desk

A Season of Gratitude

Dear Residents,

As November arrives and we look forward to Thanksgiving, it's a natural time to reflect on the many things for which we are grateful. At Sanatoga Ridge, one of the things I value most is the community we've built together.

Recently, during a visit with our new marketing team, our Controller, Margaret, made an observation that has stayed with me. She noted that our residents and staff share something important: a commitment to the common good. We care about our neighbors, take pride in our community, and work together toward shared goals. That sense of unity is something special, and not something we should ever take for granted.

It's also something others notice. Visitors frequently remark on the warmth they experience when they come to Sanatoga Ridge. They see neighbors greeting one another, residents enjoying time together, and staff who genuinely care about the people they serve. We've often heard visitors describe Sanatoga Ridge as feeling like a family. I can't think of a better compliment.

I've also been especially encouraged by the growing attendance at our events, presentations, and activities. It's wonderful to see so many of you participating, renewing friendships, welcoming new neighbors, and creating memories together. These shared experiences are what make our community so vibrant.

With the holidays approaching, there will be even more opportunities to gather. On Thanksgiving Day, residents are invited to share a special holiday meal right here at Sanatoga Ridge. The turkey will be provided, and everyone attending is asked to bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. It's a wonderful opportunity to enjoy good food, good company, and the spirit of Thanksgiving together. Our annual Christmas Luncheon is also just around the corner, and I look forward to celebrating with you. You'll find details about both gatherings in the *Keeping Busy* section.

As we enter this season of gratitude, I want to thank each of you for the many ways you contribute to the spirit of Sanatoga Ridge. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand, a shared laugh, or simply being a good neighbor, you make a difference.

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with warmth, cherished memories, and the company of those who matter most.

Warmly,

Jon Kline
Executive Director

Stories FROM THE RIDGE

Submitted by Arlene Neff



A lifetime of dedication, resilience, and service to country and community.

Meet John Bernard "Jack" Kelly, a Sanatoga Ridge resident since 2020. Jack has lived a life marked by service, perseverance, and some extraordinary experiences. This is his story.

The Early Years

Born on March 22, 1945, in California, Jack spent part of his childhood in Carmel while his father served as a commanding officer at a naval air station near San Francisco. The family later moved to Philadelphia, where Jack graduated from St. Joseph's Prep in 1963.

Swimming was an important part of Jack's life from an early age. He began competing at just six years old and continued through age 21, specializing in the 1,500-meter freestyle. His talent eventually took him all the way to the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

In the Service

Jack attended the U.S. Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 1968. After completing intensive training in Coronado, California, he was assigned to Vietnam. During his military career, Jack was seriously wounded and underwent an extensive period of rehabilitation. He later served with Navy SEAL Teams 1 and 2 and was offered a position with SEAL Team 6 in 1980.

His years of service took him to many parts of the world, including Africa and the Middle East, and included operations connected with Grenada, Beirut, Panama, and the first Gulf War. Following an assignment at the Pentagon, Jack retired from military service.

Love and Community

A new chapter began when Jack went to work for Ford Motor Company—and met Lucy. According to Jack, it was love at first sight! Their first date was at Cutillo's Restaurant.

Jack and Lucy moved to Sanatoga Ridge in 2020, and Jack soon became involved in community life, including serving as chairman of the Resident Committee.

Jack's life has been one of dedication, resilience, and service to his country and community. We are proud to have Jack and Lucy as part of the Sanatoga Ridge family—and glad for the opportunity to get to know our neighbor a little better.

Every Neighbor Has a Story

The history of Sanatoga Ridge is also the story of the people who have called it home.

Help us preserve those stories. Interview a neighbor, help someone put their memories into words, or share a story of your own. You don't have to be a writer—we're happy to help turn your notes, memories, or conversation into a story.

Selected stories may also be preserved as part of our Resident Wall and Sanatoga Ridge's community history.

If you have a story to tell—or know a neighbor whose story should be told—please let Michele know.

Good times, great neighbors!





Creative Connections



We would like to express our sincere appreciation to our Sanatoga Ridge family for the many thoughtful cards, kind words, and expressions of sympathy following the recent loss of Michele's mother and Lori's brother.

Your kindness and compassion have meant so much to both of us during this difficult time. We are truly grateful to be part of such a caring community.

With heartfelt thanks,
Michele & Lori



Jim Debald - has been coaching girls CYO volleyball for 20+ years at St. Eleanor in Collegeville. His team won the regional championship on Sunday, October 25, at the Hill School. Congratulations Team!

Information & Reminders

RESIDENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, November 2nd @ 10:30AM

All residents are encouraged to attend.



Offices Closed & Trash Reminder

- The offices will be **closed on Wednesday, November 11** in honor of Veterans Day and on **Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27** for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- No trash collection on that Thursday & Friday. **Trash and recyclables** will be collected on **Wednesday, November 25**.
- *Please do not place trash out on Tuesday or Friday.*

We wish everyone a safe, restful, and happy Thanksgiving!

Fall & Winter Preparations

Fall Back - Sunday, November 1 Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1. Before heading to bed on Saturday, October 31, remember to set your clocks back one hour.

Outdoor Hoses – Disconnect all outdoor hoses by Friday, November 6th. Need assistance? Call the Office and we will arrange for someone to help.

Yard Waste – Leaves, garden clippings, and other yard waste may be placed next to your regular trash for collection. Yard waste may be placed in a bag, but please leave the bag untied.

Garden Plots – Please clean out reserved garden plots and remove plants and seasonal debris by Friday, November 6.

Mechanical Rooms - Ensure that your mechanical room doors are securely closed to prevent pipes from freezing as temperatures drop.

Salt bags can be ordered by calling the office. Please submit requests by Friday, November 13th.

COMMUNITY CENTER COURTESY

Our Community Center is a busy place, with rooms frequently used for clubs, events, meetings, and activities!

Please help us keep these shared spaces welcoming for everyone by taking a few moments to **leave the room clean, tidy, and ready for the next group**.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our Community Center looking its best!

PAYMENTS

To help ensure accurate and secure recordkeeping, please make all payments to SRC by check. We are unable to accept cash. Thank you for your understanding!



Information & Reminders

Birthdays

3 Joyce C.
4 Lee B.
Kathryn H.
Kathie W.
6 Kathi S.
9 Janet W.
11 Joanne L.
12 Ed H.
13 Leslie B.
15 Skip H.
Pat L.
Emma R.
16 Nancy S.
17 Doug W.
18 Cynthia R.
20 Carolyn H.
21 Marie G.
22 Muriel B.
23 Deborah B.
26 Nancy H.
William L.
28 Nancy D.
Carol G.
29 Edie D.
Dennis H.
30 Andy E.

Happy Birthday!

Anniversaries

1 Skip & Norma H.
3 Stephen & Cheryl H.
21 Doug & Nancy W.
22 John and Emma R.

Congratulations!





The King's Players Presents Little Women

Wednesday, November 4 @ 1:00PM in the Auditorium

Join us for a special performance of *Little Women*, the beloved story of four sisters whose lives are filled with love, laughter, family, and the enduring bonds of sisterhood.



Creative Connections

2nd and 4th Mondays @ 1:30PM in the Dining Room
Dates: November 9th & 23rd , December 14th & 28th

Gather, create, and connect with Becky and Friends! Due to the overwhelming response, Creative Connections will be held twice in November and in December to focus on holiday projects. Invite your friends!

Kindly RSVP the Friday before to ensure we have adequate supplies



Movie Matinee

1st & 3rd Fridays @1:30PM in the Dining Room
November 6th & 20th

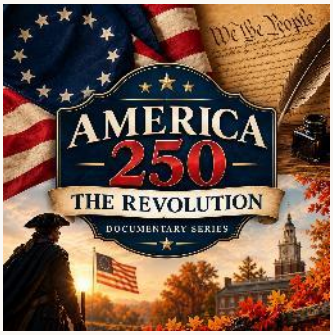
Cozy up for a November movie matinee! This month, we'll enjoy two memorable stories of friendship, courage, and connection: *The Help* and *Finding Forrester*.



Documentary

11AM in the Dining Room
Wednesday, November 25

The Revolution — Episode 12: Road to the Presidency



CANCELLED:

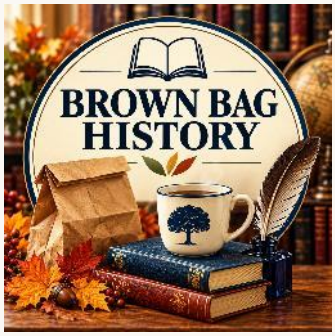
Wednesday, November 18: Navigating Senior Services Lunch & Learn

Brown Bag History

Thursday, November 5 @ 12:00PM

Stealing the Body of Abraham Lincoln

Years after President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, a band of criminals attempted to steal his body from its tomb in Springfield, Illinois, and hold it for ransom. Join us for this strange but true tale, including the plot itself and the story behind Lincoln's final resting place.



Understanding Medicare: Making Sense of Your Healthcare Options

Monday, November 16 | 10:30 AM

Join us for an educational presentation covering Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage, Medigap, prescription coverage, costs, and enrollment periods. **Information only—no sales presentation.**

RSVP Friday, November 13



Gracefully Aging in Place

Tuesday, November 17 @ 10:30AM

Bayada Home Health Care will present tips for staying independent and safe at home.

RSVP Friday, November 13



Night Wonders of Astronomy

Friday, November 20 @ 4PM

We will take a closer look at our address as it relates to our solar system, galaxy and, ultimately, the universe. We'll then shift our focus to the micro universe and find out why we, as humans, are part of the universe.

RSVP Wednesday, November 18





Thanksgiving at SRC

Thursday, November 26 @ 2 PM

No plans for Thanksgiving? Join your SRC family for a special holiday meal! Turkey will be provided; simply bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. Enjoy good food, friendship, and the warmth of community!

RSVP November 20

And let us know what dish you'll bring

FRIENDS OF Nolde Forest
Pennsylvania Parks & Forests Foundation

Critter Creations

Thursday, December 10
from 11AM – 2PM

We're excited to welcome back our Friends of Nolde Forest! Critter Creations - make a holiday ornament using fun material.

RSVP Monday, December 7

Coming in March: Learn to paint Hex signs w/Jared from French Creek.

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Hot Chocolate Bar

Tuesday, December 8 @ 2:00-3:30PM

Put on your favorite Christmas sweater and join us for a sweet afternoon of holiday cheer!

Bring **two dozen of your favorite cookies**, homemade or store-bought, along with a recipe card to share. We'll exchange delicious treats and enjoy a festive afternoon with friends and neighbors!

- Our friends from **Keystone Villa at Douglassville** will provide a delicious Hot Chocolate Bar and Christmas Trivia.
- **3:00 PM - Santa Claus** will stop by for photos!

Whether your Christmas sweater is elegant, merry, or wonderfully tacky, we can't wait to celebrate with you!

Kindly RSVP Friday, December 4
and let us know what cookies you'll be bringing.





Bus Trips

Local Christmas Lights Tour
Tuesday, December 15 @ 6PM

Tour the surrounding area with Link to enjoy beautiful Christmas lights and displays. We will gather in the dining room after the trip to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Cookie donations appreciated.

Cost: $5

RSVP Monday, December 14

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch
Friday, November 13
@ 12:00PM

Brookside Family Restaurant

1338 N Charlotte St

Depart Berean at 11:30 AM.

NOTE: CARPOOL ONLY

RSVP Tuesday, November 10

Keeping Busy

Weekly Activities

Mondays
Resident Meeting • 10:00 AM (1st Monday)
Dominoes • 6:00 PM
Social Committee (2nd Monday) • 11:00AM
Book Club (1st Monday) • 2:00 PM
WOW Book Mobile (2nd & 4th) • 10:00 AM
Creative Connections • (4th Monday) • 1:30PM

Tuesdays
Mahjong • 1:00 PM
Chair Yoga • 3:30 PM
Vietnam Veterans (1st Tuesday) • 7:00 PM

Wednesdays
Resident Prayer • 9:00 AM
Floor Yoga • 9:30 AM
Needlecrafters (2nd & 4th) • 3:00 PM
Men's Bible Study (1st and 3rd) 12:00PM

Thursdays
Coffee Hour • 9:30 AM
Pinochle • 2:00 PM
Rummikub • 6:00 PM
Lawn Games • 6:00 PM
American Legion (4th Thursday) • 7:00 PM

Fridays
Pickleball • 10:00AM
Canasta • 6:00 PM

Saturdays
Bingo Addicts (2nd & 4th) • 10:00
Balloon Volleyball (3rd Saturday) • 2:00PM

At a Glance

Book Club
Monday, Nov. 2 • 1:00 PM
Our Missing Hearts
by Celeste Ng



Social Committee Meeting
Monday, November 9 @ 11:00 AM

Blood Drive
Tuesday, November 10 • 1:00 PM

American Red Cross



LOOKING AHEAD

Brown Bag History
Saturday, December 5

Berean Children's Program
Chrismas Caroling at SRC
Friday, December 11

Movie Matinee
Friday, December 18
White Christmas

Healthy Steps in Motion
Thursdays from January 7 - February 25

Information & Reminders

❄ IMPORTANT SNOW REMOVAL POLICY UPDATE
Effective November 1, 2026

As winter approaches, we want to remind residents of our snow removal procedures and share an important update to our existing policy. These requirements help our staff clear snow safely and efficiently throughout the community.

SNOW REMOVAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Residents who have not provided SRC with **BOTH a signed vehicle snow removal authorization AND a working vehicle key/fob** are responsible for:

- Clearing snow from their vehicles within **24 hours after snowfall has ended** (excluding occasional lingering flurries).
- Removing any snow deposited in the surrounding parking area while clearing their vehicles.
- Following established procedures for moving their vehicles during snow removal operations.

NEW: A $50 fee will be assessed for each occurrence when these requirements are not met within the required timeframe.

SEVERE WEATHER & SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES
- SRC management may extend the 24-hour deadline when hazardous weather conditions make snow removal unsafe.
- Residents who anticipate difficulty meeting the deadline must notify the office as soon as reasonably possible, preferably before the deadline expires.
- Individual circumstances will be considered by management; however, extensions and exceptions are not automatic.

PLANNING TO BE AWAY?
- If you will be away during a snow event and your vehicle will remain in the community, please notify the office in advance.
- You remain responsible for arranging snow removal within the required timeframe.

LET US HELP!
One of the many benefits of living at Sanatoga Ridge is our vehicle snow removal service!
- SRC staff will clear snow from and move residents' vehicles when **both a signed authorization and a working key/fob are on file.**
- **We cannot provide this service without BOTH.**
- Existing signed authorizations remain valid unless revoked.
- Please check your key fob battery annually to ensure it is working properly.
- SRC will reimburse residents **up to $100 toward the purchase of an additional vehicle key/fob** for SRC to keep on file. A receipt is required.
- If you would like to participate in this service, please stop by the office to complete the authorization form and provide a working key/fob.

PLEASE REVIEW THE ENCLOSED UPDATED SNOW/ICE POLICY
The revised policy takes effect **November 1, 2026**, and replaces the previous version.
Thank you for helping us keep Sanatoga Ridge safe and accessible throughout the winter season!