

The Scoop

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From the Executive Director...

Brian Grundusky



Hello to all residents and associates. As we now start the summer season, I want to thank the residents and associates for your continued focus, patience, and effort in following the safety guidelines during these challenging times. I want to again remind all our residents and staff to continue to practice the safety guidelines of masking, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene. Please continue to ask questions and provide feedback as this is also a learning process for all of those involved. I also wanted to get back to some other operational updates as we need to forge ahead and continue the great work that we do here at Bethany Village.

COVID-19 Update: Our commitment to providing a safe living and work environment, for those who reside and work here, is as strong as ever. We remain diligent about preparation, process, and awareness regarding preventive measures for coronavirus and other communicable viruses and diseases.

We continue to review the latest CDC guidance and will continue to align our policies and guidelines based on these updates. Most of the changes are a direct result of the increasing number of those being vaccinated and the overall significant drop in COVID-19

cases across our country. There have been no changes made to the screening and masking process for MapleWood Assisted Living and The Oaks Skilled Nursing.

We have been consistent throughout the pandemic in examining all the guidance and science before easing any coronavirus restrictions. We must also consider information and guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and state or local requirements.

We are happy to say that we are in a good position across Asbury because so many of those who live and work at our locations have

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We hope you enjoy this issue of *The Scoop*.

This is a monthly publication that will update you on what is going on at Bethany Village from the Bethany Village Communications Team.

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gotten vaccinated and continue to follow all the proper health and safety measures. For that, we thank you. We can stand tall knowing that our partnership throughout the pandemic has put us in a good spot.

We have and will continue to update our policies and procedures for our residents and travel and quarantine guidelines have been updated and placed on the "BV Family and Friends" page. This can be linked through <https://www.asbury.org/bethany-village/resources-events/family-friends/>

Skilled Nursing (SN) and Assisted Living (AL) Updated Testing Guidelines: Due to the Cumberland County positivity rate being at 1.5% (6/19/21), we will continue to test those unvaccinated associates in The Oaks every 4 weeks and those unvaccinated MapleWood AL associates every 6 weeks. We have been very fortunate to have had a very limited number of cases over the past 2 months and will continue to abide by the Department of Health (SNF) and Department of Human Services (AL) guidelines.

As a system, we still have a positivity rate of 1% and Bethany Village has a positivity rate of .299% for 2021. These are great numbers as the national average for positivity rate is close to 8%. We will continue to follow the testing guidelines set forth by the PA Department of Health and the PA Department of Human Services.

Covid Vaccine Update: We have been able to successfully complete 13 covid vaccine clinics since the start of 2021. We have vaccinated approximately 98% of our residents (including Bethany Towers) and 68% of our associates. We have also worked out an agreement with Care Options, Rx to be able to vaccinate all new residents. These vaccinations will be coordinated with Care Options, Rx and take place every 2-3 weeks.

Anyone that received any vaccine is considered "Fully Vaccinated" two weeks after their final dose. We are still asking the associates to follow the safety protocols of masking, social distancing, and proper hand hygiene as we still need to be cognizant of the covid variants and the risk of those variants. We will continue to update our guidelines in coordination with federal, state, and local agencies.

Strategic Planning (Value Proposition) Focus Groups: Bethany will be working with the Asbury corporate team in completing several internal resident and associate focus groups that will be focusing on defining the value proposition for all our stakeholders. These focus groups will take place on 6/30/21 in the Richard Rife Center. Justin Margut will be scheduling those residents who are interested in participating in this important initiative. Please think about this

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opportunity as we want to hear your feedback and want you to be involved in the process!!

Financial Update: Bethany did not meet our Operating Ratio (OR) for May. We missed the target by **8.9%** (actual OR: 103.5% compared to our budgeted OR of 94.6%). We were under in operating revenue by **(\$108,141)** and over in expenses by **(\$113,031)** for a total variance of **(\$221,172)**. The main drivers of this were not meeting our occupancy targets in all areas of living (AL, RL and SNF) and increases in our contract labor costs **(\$34,353)**, and health insurance costs **(\$84,932)**. The BV Senior Leadership Team continues to work with the corporate finance team to ensure that we are doing everything we can to maximize our revenue while decreasing our expenses. We have put together a contingency plan to help off-set these variances and will continue to prioritize the need to fill our openings in all areas.

Occupancy: (as of 6/18/2021): BV is experiencing vacancies in the Residential Living areas. We currently have 20 West Apartments and 5 Court Apartments available. We have extended the current incentive plan for the West Apartments and will be working with our corporate marketing team to develop other methods to fill these openings. We are also experiencing occupancy issues in both MapleWood Assisted Living and The Oaks Skilled Nursing. We currently have 5 openings in MapleWood and 5 openings in The Oaks. We are adjusting our staffing levels based on these openings and will continue to do all that we can to ensure that we are filling these openings quickly. Our current campus occupancy rate is 91.67% compared to our budgeted occupancy of 95.54%. This is a negative variance of **(3.87%)**.

Resident Coffees: I will be re-implementing the monthly resident coffees (Richard Rife Center) starting in July. The July coffee will take place on 7/8/21 from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Moving forward, the monthly coffees will take place the first Thursday of each month (10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.). With this process starting back up, I will be discontinuing my Monday morning update (starting in July).

As always, you can call or email me at any time with your questions, feedback, and concerns. I want to again thank all the residents and associates who have had to make changes to their lifestyle due to this current pandemic. With your support and focus, we will continue to do all the good we can to ensure the overall safety of all our stakeholders.

Stay Safe and Healthy!!!

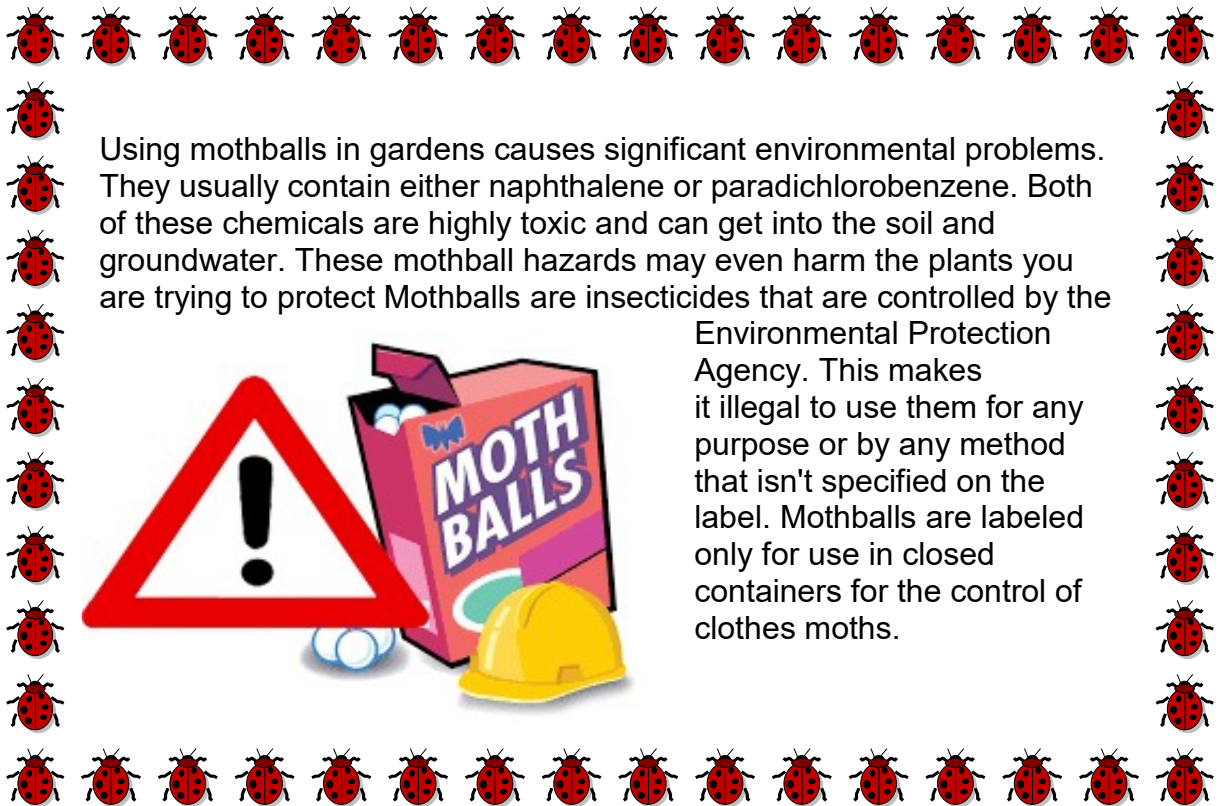
Brian

Rife Center Hearing Assist Loop

The hearing assist loop in the Rife Center is now available to residents wanting to take advantage of this opportunity.

The loop uses T-Coil transmission technology. Hearing Aids must be able to utilize this technology and the option must be activated in each individual unit. Your audiologist can tell you if your Hearing Aids can use T-Coil Transmission and if so, the Audiologist can activate it.

Another option for residents that do not have hearing aids or have hearing aids that are not compatible is hearing assist headphones. The hearing assist devices use the T-Coil technology to amplify the sound portion of Rife programming. The device plays it through an earbud or headphones that you place in your ear. These devices will be available upon request in the auditorium at the time of the performance or service. Please see Kristin Juchem in the Resident Life office for more information.



Using mothballs in gardens causes significant environmental problems. They usually contain either naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene. Both of these chemicals are highly toxic and can get into the soil and groundwater. These mothball hazards may even harm the plants you are trying to protect Mothballs are insecticides that are controlled by the Environmental Protection Agency. This makes it illegal to use them for any purpose or by any method that isn't specified on the label. Mothballs are labeled only for use in closed containers for the control of clothes moths.

Plastic Collection and Trex Benches: A Job Well Done!

Barbara Bankard



We've all heard the expression, "it takes a village to raise a child". While we may be finished raising our own children, Bethany Village has set a great example to today's children, by working together to keep plastic out of the landfill, and to have that plastic turned into beautiful benches. Thanks to residents, staff, local businesses, friends and family of Bethany Village, over 3000 pounds of plastic was collected in ten months! Soon, two additional benches will be delivered and installed on campus, for a total of six!

It's time to recognize all the people who volunteered to help make this project a success. Residents, staff and family members came together to handle the collection boxes placed throughout the campus, compress the plastic and weigh it, and then deliver it to Carlisle (a giant effort!), advertise the campaign, keep records and probably other behind the scenes jobs.

First, a giant thank you to Jo Davis and her husband Charlie. Jo initiated the project, recruited volunteers, and kept records. She was the liaison between Bethany, Giant and Trex. Without her leadership this would not have happened.

Other volunteers performing various tasks, include Sandy & Jim Jones, Ann Marie Judson, Joyce Kieffer, Barb Bankard, Jim & Ginny Wilt and their grandson Elijah Flurie, Kathy Salmon, Tony Wright, George West, Dennis Plymette, Arnold & Linda Cushner, Art Amauk, Terry Stoudnour, Lois Heagy, Kristin Juchem, Justin Margut, Jacob Kanagy and Mark Ruiz.

Tita Eberly, a West Cottage resident, and member of the Ecology Team, summed it up this way. "My thanks to each and all of you who have orchestrated this whole program. I am sure it was a labor of love and appreciated by all who have been involved. Recycling our plastic "trash" will benefit our campus for years to come. With benches throughout the community, we will enhance our lives outside in the fresh air, every spring, summer and fall. Efforts like this seem to have united Bethany residents across the campus in ways that didn't happen years ago....thanks to having the Rife Center, John and Annie's Bistro and now, the benches, we have numerous areas to meet friends...inside and out!!!"



The Ecology Team encourages each of us to continue to recycle plastics. We have kept over 1 ½ tons of plastic out of the landfill! If you are unable to take your plastic bags and other soft plastic to the grocery store, ask a friend, family member, or neighbor to do it for you. We want to continue keeping single use plastic out of the landfill. Look for ways you can reduce, reuse and recycle plastic.

PARCR visits LeadingAge PA and the old guy learns a lot ☺

Lowell Starling

On June 16, 17, and 18, LeadingAge PA held their annual conference on issues relative to senior living. As in 2020, the conference was virtual, but they hope to resume in person meetings next June in Hershey. This year for the first time they did a joint conference with LeadingAge NJ and Del.

As a member of the PARCR Executive Committee I had the opportunity to attend the conference via Zoom. The conference featured a variety of sessions ranging from general audience personal development topics to detailed discussions of technical issues including cybersecurity, rental vs. entry fee business models, and employment and contract legal issues. Since LeadingAge PA is an advocacy group for senior living organizations like Bethany Village, the topics were generally aimed at management or staff of those organizations. However, there still was a lot of valuable information for residents.

The most valuable sessions I attended are listed below. Where available I have the slide decks from the presentations and if you email me at lstarling@comcast.net I will send you a copy.

- Cybersecurity best practices for senior living: This was a discussion of the issues and frameworks for protecting electronic personal health information in senior living communities by remaining compliant with HIPAA requirements. I have the slides.
- Advocacy in Action: This was a primer on state civics and how the legislative and executive branches interact, followed by a good discussion about how advocacy should work. I have slides.
- Culturetopia: Creating a High Performance Organization. This was an excellent presentation on how improving the work environment creates better organizational performance. I have slides.
- New Philanthropy Benchmarks in the Aging Services Sector. This got into a lot of detail, but my key take away was that despite economic downturns like in 2020 philanthropy only saw a minor drop in total giving. No slides available.
- The Next "New Normal" is on the Horizon for Senior Living: What can Providers do to Prepare? This presentation looked at the advances in technology, and particularly the gap some senior living providers experienced compared to the technology knowledge of many of their newer and younger residents. I have the slides
- My favorite: Harnessing the Influence of Community Food Culture To Improve Resident Health Outcomes and Boost Mood: This was an excellent presentation on how providers can select foods that residents will order and will provide appropriate nutrition. I have the slides and will go through them again.

Remember that the next PARCR Quarterly meeting is July 14th at 10:00am via Zoom on the Aging Eye. Membership is required to attend.

Official Websites:

PARCR – parcr.org

LeadingAge PA – leadingagepa.org

NaCCRA – naccra.com (National Continuing Care Residents Association)

Bethany Village Auxiliary

Phyllis Keggereis

Summer is here and it is time to relax. The Auxiliary Board does not meet July and August. However, we do start meeting again in September. This September, we have changed our meeting date from the 1st of September to the 8th. Hopefully this meeting will be in the Conference Room and will be open to visitors. Watch for further information.



The Gift Shop is open all summer Monday through Friday 10AM to 3PM. Please stop in, look around and perhaps buy something. All the proceeds from the Gift Shop go to the Auxiliary.

Marzoni's Gift Cards are available in the Gift Shop. They are \$10 each and we receive \$2 from each one that is purchased.

Please mark your calendars for September 22, 2021 for Taylor Marie Fashions in the Rife Center. The hours are 11 AM to 3 PM. There are dressing rooms where you can try on the clothes.

In October, Boscov's is once again holding "Friends Helping Friends". The date for this event is October 20, 2021. Hopefully, we will once again be able to have a bus to go to the store. We will be selling \$5 Shopping Passes. We get to keep this money and you get a pass for a percentage off. It is a win-win event. Remember, our money goes to help our residents through items purchased for Maplewood and The Oaks.

Any questions you may have about any of the above, please feel free to give me a call and I will try to answer them for you. My number is 717-697-1562. Have a great summer and stay healthy!

Do you purchase products from Amazon? If so, you can select the Residents Council of Bethany Village or Asbury Foundation Inc, as your charitable organization by shopping at smile.amazon.com or with AmazonSmile on the Amazon Shopping app. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, you're prompted to select a charitable organization from our list of eligible organizations. You can change your selection at any time.

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Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

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Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.

Select a new charitable organization to support.

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Support Bethany Village and Reduce Your Taxes with an IRA Gift

Did you know you can reduce your taxes by redirecting unneeded IRA income to charity? An IRA rollover gift is a simple and easy way for you to use your IRA to help your Bethany Village community.

What is an IRA Rollover Gift?

If you are 70 ½ or older, you can make a charitable gift of up to \$100,000 from your IRA annually. This gift will qualify for your required minimum distribution, and you would not have to pay federal income tax on the amount given from your IRA directly to charity.

Why an IRA Rollover Gift Makes Sense

When transferring some of your required minimum distribution from your IRA to Asbury Foundation, you may lower your taxable income as well as reduce your income and capital gains taxes this year.

How an IRA Rollover Gift could benefit Bethany Village

An IRA Rollover Gift could be designated for:

- Care Assurance
- Capital Project
- Special Program
- Associate Education
- Innovation

For more information on supporting Bethany Village through your IRA, please contact Jacob Kanagy, Director of Development at 717.591.8019 or jkanagy@asbury.org.



It has been gratifying this spring and summer to see how many people are enjoying the Healing Garden - those at The Oaks and Maplewood as well as family members, staff and visitors. Walkers passing by and the numerous residents who volunteer to weed, water and provide plants from their own gardens take advantage of the new shades generously donated by two men in memory of their wives. The garden remains a work in progress while providing joy and solace to many.



BETHANY VILLAGE “ALL STARS”

Ellie Meadowcroft

Last month Carol Cressler introduced the pets in her court, quite a crew of dogs and cats. Our court, Cypress, has very few pets; in fact we have the only full time pet residents in the court. When we moved in here 11 years ago we brought with us Topaz, our tuxedo cat, who ruled the house until last October. At that time we found out about a little stray kitten who needed a home and Danny came to live with us. We didn't think a little gray tiger striped fur ball would be much trouble. Boy were we wrong!

Danny thinks everything is a toy and he sure loves to play. The Christmas tree was climbed regularly and a lot of ornaments were broken. He thought plants were fun too, and broke two pots and destroyed a large jade plant. He knocked over a lamp and shattered its glass shade. We often call him Danny Yerintheway because he's lying on the floor right in front of us and he won't move. But when he cuddles up purring away, it's hard to stay angry with him.



Topaz is not fond of Danny so we hear a lot of growling and hissing, but he continues to pester her and there's been no bloodshed. Both are indoor cats, so they only know the neighbors who come to visit. When the doorbell rings, Topaz runs to see who's there and Danny hides. They are good company and good entertainment too.

GROCERY STORES ADDED AND CHANGED

Beginning July 5th, the transportation calendar will reflect changes to the weekly shopping trips on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Because Giant has changed their sale days, trips to Giant will be on Friday to correspond to their sale flyers. Weis Market will move to Wednesday morning and, on Monday, we will add back the trips that previously were scheduled in the afternoon store runs.

There is no store run on Monday, July 5th because of the holiday. Wal-Mart Carlisle Pike is scheduled on July 12th, West Shore Plaza and Karns on July 19th and Wegmans and Target on July 26th.

The times have not changed at this time. The bus will leave at 8:45 am and will return to Bethany Village approximately 10:00 am. If there are less than four people signed up to go to the store, the trip will be canceled.



Be a BV Dead Header



The red Knock Outs roses between the Rife Center and the Bistro are looking rather tattered. They will not bloom again until next spring if they are not dead headed. (Have the old flowers cut off.) They will form rose hips (seeds pods) and not bloom again this season. Volunteers could deadhead the roses after they had bloomed. New roses would rebloom in about 5 weeks. Repeat. We'd then have blooming red Knock Outs into the late fall.



This is one example in which BV Dead Header volunteers could make a difference.



Why do it? Mark Ruiz, our Director of Facilities, reports that Bethany's contract with BrightView does not provide for this care.



If you'd think you could help, ([probably 45 minutes every five weeks and even better if you have a partner])



Contact Anna Johnston at 717-620-8587.



**Bridge in West to resume each Thursday starting July 8.
1:00 in the Commons Room.
All are welcome, simply show up!**



Bethany Village Model Railroad Club



It was a gorgeous Wednesday morning June 16, 2021 and a standing room only crowd had gathered in Martha's Garden when President of the model railroad club, Lowell Starling, welcomed everyone to the grand opening of the new improved garden train.

After some opening comments, including sincere thanks to the Asbury Foundation for funding many of the improvements, Jim Wilt and his corps of volunteers that assembled all of the new buildings, Resident Life for coordinating refreshments and sound system,

and inspiring speeches by Jacob Kanaby and Henri Lively, it was time to cut the ribbon. The scissors were poised over the ribbon waiting for the photo op. With the exception of an orchestra playing "Pomp and Circumstance", it had all of the aspects of a major celebration. And it should, because it was.

At last the moment had arrived. The new garden train layout was officially opened. President Starling blew his whistle signaling to the engineer to start the trains. Amid much fanfare from the crowd, the locomotives tooted their horns and, pulling out of Charlie McNutt Station, began the circuit around the tracks.

Soon after the first complete circuit the signal was made to open the lounge car. Sticky buns and coffee were available and greatly appreciated.

The garden train runs all summer every Wednesday and Saturday morning, weather permitting. It is not only fun for us but it is a great treat for children and grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Food for Thought

Dale Meadowcroft

Last month, on the 8th of June, the senior class of North York High School graduated. COVID restrictions had reduced sufficiently to permit parents and grandparents to attend, so we were able to witness our granddaughter graduating from high school. A major step for everyone, marking a completion of a milestone in the development of a young adult, and the end of a phase of parenting. An event that had the potential of changing lives.

The Valedictorian took the imaginary perspective of being 80 years old and looking back on her life to her high school years and how those years would impact the rest of her life. The principal gave a very inspirational speech about how this class had successfully navigated the last two years, facing all forms of adversity. Then it was time for the diplomas.

Every student had the opportunity to walk across the stage and shake the hand of a school official as they received their diploma. The normal polite applause and occasional shout from a family member accompanied each. Then came Kayce.

On May 5th, 2017, Kayce felt a cramp in her lower back. She was at a dance competition, but there would be no dancing. She laid herself down on the ground and couldn't get back up. Several hospitals, rehab stints, and medical tests later showed that Transverse Myelitis, a nerve condition, was causing inflammation in her spinal cord. An incoming freshman, Kayce wasn't sure she'd be able to attend school. She was wheelchair bound and facing her new reality; she may never walk again. But that wasn't an option for Kayce. After being a Varsity Cheerleader from her wheelchair for several years and fully participating in school activities, it was time for her to graduate.

She rolled her wheelchair to the edge of the stage and, with assistance, set full leg braces, grabbed her walker and preceded to walk across the stage for her diploma. Almost instantly one of her classmates jumped up and started clapping. Like a dam breaking, the entire senior class jumped as one to a standing ovation. The entire audience soon followed. No one cared that it took her much longer than her classmates. There was not a dry eye in the auditorium.

The valedictorian had set the stage by assuming she were 80 years old. Kayce brought it home. To be acknowledged as a human being is a huge thing.

Using the wisdom of our years we can learn a lot from those students. By its very nature, our community is one of aging and diminishing physical abilities. Very few of us run, or even walk, like we used to. But we can be like Kayce and keep participating. And, we can be like the senior class; treat everyone, no matter their "differences", as human beings.

You can't judge a person by their looks. Remember Stephen Hawking, a man who suffered from ALS yet was considered to be one of the brightest minds in the world. The lady sitting in a wheelchair with a blanket over her knees may have been a prom queen, or a talented musician. Take time to talk to her. Your neighbor may spill his coffee. Pour him another cup.

Look around. We live in a community full of standing ovations. It is up to us to lead the applause.

SWEET TWEETS OF REMEMBRANCE

This is a forum for shared thoughts about former residents who have passed out of our sight but not out of our minds and hearts. They might stem from a recent loss, or from the remembered birth date or other occasion connected with the friend. These comments will keep memories alive of the very special people we have known at Bethany Village.

JOHN JUDSON:

The most remarkable man! He almost defies description. John ran the gamut for me from international physician to great neighbor. The loss is global but is felt most heavily within this campus, and to say that he will be missed is an understatement indeed. It was a privilege and an honor to know him! -Sandy Henry-

JANE POPE:

I knew Jane through the Harrisburg Chapter of the DAR. To my knowledge, we were the only two members who were listed as descendants of the same Revolutionary War patriot, Capt. John Santee. We laughed about it but never celebrated it by having even a cup of coffee together. Now I wish we had! Another life's lesson learned.... -Sandy Henry-

DONNA LEINAWEAVER:

Donna Bollinger, as she was then known, was a Senior in the Sigma Gamma Chi sorority at William Penn High School in Harrisburg when I was a Sophomore. She was as pretty as a picture and a member of the band front. A superstar! And she never lost either her sweetness or vitality. A lovely gal! -Sandy Henry-

BINGO LIVE



Broadcast live from the Rife Center

Residents can now play in person in the Rife Center or from home on channel 956. Bingo cards provided.

Starting in July, Dual Bingo will be broadcast and played the first and third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm. Join us or tune in.

Facilities Department

Director: Mark Ruiz-717-591-8047-MRuiz@Asbury.org

Shuttle Reminder

Please plan appropriately , allowing at least 45 minutes to catch the shuttle

Filter Change

East Cottages

Beginning Tuesday July 7th at 9:30am. Bethany Technicians will be replacing your filters. In the event of inclement weather they will wait until the next day.

Yard debris pick up:

Tuesdays: East Campus

Thursdays: West Campus

Reminder

To contact the Facilities Department, please call 717-591-8074

New Bio-Retention Facility

Bethany Village is excited to announce that we are participating with Lower Allen Township to transform one of our storm water runoff basins on the West Campus into a Bio-Retention Facility.

This will allow water collected in the basin to be naturally filtered of possible pollutants before exiting the pond or being absorbed into the ground. The site chosen is the large one-acre basin next the Assisted Living Parking Lot.

By granting the township access to the basin they will make modifications to the basin at their costs including installation of plants native to this area. In addition, the township will continue to maintain the basin moving forward also at their cost.



The location of the project is indicated in green in the photo

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/2	Jo Davis	7/15 Tom Cognato
7/3	Clare Kane	Richard Ruelius
7/4	Marcia Clark	7/16 Penny Williams
	Dorothy Fogle	7/18 Ed Myers
	Marilyn Keener	7/19 Myron Roher
	Pat Pursell	7/20 Shirley Leonhart
7/5	Florence Bennett	7/21 Charlotte Perrego
	Frank Craig	Tom Fabian
	Tom Granville	Alice Park
	Richard Papiernik	7/22 Jean George
	Ginny Schrecengost	Jean Leonard
7/6	Faye Chorpensing	7/24 Lee Stover
	Rich Hayworth	Tom Usiadek
	Bob Hetherington	7/25 John Diener
7/7	Bernie Kunz	Clarence Miller
	Nancy Rohrabaugh	Howell Sasser
7/9	Geri Gamber	Kathryn Wiley
	Marion Russell	7/26 Barbara Hiller
7/12	Mary Loring	Pat Huth
	Deb Mihalich	Virginia Noble
7/13	Twila Perry	Mike Tracey
	Bill Toth	7/27 Norma Brandon
7/14	Nadine Creighton	7/29 Gertrude Roeder
	Rosanne Kelly	7/31 Mid Brooks
		Melissa Stock

Bethany Readers

Barbara Bankard

The Bethany Readers will meet in person on Tuesday, July 13, @ 10:00 am. Fully vaccinated residents will not need to wear masks. Our book selection is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng.

Currently there is no facilitator, so we will have an open book discussion, unless someone volunteers. Please do not let this deter you from attending. I'm sure it will be an excellent discussion.

Listed below are the books and locations for the remainder of 2021.

It is not too early to start making recommendations for 2022. Just send me an email with the book title and author's name.

Schedule

Date	Location**	Book Title	Facilitator
Tuesday, July 13	Rife Center	<i>Little Fires Everywhere</i>	Volunteer needed
Friday, Aug 13	West Commons	<i>Prodigal Summer</i>	Ida May Heidecker
Tuesday, Sept 14	Rife Center	<i>The Baker's Secret</i>	Micki McCoy
Friday, Oct. 8	West Commons	<i>Have You Seen Luis Velez</i>	Linda Kelly
Tuesday, Nov. 9	Rife Center	<i>Lost Boy Found</i>	Jane Tracey
Friday, Dec 10	Rife Center	2022 Book Selections/ Party!	None needed

Please contact Barb Bankard to volunteer, or to answer questions.

410-236-7520 or
bbankard@comcast.net



Who's working for you at Bethany?

John Bowen, LSW, Director of Social Services

Another in a series of associate interviews from the various Departments here at Bethany.

A chance to learn more about some of the amazing team members that make our community such a great place to work and live.

Lynnette Morrel- Front Desk Receptionist

-Tell me something about yourself.

I was born in Chester, PA, moved to Baltimore until I was 9 years old and have lived in Central PA ever since. I have 2 daughters, 5 grandsons and many grand-dogs, cats and various other animals my one daughter has adopted over the years. She lives in West VA, while my other daughter is nearby in Marysville.

-How did you choose to become a receptionist?

I was working at UPMC full time in the Medical Education Department when I heard about part-time work here at Bethany from my friend, Nadine. Began working weekends and have now begun filling in more throughout the week.

-What do you like about working at Bethany village?

Flexibility of hours and interacting with the residents.

-What is the most challenging part of your job?

It's hard to see some of our residents struggle with aging but most challenging has been dealing with mail delivery and the increase in packages delivered this past year as well as trying to meet deadlines for copying newsletters and such with short notice.

-How has your work affected you and your family during this COVID?

I have a strong faith and am very active at St. Katharine Drexel church here in Mechanicsburg. With this foundation and a calm approach to life I took the pandemic in stride and was able to help fill many posts on campus such as the screening tables, receptionist in the Clinic, and more hours at the front desk.



New Library Books

Connie Scheib

Every month we add new books to our library. Here are seven to consider:

“Family Reunion” by Nancy Thayer.

A longtime Nantucket resident is trying to make the best of a lonely summer. Her spirited granddaughter is learning what she wants out of life. Unforgettable surprises await them both in this magical, multigenerational novel.

“Picnic in Someday Valley” by Jodi Thomas.

Pecos Smith, Honey Creek’s emergency dispatcher, is grateful to have a new bride he adores and a baby on the way—even if one vital piece of the puzzle is missing. But as trouble comes stalking through the valley, lives will cross surprising paths. And Marcie, who’s always felt that a forever love was out of reach, might discover that Someday is the perfect place to find it. This is the second book in the Honey Creek series.

“The Stepsisters” by Susan Mallory.

A love story of a different sort...a heartfelt tale of friendship between two women who used to be sisters. When her dad married Sage's mom, Daisy was thrilled to get a bright and shiny new sister. But Sage was beautiful and popular, everything Daisy was not, and she made sure Daisy knew it. Sage didn't have Daisy's smarts--she had to go back a grade to enroll in the fancy rich-kid school. So she used her popularity as a weapon, putting Daisy down to elevate herself. After the divorce, the stepsisters' rivalry continued until the final, improbable straw; Daisy married Sage's first love, and Sage fled California.

"The President's Daughter" by Clinton and Patterson.

This is their 2nd novel and proves to be as suspenseful as their first one. The story is about the president's daughter who is kidnapped by a madman and how her father risks everything to get her back.

“The Duke and I” by Julia Quinn

1 in the Bridgerton Family series. About an unmarried Duke who gets engaged, but both his finance' and he know that it is an elaborate ruse to keep Simon free from marriage-minded society mothers. Find out how the story ends. Watch for #2 in this series next month.

“Tea and Treachery” by Vickie Delany.

Book one in the Tea by the Sea series. In this charming new cozy mystery series, a New York City expat-turned-Cape Cod tea shop owner must solve the murder of a local real estate developer to help her feisty grandmother out of a jam. *Watch for # 2 in this series!*

“The Vanishing Half” by Brit Bennett

A stunning new novel about twin sisters, inseparable as children, who ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. They run away when they are 16 and live separate lives—one choosing to return & live in her home town with her black daughter & the other twin chooses to pass as white and doesn't tell her husband. What will happen to the next generation when their daughters' lives intersect?

Bereavement Notifications

Charles Denison 5-22-21

Jean Graybill 5-25-21

Barry Markley 6-4-21

JoAnn Pote 6-11-21



Welcome New Residents

Beth Merkel



Please join me in welcoming new resident Jeanne Zody of Court Apartment #3105 to our community. Jeanne comes to us from Camp Hill, PA and is a retired teacher and federal employee. She has always been interested in art and reading and is a member of Shiremanstown United Methodist Church. If you see her around campus, please feel free to stop and say hello.

Please join me in welcoming new resident Adelle Sheaffer of West Apartment #1126 to our community. Adelle comes to us from Dillsburg, PA and worked at New York Life Insurance Company. Her brother is Al Shope who currently resides at Bethany. She likes to read and is a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg. If you see her around campus, please feel free to stop and say hello.



Please join me in welcoming new residents Charley & Mary Lou Sproule of West Cottage #5251 to our community. They are originally from the coal regions of North-East PA and grew up in the Panther Valley towns of Coaldale, Lansford, and Tamaqua. Both graduated from Marian Catholic High School. Mary Lou worked for Central Dauphin School District and the PA State Police. She volunteered at the Hershey and Dauphin County Library and loves to read mysteries. Charley worked for the PA State Civil Service Commission where he managed the development of civil service tests, candidate evaluation, and personnel research. Charley and Mary Lou play the hand and foot card game with friends. Charley leads rail trail bike rides for the Harrisburg Bicycle Club. Both Mary Lou and Charley are active members of Calvary United Methodist Church in Harrisburg and have two sons. The Sproule's are looking forward to making new friends and becoming active members of the Bethany Village community. If you see them around campus, please feel free to stop and say hello.



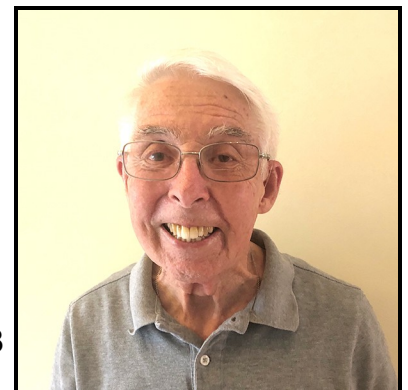
Please join me in welcoming new residents Wayne and Karen Spracklen of East Cottage #605 to our community. Karen grew up in Steelton and Wayne is from Texas. They met through work, where they were put on projects together and both retired at the age of 55. Karen enjoys her family, including helping to take care of her mother, and baking holiday cookies. Wayne enjoys going to the gym, managing his personal portfolio and meeting “the guys” for

breakfast. They are excited to be able to travel more as they know their home will be taken care of when they are away! If you see them in the hallways or around campus, please make sure to say hello.



Please join me in welcoming new residents Bud and Nancy Lemmons of Court Apartment #3305 to our community. Bud was a Partner and Co-Founder of Hildebrand Machinery Company and Nancy was an Executive Secretary for Roadway Express for 28 years. They both love golfing and have traveled to many locations to try out different golf courses. Each of them bring 2 children to the relationship, so combined they have 4 children. They are coming from all the way across the street in Wesley Mews! If you see them in the hallways or around campus, please make sure to say hello.

Please join me in welcoming new resident Bill Middendorf of Court Apartment #3331 to our community. He is a widower who was married for 60 years and has 4 children and 4 grandchildren. He worked with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for 25 years. The majority of his time was in the environmental control programs, however, the last 5 years he was appointed as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Environmental Resources. He is also the Founder and President of EPSYS Corporation and author and contributing author of three books on environmental programs. Bill served 8 years in the active U.S. Army Reserves and loves oil painting, traveling, fishing and meeting new people. If you see him in the hallways or around campus, please make sure to say hello.





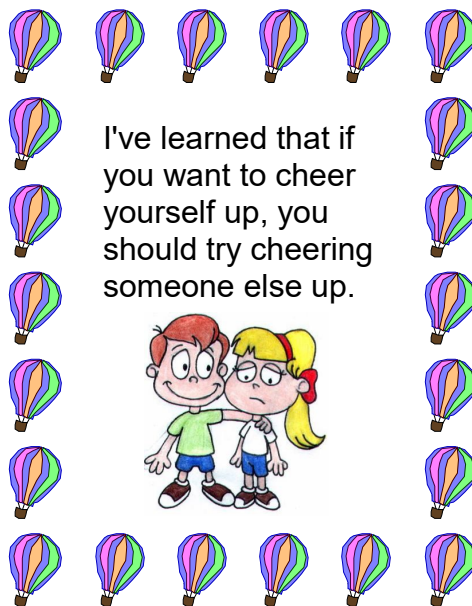
Please join me in welcoming new resident Graham Vernon of West Apartment #3130 to our community. He is moving from the Carlisle area and has two daughters. He served 26 years in the Army and was a professor for 15 years teaching about Russia. If you see him around campus or in the halls, be sure to stop and say hello!

Please join me in welcoming new resident Barbara Haas of West Apartment 2133 to our community. She comes to us from the Fleetwood area. She takes pride in her family which includes her 4 sons who are all in the military. If you meet her in the hallways, make sure to say hello. (requested photo not be shared)



The SCUTTLEBUTT Bulletin Board

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 || The Shiremanstown United Methodist
 || Church offers a free ride to church on
 || Sunday mornings. The bus picks
 || passengers up at the front door on the
 || East campus and drops them off after
 || the service. Anyone interested should
 || be at the Main Door by 10am on
 || Sunday morning. It's a beautiful white
 || bus, easy on easy off!!! For other pick-
 || up options, call the church secretary
 || Joette at 717-737-6621, ext. 10. Our
 || new minister will start in July 2021.
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QUOTES FOR SPARKLE SPEAKS

Cherish the normal day!
 Love thy neighbor!
 Look foe for the silver lining!
 If you can't play in the game,
 be a cheerleader!

Life is beautiful!
 Praise God!
 You can do it!



Call that long-time friend!
 Call that new friend!
 Stretch your body
 and your mind!
 Set small goals!
 Pat yourself on the back when deserved!

Love is a four-legged word!

THE SCUTTLEBUTT is a community bulletin board for announcements or communicating with our
 resident community. Included could be want ads, a brief thought to share, or thoughts for a new
 activity. If you would like your thoughts or ideas to fill this space, send them to
dale.meadowcroft@verizon.net

Items of appropriate content, good for our community will be reviewed and published.