



# Benjamin Church Manor

## Independent Living

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### Direct Extensions

Candy	ext. 14
Jim	ext. 13
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Juli	ext. 11
Linda	ext. 10

### Hours of Operation

Mon —Thurs:  
8 am to 3:30 pm

Fri: 8 am to 1 pm

### Board of Commissioners

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*Executive Director*



### Important Dates

8/9—Victory Day—Office Closed

8/25—Picnic in Tom's Grove

### **We Are Here!**

Please call if you need anything. The office and community room will remain closed to the public until further notice!

**If you would like to come in for any reason,  
please call for an appointment first.**

**We are open on a limited basis.**

**Please call Ext. 10 to reserve.**

## ROBO CALLS

These calls are very important.

We will notify you of any issues we may have in your building or involving our community, such as the following:

- Up and coming events, including rain date schedules
- Expected storms and storm preparedness
- Fire alarm inspections
- COVID-related announcements

**If you are not getting the calls,  
please let us know.**

**To hear the latest message again  
please call**

**(877) 333-9336**

It is so important that you stay updated, especially now during this pandemic.



**Stay safe and stay informed!**



## MOE'S CORNER

When you leave a message on my voicemail, please be specific with your questions, issues, or complaints. I can then research the answer and call you back with the information.

For Your Information

My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 7:30 am – 3:30 p.m.

I also work from home on Fridays

so you still can leave me a message at (401) 253-4464 Ext 12 and I will return your call.



My email address is [mhorton@bristolhousingri.org](mailto:mhorton@bristolhousingri.org)

## AFTER HOURS LOCK OUT CHARGES



FIRST TIME	\$25.00
SECOND TIME	\$35.00
EACH SUBSEQUENT LOCKOUT	\$45.00
Lock-Outs are inconvenient and can be expensive. We can make an extra key for you to give to a neighbor or relative, to hold for you, in case you find yourself in this situation. Just call the office.	
LOCK CHANGE (Tenant Requested)	\$140.00

**Visit Our Website!**

**[www.BristolHousingRI.org](http://www.BristolHousingRI.org)**

**To find Resident forms, view the latest COVID-19 updates and**

**view our Newsletters—**

**Just click on Newsletters on the left side of the webpage.**



## From the Desk of the Executive Director

The Bristol Housing Authority will be hosting the annual summer cookout which will be held in Tom's Grove. Come join us for hot dogs, hamburgers, and other delicious food at 12:00 PM on August 25th (rain date August 26th). There will be music and a chance to see friends and neighbors that you have not seen in a long time. Bring your lawn chair and be prepared to have a great time. The maintenance men will be cooking and the office staff will be there to help out, too! If you can, please bring a dessert or a side dish.



The FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM sponsored by East Bay Community Action Program is looking for seniors who want to work with young children in the schools. You will get paid and the money you earn will not be counted towards your rent! It a win-win situation! (See the full-page ad inside.)



The Senior Center is gearing up for many activities (see the enclosed Benjamin Church Senior Center Newsletter).

The Senior Van will take you grocery shopping on Thursdays and to medical appointments on Mondays and Wednesdays. Call the Senior Center to reserve your seat!

*Enjoy These Wonderful Days of Summer*

*Candy*



## HUD INSPECTIONS BEGINNING

Inspections, which had been put on hold because of COVID, started up again in June.



You will be given two-weeks notice before an inspection.

In the meantime, we want to fix issues now.

If you have any maintenance issues, such as a nonworking light outside or inside the unit, a leaky faucet, slow drain, or any other problem—



Please

Call the office at Extension 10 to let us know.

**REPORT**

We rely on you to report it to us.

### Important:

Keep in mind that nothing is to be stored in the hallways.

### Please Close Windows When it Rains



Need fresh air in the building hallway?

If you open the windows in the hallways, please be sure to close them when it rains.

### Email Addresses

Please give us your email address or the email address of a relative.



If we have an email address on file for you, we will have another means of contacting you. Also, sign up if you would like to receive the newsletter via email.

## Overnight Guests Are Now Welcome!

### Call Extension 10 to Register Your Guests Before They Arrive



With the reduction in COVID restrictions, overnight company is now allowed.

Overnight guests may park on Chestnut Street.

As always, remember to call the office at Extension 10 in advance to register your guests with their arrival and departure dates.

It's important that we know who is on the property in case of emergencies.

### Reminder

If you have company, please be sure they park on Chestnut Street. There is no guest parking on the upper level (buildings A—P). Guests of buildings S – AA should park in designated parking for guest. There is **NO PARKING** at the curbs at any time, except for quick drop-offs or pick-ups.

Emergency vehicles need the street clear to enter!



# Help Corner

## Grocery Shopping Transportation

The Senior Center offers transportation to the grocery store for the residents of Benjamin Church Manor on **Thursdays**.

For reservations  
Call the Senior Center  
401-253-8458



## House Cleaning

If you need help with the weekly housework or just need someone to do some spring cleaning, call the front office for the name and phone number of a reliable cleaner who can do it for a reasonable charge.



## Air Conditioner Installation

If you need an air conditioner installed, call the front desk in the office at Extension 10. Linda will give you the phone number of someone who can install it for you for a reasonable fee.



If you are calling in a work order,  
Dial extension 10



If you call another extension, and the person is out, the message will not get to us and your work order will not be reported.

For immediate assistance with anything,  
Dial Extension 10.

## Having Trouble Getting to the Laundromat?

Call the East Bay  
Laundromat  
(401) 253-1613

26 Gooding Avenue

Open 7 AM to 9 PM daily.

Wash, dry, fold, and hang as needed

**10 pounds of laundry for \$11!**

This is a good way to get your laundry done when you can't do it yourself! Ten pounds of laundry is about a week's worth of laundry for one person—a very reasonable price. (With pick-up and delivery, it is \$1.25 per pound, with a 20 pound minimum.)

Of course, our 2 laundry rooms are always open 24/7 for your use.

If you are having problems with your laundry card, please call 877-264-6622.

We cannot issue refunds or resolve problems with your card.





## BRISTOL TOWN COMMON

-  **August 5th, 2021 at 6:30 PM**  
**Jon Tyler** - *Sponsored by Elan Studio*
  
-  **August 12th, 2021 at 6:30 PM**  
**Michael Dimucci** - *Sponsored by the Bristol Rotary*
  
-  **August 19th, 2021 at 6:30 PM**  
**Uncharted Flight featuring Sarah DeSanto** - *Sponsored by Gil's Appliances*
  
-  **August 26th, 2021 at 6:30 PM**  
**Rockablues** - *Sponsored by Bristol Hot Yoga*
  
-  **September 2nd, 2021 at 6:30 PM**  
**Portuguese Independent Band** - *Sponsored In Memory of Mrs. Madeline Smith, Kindergarten Teacher*
  
-  **LAST NIGHT CONCERT**  
**Sunday, September 5th, 2021, at Independence Park**  
**5:00 PM - David M. Marshall** - *Sponsored by Bristol Toyota*  
**6:00 PM - RI Philharmonic Orchestra** - *Sponsored by The Taco/White Family Foundation & State of Rhode Island*
  
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**FREE TO ATTEND ~ MORE INFORMATION AT [BRISTOLRI.GOV](http://BRISTOLRI.GOV)**

# Picnic in Tom's Grove



**Wednesday**

**August 25 at 12 Noon**

**(Rain Date August 26)**

**All Are Invited**

**No Reservation Required**

*Bring a Lawn Chair and Join the Picnic!*

*Bring a dessert or side dish if you can.*



The BHA will be providing

Beverages

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers

Entertainment and Music



**Come join us for a wonderful day in the Grove!**



AmeriCorps Seniors  
Bring out the Best of America

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**Become an East Bay  
Foster Grandparent**  
.....

Earn while giving back to your East Bay community! Income eligible people 55 and older can earn a stipend of \$180-\$400/month volunteering with children in local schools and Head Start programs.

For information or to join call East Bay Community Action Program's  
Office of Volunteer Services

**401-435-7876**

100 Bullocks Point Avenue, East Providence, RI



**AmeriCorps  
Seniors**



**east bay community  
action program**

[www.ebcap.org](http://www.ebcap.org)

**Please Note: We do not count this income towards rent!**

Visit Our Website at [www.bristolhousingri.org](http://www.bristolhousingri.org)

**PLEASE  
DO NOT THROW FOOD  
(OR ANYTHING ELSE!)  
ON THE GROUND OUTSIDE!**



**Please do not put bread out for the birds or throw any food on the ground outside.**

It invites wild animals (skunks, raccoons, coyote) into the complex.

The animals create a health hazard and are a danger for people...

They also damage the grounds and invade the trash.

### **COVID Update**

The number of COVID cases is on the rise again. Masks are still an important means of preventing the virus.

If you have not received the vaccine, now would be a good time to consider getting it.



**Just A Reminder  
For Any After Hours Emergency  
Call  
(401) 253-6522**

### **Trash Disposal Guidelines**



**Used Sharps Disposal:**  
For safety's sake,  
please put used sharps in a can with a cover before putting it into the trash!  
Otherwise, the bags are broken and it endangers our men, too.

**Please Double-Bag  
Food Waste and Wet Trash in Plastic Bags**

Wet trash breaks the bags and causes smelly, messy leaks that attract flies, maggots, and animals!  
It also consumes valuable time for our men to clean up, leaving them less time to complete your work orders!

### **Mask Policy**

Masks must still be worn

- In the common areas and hallways of the buildings
- When workmen come to your apartment



If you put in a work order, you must wear your mask when the maintenance worker arrives to take care of your problem! If you choose not to wear a mask, you may leave the apartment or go to the other side of the apartment while they are there.

Masks are available at the office. Call the office and we will make arrangements for you to pick them up  
Stay safe!

## Sign Up for the Rotary Club Meal Delivery

Wednesday August 4

To sign up

Call the Office at Extension 10!

Open to All Residents

The first 25 to sign up will receive the meals.

Delivery begins at 3:00 PM  
and continues until all meals are delivered,  
about 3:30 PM.



The Bristol Rotary Club has been generously volunteering their time and resources to provide hot, delicious meals as a special treat and outreach to you, the residents of Benjamin Church Manor. The meals are from the Bristol House of Pizza and will be delivered to your apartment by a friendly and willing volunteer.

## TRASH DISPOSAL REMINDER

**ALL TRASH MUST BE PUT INTO  
PLASTIC TRASH BAGS.**

**Food must be put into a small bag  
and then put into a plastic trash bag  
before disposing of it  
in the Trash Bins.**

This helps reduce the strong foul odors and the resulting animal attraction as well as the bin disinfection burden for our busy maintenance staff.



Thank you!

Office Is Open By Appointment Only



If you would like to meet with one of our staff please call the office at Extension 10 to schedule an appointment!

The community room is available for small gatherings by reservation only.

We will let you know when we will expand the opening and what the guidelines and procedures will be.

### Grilling on the Grounds

Propane barbecue grills—one in the grove behind the main building, one in Tom's Grove, one in the gazebo area



opposite S Building, and one behind Buildings J,K,and L—are available for everyone's use. The gas is provided for you. Please patiently wait your turn and be courteous to others. Share; do your grilling and make the grill available for others as soon as possible!

Bring your own utensils and remember to take them home.

Be Safe and Have Fun!

### CIGARETTE CONTAINERS FOR CIGARETTE BUTTS ONLY!



Please use the cigarette containers located on the property to dispose of cigarette butts—and cigarette butts only.

No other trash should be placed in those containers, as they may start a fire.

***If the container is damaged or destroyed by fire because you put flammable items into it you will be charged for the cost of replacing it.***

For your convenience, cigarette containers are in the following locations:

- Behind the laundry room in the office building
- Near the gazebo
- Behind P Building
- Behind the laundry room on the other side of the bridge

Please be mindful of others, and before lighting up, ask others if the smoke will bother them; and, if so, choose to move. Please smoke in designated areas only, at least 25 feet away from any building.

Thank you!



## Direct Deposit And Bank Account Changes

If you change bank accounts and have Direct Deposit with us to pay your rent,

**be sure to notify Jim immediately.**

Failure to do so will result in the BHA being charged a fee and the BHA will pass the fee along to you.



## Planning to Be Away?

If you are planning to be away for a couple of days, please let us know.

**Please call the front office and make sure your car is also off property.**

If you are in the hospital or another medical facility and cannot notify us yourself, please have a family member call us to notify us.

It is important to know who is on the property in case of an emergency.

Thank you!

## THERE IS NO STORAGE IN THE HALLWAYS DUE TO LOCAL FIRE CODES

**Hallways Are to Be Kept  
Clear**



Furniture, tables, or other items in the hallways create a fire hazard, as well as a tripping hazard if people need to exit the building in an emergency.

## Feeling Bored at HOME?

You can borrow a book or a puzzle from the Community Room to pass the time.

Just give the Office a call and we will meet you at the Community Room door (Be sure to wear a mask), and you can come in and pick something out.



**\*We have new books in!  
Lots of new puzzles and games also!**

## Package Deliveries

For mail and packages that are being delivered, please be sure to



**include your apartment number**

to ensure that they will arrive at your apartment instead of at the office.

We will not accept packages for tenants from UPS, USPS, FedEx, or Amazon.

For those with an Amazon account, be sure to note that packages must be delivered to the apartment and not to the office.

Thank you!

# PET WASTE POLICY

PLEASE KEEP THE GROUNDS CLEAN  
FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY



## CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET!

*We don't want poops on the grounds!*

***THERE IS A \$25 FINE FOR VIOLATIONS!***



Pet waste is an eyesore and a nuisance. It also carries bacteria and pathogens. Plastic bags for pet waste are available at the office. Just call the front office first. Our maintenance staff has been filling a 5-gallon bucket every day!



This takes valuable time away from their work on your work orders.  
If you see anyone not cleaning up after their pet,  
Please report it to the office!

## This Month's Recipe: Easy Coffee Cake

### Ingredients:

#### Cake Ingredients:

- 2 cups baking mix, such as Bisquick
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup milk
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 egg
- $\frac{1}{4}$  teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup blueberries (optional)

#### Topping Ingredients:

- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup baking mix
- $\frac{2}{3}$  cup brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon ground cinnamon
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup walnuts or pecans, if desired

### Directions:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Grease a 9-inch square pan.

Combine baking mix, milk, sugar, egg, and cinnamon in a large bowl; mix well.

Spread into the bottom of the prepared pan.

Optional: Sprinkle with blueberries.

Mix baking mix, brown sugar, butter, and cinnamon together in a medium bowl using a fork or pastry blender until crumbly. Stir in nuts, if desired.

Spread topping evenly over cake batter; using a butter knife, swirl into batter a bit.

Bake in preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, about 25 minutes.



## Sign up for Direct Deposit!

It is both secure and safe.

You never have to leave your home to pay your rent. The money will be direct deposited into the BHA account every month!

Call Jim at extension 13 for details.

Plus you get a **free gift** when you sign up.



## One Last Word

Happiness is not something you postpone for the future; it is something you design for the present.

—Jim Rohn

Don't wish for time to disappear, and don't base your happiness on passing certain milestones.

Instead, create happiness every day.

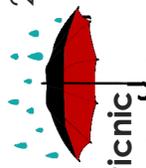
# Welcome Summer!! :)

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august	beach	fireworks	fun
ice cream	july	june	lemonade
picnics	pool	sand	sandals
splash	sun	sunglasses	sunscreen
swimming	travel	vacation	

# August 2021

# SUMMER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4  Rotary Club Meal Delivery 3 to 3:30PM	5	6	7
8	9  Victory Day! Office Closed	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  Picnic in Tom's Grove	26  Picnic Rain Date	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4