



Benjamin Church Manor
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Direct Extensions

Candy ext. 14
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Hours of Operation

Mon —Thurs:
8 am to 3:30 pm

Fri: 8 am to 1 pm

Board of Commissioners

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Pasquale D'Alessio

Candace Pansa
Executive Director



Important Dates

1/1—Saturday—New Year's Day

**1/3—Monday—Office Closed in Observance of
New Year's Day**

Welcome

Our staff is available to meet with you at your request.

Please call the office at Extension 10

to schedule an appointment

if you would like to meet with one of our staff!

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.



MOE'S CORNER

For Your Information

My office hours are

Tuesday through Thursday

6:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

and

Friday

6:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.

You can leave me a message at
(401) 253-4464 Ext 12

Please be specific with your questions, issues, or complaints so I can research the answer and I will return your call.



My email address is

mhorton@bristolhousingri.org

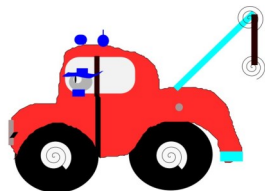
REGISTRATION AND TOWING INFORMATION

Please bring your current vehicle registration for all vehicles, including motorcycles, to the office. We will make a copy and return it to you.



Any vehicle not registered or parked in someone else's parking spot will be towed at the owner's expense, at a cost of \$120 (\$60 for cars that are moved prior to tow arrival). If your vehicle is towed, please go to Safeway Towing on Gooding Avenue in Bristol.

Thank you.



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.



From the Desk of the Executive Director

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped us decorate the Community Room, put together Benjamin Church gift bags, set up for the tenant luncheon, and serve lunch. Thank you, volunteers, for your help to make the party a merry success.



Check out the gallery on our website for the Christmas Party photos!

We could not do it without our volunteers!

Thank you for all your help!

Happy 95th Birthday to Ida Hoffman!

A party was organized by the family and held at Train of Artillery.



HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR RESIDENTS

From the Staff and Commissioners of Benjamin Church Manor

Candy

Help Corner

BOXED LUNCHES FROM

East Bay Community Action Program (EBCAP)

EBCAP is offering lunches consisting of a sandwich, vegetable, fruit, milk, and juice that is being distributed to local senior center sites, including Bristol's Senior Center.

Meals will be delivered to you for a suggested donation of \$3.

Meals must be reserved 24 hours in advance.

Call the Senior Center at

401-253-8458



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



MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels program is available for lunch delivery to you. For information, please contact the senior center at

401-253-8458



If you are calling in a work order,

Dial extension 10

So that your work order will be handled quickly.

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.

The work order request must be made with the office.

Please do not ask a maintenance worker directly when you see them on the property.

The maintenance staff will not directly address or schedule any work order request.



Upcoming Events for February

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

1 PM

Community Room

Making Valentine Cards for the Residents!

**Volunteers Needed
to Make Valentine Cards
for Residents**



PLEASE

**DO NOT THROW FOOD
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 into the complex.

The animals create a health hazard and are a
danger for people. They also damage the
grounds and invade the trash.

VACCINES AT THE FIRE STATION

The fire department, at the
main station on Metacom
Avenue, will be giving out
COVID Shots, Booster shots,
and Flu Vaccines on



Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-3.

There is no charge and no appointment
necessary!

Bring your COVID card!

Please protect yourselves and your family—
get your shots.

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!

BRISTOL HOUSING AUTHORITY

LIST OF TENANT CHARGES

Light Bulb Replacement		
Fluorescent Tubes		\$3.00
Regular Incandescent		\$2.00
Appliance		\$2.00
Night Light		\$1.00
Excess Utility Consumption (KWH Used in excess of AVG)		
Blocked Sink, Toilet or Tub (Tenant Created)	1st time	\$20.00
	2nd Time	\$30.00
	3rd Time	\$40.00
After Hours will be cost of over time call		
Handheld Shower Installation		\$40.00
Toilet Seat Replacement		\$20.00
Window or Screen Replacement		\$30.00
Draft Dodger		\$10.00
Additional Keys		\$1.00
Lock Change		\$140.00
Lockout After Hours	1st Time	\$25.00
	2nd Time	\$35.00
	3rd Time	\$45.00
Installation of Window Shades/Blinds per Window		
Shades		\$4.00
Blinds		\$4.00
Vertical Blinds		\$10.00
Installation of Curtain Rods	Per window	\$3.00
Medicine Cabinet Door		\$10.00
Drip Pans for Range		
Large		\$6.00
Small		\$5.00

**WE NO LONGER TAKE FURNITURE, MATTRESSES,
AIR CONDITIONERS OR ANY LARGE ITEMS
YOU CAN CALL THE TOWN FOR
PICK UP DIRECTIONS 253-4100**

ALL TENANT CREATED ISSUES WILL BE CHARGED TO THE TENANT

Effective May 2021

Provided to Tenants: January 1, 2022

**FIRE ALARM INSPECTION
JANUARY 20**



The next fire alarm inspection date is
January 20.

We have no list for a schedule. The inspectors randomly select buildings and are here between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM.

When the inspectors must go into a unit, a maintenance man will be with the inspector.

If you want to be home while they enter, you must be at home when they arrive.

**Please Keep the Hallway Windows
Closed and Locked**



Winter is almost here.

The weather is becoming quite cold!

**Please Keep Building
Exit and Entrance Doors
Closed**

***All building entrance and exit doors
must remain closed.***



The closed and locked doors are an important safeguard to :

- Prevent fires from spreading.
- Prevent people from invading the building
- Keep critters from entering the buildings.

Violators will be notified that they are in violation of their lease requirements.

Thank you!

Visit Our Website!

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.**



Just A Reminder

For Any After Hours Emergency



Call
(401) 253-6522

AFTER HOURS LOCK OUT CHARGES



FIRST TIME	\$25
SECOND TIME	\$35
EACH SUBSEQUENT LOCKOUT	\$45

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

Answers to the Back Page Happy New Year Crossword

Across:

2. Clock

8. January

9. Family

10. Beginning

11. Fireworks

12. Party

Down:

1. New Years Day

3. Champagne

4. Resolution

5. Countdown

6. Friends

7. Midnight

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!



Overnight Guests Are 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 PARKING** at the curbs at any time, except for quick drop-offs or pick-ups.

Emergency vehicles need the street clear to enter!



This Month's Recipe: Simply Cocktail Sauce

Use this simple recipe, and adjust it to the amount of sauce that you think you will use—less expensive than the premade jarred sauce, and no more waste!

Ingredients:

- ½ cup finely grated raw horseradish
- 1 tablespoon dark brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 ½ cups ketchup
- Worcestershire sauce, to taste

Directions:

In a small bowl combine all ingredients.

Mix well.

Chill in refrigerator.

Delicious with shrimp and any other seafood too!



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.

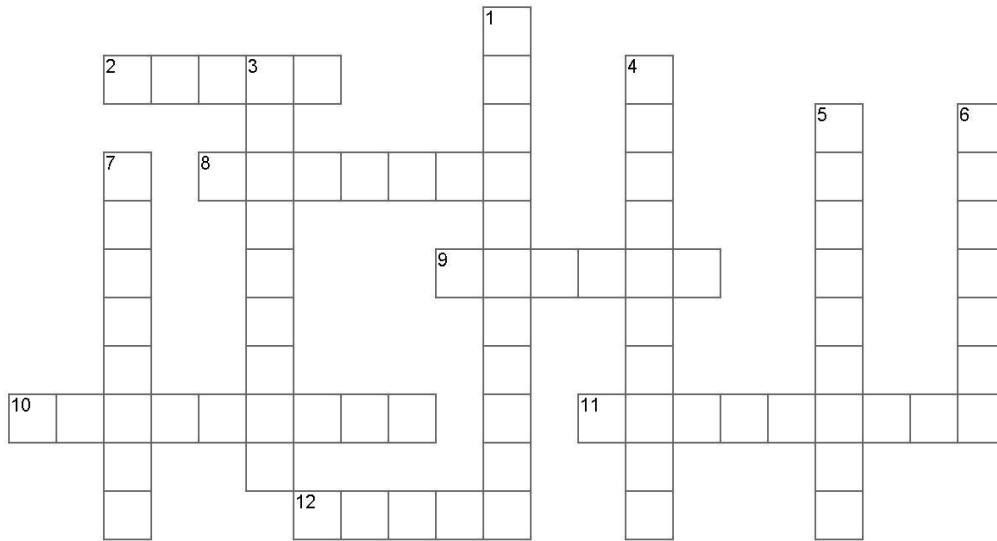


One Last Word

Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man.

—Benjamin Franklin

HAPPY NEW YEAR



ACROSS

2. A mechanical or electrical device for measuring time.
8. First month of the year.
9. All the descendants of a common ancestor.
10. the point in time at which something starts.
11. Low explosive pyrotechnic device used for entertainment purposes.
12. A social gathering of invited guests.

DOWN

1. January 1st
3. A white sparkling wine associated with celebration.
4. A firm decision to do or not to do something.
5. Counting numerals in reverse order to zero.
6. A person one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.
7. Twelve o'clock at night.

New Year's Word Search

J A N U A R Y F R I E N A C E
 F R I E N D S Y A S R I L A H
 N E Y S E R T I E M O W B L C
 B S I L Y F A E N E I Y A E O
 N O C R N V N V E Y D L B N U
 A L D C L O C K L T I E Y D N
 R U V E W M I D N I G H T A T
 V T O A S T W S N O L Y I R D
 G I A N I N G S E V E U A R O
 C O N F E T T I T M I N G S W
 R N O L C E L E B R A T I O N
 A J A N U E L V E I M K E R A
 Y P A R T Y H A A P Y S E V W
 N E W Y E A R C L O K S O R Y
 S H A P P Y E B A L L R E S O

BABY
 BALL
 CALENDAR
 CELEBRATION
 CLOCK
 CONFETTI
 COUNTDOWN
 EVE

FAMILY
 FRIENDS
 HAPPY
 JANUARY
 MIDNIGHT
 NEW YEAR
 NOISEMAKER
 PARTY

RESOLUTION
 TOAST



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January 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3 Office Closed in Observance of New Year's	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 BHA Board Meeting 10 AM	14	15
16	17 	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 Office Closed	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes				