



Benjamin Church Manor

Independent Living

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Direct Extensions

Candy ext. 14
Jim ext. 13
Moe ext. 12
Orlanda ext. 11
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Donna ext. 15

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

2/10—Thursday—Board Meeting—10 AM

2/14—Monday—Valentine's Day

2/21—Monday—Presidents' Day—Office Closed

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

**Monday through Thursday
6:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.**

Off on Fridays.

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

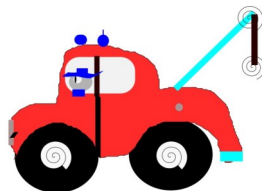


copy and return it to you.

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



To date we have had one snowstorm; we have been lucky. If a snow storm is coming and you cannot move your car for plowing, please have a relative come and get it prior to the storm so the men can plow the **WHOLE** lot! If your car is gone the resident's parking spots on both sides of you can be cleaned! Thank you for your cooperation! Please let me remind you any car that is not moved out of the spot will be towed at the owner's expense! Just a reminder if there are icy spots by the front door there is a bucket of ice melt in all the front hallways. Hurry up, Spring!

What to do on a cold winter day? We have so many books, puzzles, and games. Call the office let us know you would like to come to the community room to borrow books or games.

February 14th is Valentine's Day! I hope you all get to see (depending upon the COVID status) or at least talk to your ValentinE—be it children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren. All of us are going thru a very difficult time so let's remember to be kind to each other.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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.

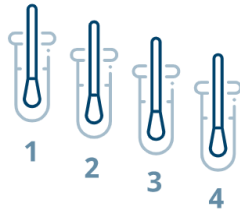
Please do not ask a maintenance worker directly when you see them on the property.

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



ORDER FREE COVID TESTS FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The Biden administration has launched a phone line for people to order free COVID-19 tests.



Each household can call

1-800-232-0233

From 8 AM to midnight to request up to four free tests.

It will complement the federally run COVIDtests.gov [covidtests.gov] website. The phone line will offer services in English, Spanish and a total of 150 languages. Orders can be placed from 8 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

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!

N95 MASKS AVAILABLE

The Bristol Fire Department has delivered a box of N95 masks.



If you would like one, please call the office at Extension 10 and we will make arrangements for you to pick them up.

**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.

Please Keep the Hallway Windows and Your Apartment Windows



Closed and Locked

To Help Reduce Cold Air Leaks.

The weather is 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.



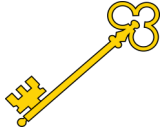
Just A Reminder

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 February Crossword

Across:

- 2. Presidents
- 6. Black History
- 8. Valentines
- 9. Winter

Down:

- 1. Groundhog
- 3. Lincoln
- 4. Washington
- 5. Shortest
- 7. Leap Year

DRAFT DODGERS FOR APARTMENT DOORS \$10 FEE

The draft dodger will help reduce drafts and heat loss to save energy and make your apartment more comfortable.



If you would like to have a draft dodger installed on your apartment door, please call the office, and we will schedule a member of our maintenance staff to install one for you for a reasonable fee of \$10.



Monday
February 14



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:

Ground Beef Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 cup green beans
- 1 cup tomatoes, diced
- 2 potatoes, cooked and mashed, **OR** prepared instant potatoes
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup shredded Cheddar cheese (Optional)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Coat a 2 quart casserole dish with cooking spray.

Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook onion in oil for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add the ground beef, basil, and garlic. Cook until beef is done.

Add the green beans, and tomatoes. Simmer for 5 minutes. Transfer beef mixture to prepared dish.

In a mixing bowl, mix the mashed potatoes, egg, and water. Spread evenly over meat mixture.

Bake in a preheated oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until potatoes start to brown on top. Sprinkle with cheese and bake an additional 5 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

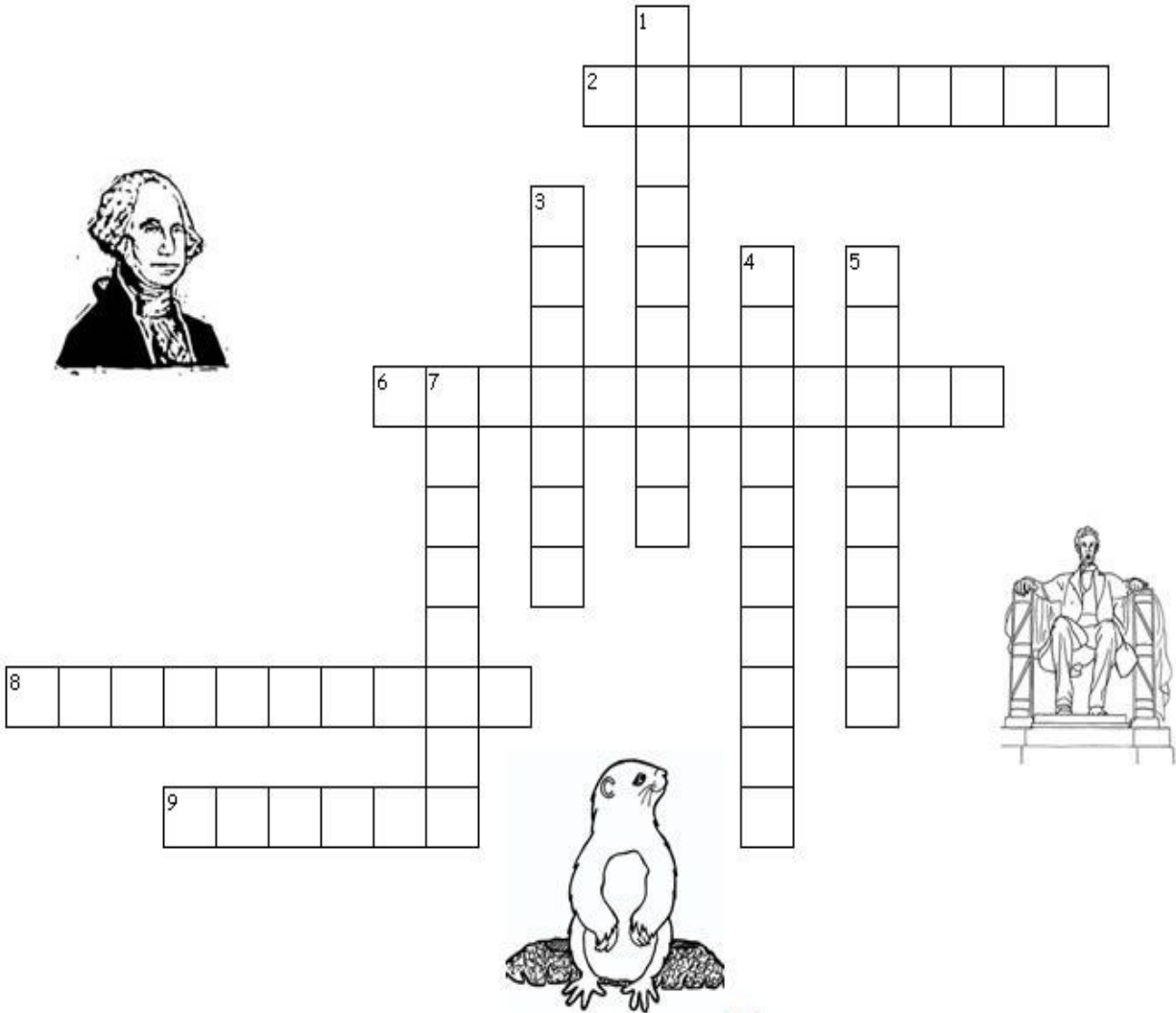


Though, February is short, it is filled with lots of love and sweet surprises.

—Charmaine J Forde



FEBRUARY



Across

2. _____ Day - A Holiday Celebrating Our Leaders
6. February is _____ Month (2 words)
8. The Sweetest Day
9. February's Season

Down

1. February 2 is _____ Day
3. President Abraham _____
4. Our first President (last name)
5. February is the _____ month
7. Happens every 4 years (2 words)

Answers to crossword puzzle on page 7.

<h1>February 2022</h1> 						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Board Meeting 10 AM	11	12
13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day!</i> 	15	16	17	18	19
20	21  Office Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5