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Important Dates

August 8th—Monday

- Victory Day
- Office Closed

August 9th—Tuesday

- BCM Resident Association Meeting
- Community Room
- 1:30 PM

August 24th—Wednesday

- Ice Cream Social
- Community Room
- 12:30 PM

From the Desk of the Executive Director

The sounds of the drum and bugle corps are now a memory as we head into August. It's time to enjoy the waning days of summer (they go by fast).

On Wednesday, August 24th, Benjamin Church Resident Association is hosting an ICE CREAM SOCIAL sponsored by Benjamin Church Senior Center. The event will be held in our Community Room. For more information call the Senior Center at 253-8458! Check out the Center newsletter for more great events!



Do you need a ride to the grocery store? On Thursday, the Senior Center Bus will come to your building and pick you up! You must call the Center to reserve a spot.

Special thanks to the Benjamin Church Resident Association for putting on a special "thank you" dinner for all the members. Everything was delicious and there was entertainment, too! Look what you are missing if you are not a member. Many events are in the works! You can join; just call the office and we will let you know who to call.

Thanks again to our maintenance department, Steve, Gil, Richard, Kyle, and their part-time helpers for all the work they do to make our property beautiful!

Take a stroll down to the community garden opposite GA garage. Those plants are getting bigger every day: I saw some beautiful vegetables!



*Enjoy These Lazy Hazy Days of Summer
Candy*



MOE'S CORNER

For Your Information

My office hours are

Monday through Thursday

8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Work from home 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



Ways You Can Make a Difference Here at Benjamin Church

- **Adopt a Neighbor**

You don't have to go far or orchestrate grand gestures to make an impact on someone's life. Whether the older man from down the hall who lives alone, or the lady that lives in another building, there are folks in Benjamin Church Manor who could use a hand. Maybe you can help carry in groceries, take them to the grocery store, or share a meal with them. It might not matter what you do as long as you show you care.

- **Attend Resident Association Meetings and Events**

Resident Association meetings and events are a great place to meet people from Benjamin Church while developing a deeper familiarity with the development. And it's a great way to build feelings of belonging and purpose for the place you call home. And you never know, maybe you'll discover a passion for gardening or card playing or gain a walking buddy along the way!



Just for Laughs

1. What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men?
2. If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP?
3. When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
4. Remember half the people you know are below average.
5. Why is lemon juice mostly artificial ingredients but dishwashing liquid contains real lemons?

Help Corner

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



SLOW DRAINS?

PLEASE REPORT IT!

If your bathroom sink, kitchen sink, or shower drain is running slowly, please call the office to have it cleared before the drain is completely clogged!



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



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.

Benjamin Church Resident Association

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!!

- Our Membership Appreciation Pasta Dinner was a great success. I hope everyone had a wonderful time. It was our pleasure to serve all of you.
- I want to thank my loving husband Dave for all the hard work he did making the 8 gallons of sauce for the pasta. Great job Dave!
- A huge thank you to my team for their tremendous support and help in preparing for the dinner and cleaning up. I couldn't have done this without you.
- Also, a huge thank you to all the members who so willingly gave of themselves to help in the setting up and the cleaning up. It was very much appreciated.
- Thank you to Sue Sears and Archie Fortin for the beautiful poems and starfish key chain that we each received; they are beautiful.
- Congratulations to our raffle winners:

50/50 Raffle \$55 prize—Jan Dupere
 Stop & Shop \$25 gift card—Skip Neville
 Woof Woof \$25 gift card—Archie Fortin
 Amaral's \$30 gift card—Archie Fortin

Reminder: Our next Resident Association meeting is

Date: Tuesday, August 9th

Time: 1:30 PM

Place: In the community room.

President—Liz Patton

401-516-6265

Vice President—Jody Archambault

401-649-3081

Membership Secretary—Madge Chianese

401-253-2129

Secretary—Pat Earley

401-374-5640

Treasurer—Paula Ferreira

401-290-7069

Ice Cream Social

**When: Wednesday, August 24
12:30 PM**

Where: BCM Community Room

Sponsored by the Benjamin Church Senior Center

Hosted by Resident Association

All Are Welcome!!

For more information,

Please call

the Benjamin Church Senior Center at

401-253-8458



IS THERE A DUMP HEAVEN?

Do you need to dispose of furniture, rugs, appliances, or gym equipment? Bristol Public Works Dept will come to Benjamin Church on the 3rd Thursday of every month and pick up the item for a cost of \$35 per item and \$40 per item for air conditioners. It's time to get rid of the clutter and send it off to "Dump Heaven".

1. Go in person to the Bristol Public Works Dept at 111 Hope Street in Bristol and talk to Kim Bennett at the front desk.
2. Pay the fee for the item you want to have picked up in front of your building and thrown away. Kim will give you a sticker to put on the item.
3. Place the sticker so it is visible from the curb.
4. Bring the item out to the curb in front of your building the night before the scheduled pick-up day.



BCM SMOKING AREAS



Each building bulletin board has a posting of the Benjamin Church Manor Designated Smoking Areas map.

Please observe the smoking policy guidelines and smoke in the designated smoking areas only.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Answers to Word Scramble:

August	Camping
Sandcastle	Travel
Bikini	Play
Sunscreen	Sandals
Swimsuit	July
Hot	June
Beach	Shorts
Ice Cream	Swim
Vacation	Pool

Just A Reminder

For Any After Hours Emergency

Call

(401) 253-6522



AUTOMATIC DOOR NOTICE DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE DOOR SWITCH



We want you to use the automatic doorpost with your key for entering and exiting the buildings—
however:

Please do NOT tamper with the switch above the automatic door opener.

Tampering with the switch will cause the doors to malfunction and not open properly. The maintenance staff then must continually use their valuable time to readjust the mechanism, taking them away from the important jobs of completing your work orders and conducting other building repairs and grounds maintenance.

Violators

will be fined \$25!

Please Note:

We have security cameras and will be checking them!

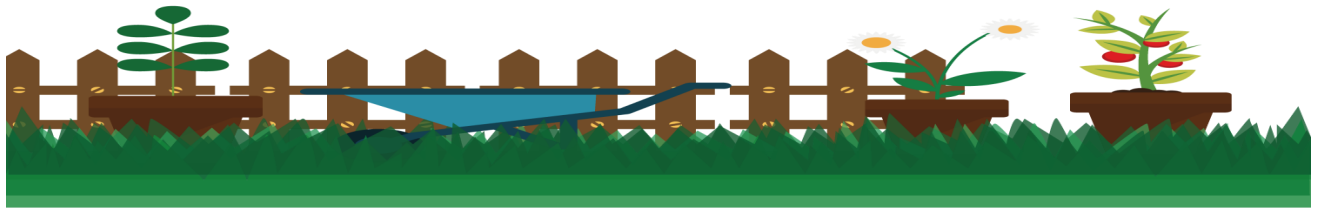
Community Garden is Growing

The Garden has begun producing lovely vegetables. There's nothing more rewarding than home grown veggies fresh from the garden. We are waiting on the tomatoes, but they are worth the wait.

We have plans to apply for a grant to expand the garden and to have raised beds built for those that prefer to stand while gardening. Please let me know if you would like to reserve a raised bed; I need a count on how many to build.

Also, are folks interested in growing strawberries and blueberries? Strawberry shortcake will be the best with your strawberries.

Lastly, I'm designing the area to map out where we could build a shed to store the equipment and supplies, so stayed tuned for further updates.



Happy Farmers are Happy Residents

Please Recycle

Use the Recyclables Bin at Your Regular Trash Bin Location

Please do not put anything in the recycle bin near Building GA garage!

We pay to have recyclable material taken away.

Please continue to put your recyclables in your trash bin marked recyclables.

Thank You for your cooperation!

Senior Center Sponsored Trips Coming Up

This Fall:

September:

Wright's Farm Restaurant

October:

Foxwoods Resort and Casino

Check out the Senior Center newsletter, page 6, for details!



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.

Thank you!

Thank You, Resident Association



Thank you to the Officers and Volunteers of the Resident Association for the wonderful pasta dinner that they hosted for their Members Appreciation Dinner in July.

The delicious meal was prepared and the room beautifully decorated by the officers and the many volunteers; the raffle, the prizes, and the conversations kept everyone engaged and entertained.

There are so many great activities that are coming up.

What a great opportunity to socialize with your friends and neighbors!

Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month.

If you are not yet a member, PLEASE JOIN!

It's Summer—Keep the Bugs Out!



Check the Screens In the Windows

Please ensure that the screens are in the windows and also check them for holes.

Please report missing or damaged screens so the maintenance staff can replace or repair the holes as needed.

Guest and Away Policies



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 to notify us.

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.

Overnight Guests Guests Are Welcome!



Per BHA Overnight Guest Policy, there is a limit of 21 days per calendar year for overnight guests.

**Please Register Your Guests
Before They Arrive:
Call Extension 10**

Overnight guests may park on Chestnut Street. It's important that we know who is on the property in case of emergencies.

Thank you!

Summer Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to solve the puzzle!

1. TUSUAG _____

2. TNCEAASLDS _____

3. KIIBNI _____

4. SENNUERCS _____

5. MISISWUT _____

6. OTH _____

7. HCEBA _____

8. IEC RMACE _____

9. CNTAVAOI _____

10. MIPACNG _____

11. EVRLAT _____

12. APLY _____

13. DSALNSA _____

14. LYJU _____

15. UNJE _____

16. HSSORT _____

17. SIWM _____

18. OPOL _____

Answers on page 7.



Summer Holidays



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

August
 barbecue
 beach
 biking
 bonfires
 books
 camping

canoeing
 cottage
 family
 friends
 games
 hammock
 hiking

holidays
 ice cream
 July
 lake
 lemonade
 memories
 picnics

pool
 popsicles
 puzzles
 reading
 relax
 road trips
 sports

sprinkler
 strawberries
 summer camp
 swimming
 traveling
 vacation
 watermelon

Welcome



The community room is available for small gatherings—

Just call Ext. 10 to make a reservation!

Why not book for a coffee hour for your friends.

Bring your own treats.

Come on in and play cards,
snack, and socialize!



*If You Are Fully Vaccinated,
Masks are Optional*

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



**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.

Stay safe and stay informed!

This Month's Recipe:

No-Bake Key Lime Pie



Ingredients:

- 9-inch graham cracker crumb crust
- 3/4 c. heavy cream
- 14-oz can sweetened condensed milk
- 12 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 2 tsp. freshly grated lime zest (from 1 lime)
- 1/2 c. key lime juice (regular lime juice may be substituted)
- Whipped cream and lime zest, for serving

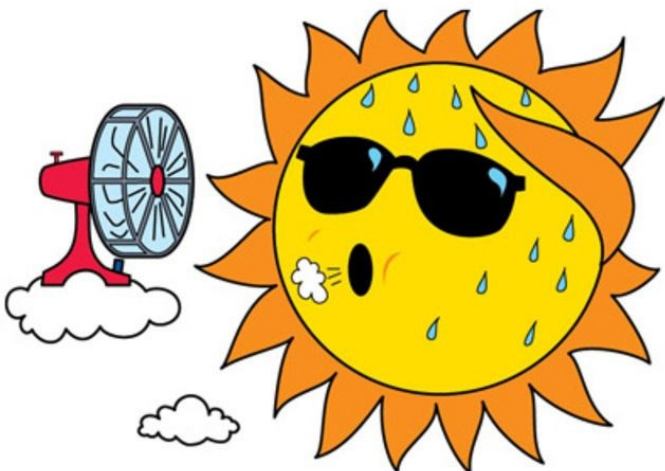
Directions:

In a large bowl, beat the heavy cream to stiff peaks. Transfer to another bowl and set aside.

In the same mixer bowl, place the sweetened condensed milk, cream cheese, and lime zest. Beat on medium-high speed until smooth and well mixed, about 2 minutes, scraping down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed. Turn the mixer to low speed, then slowly add the lime juice. Increase the speed to medium and mix until well combined. Gently fold in the whipped cream.

Pour the filling into the pie crust and smooth into an even layer. Refrigerate for 12 hours.

Serve topped with additional whipped cream and lime zest.



One Last Word

August is ripening grain in the fields...
Vivid dahlias fling huge tousled blossoms
through gardens and joe-pye-weed dusts the
meadow purple.

—Jean Hersey

August 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8  Office Closed	9  Resident Association Meeting 1:30 PM in the Community Room	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24  Ice Cream Social Community Room 12:30 PM	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3