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Important Dates

November 6th—Sunday

- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Turn clocks back one hour

November 8th—Tuesday

- Election Day

November 8th, 1:30 PM—Tuesday

- BCM Resident Association Meeting
- Community Room

November 10th, 10 AM—Thursday

- BHA Board Meeting
- Community Room

November 11th—Friday

- Veterans Day—Office Closed

November 12, 10 AM to 3 PM—Saturday

- Trinkets, Treasures, and Treats offered by the BCM Resident Association
- Community Room

November 24th & 25th—Thursday and Friday

- Thanksgiving Break—Office Closed

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Election Day Is Tuesday, November 8!

We are incredibly lucky in this country to vote for the people we want in office. REMEMBER your vote counts! The polling place for Benjamin Church residents is St. Elizabeth's Auditorium, 577 Wood Street, Bristol, RI.

Veteran's Day is a special day to honor all the men and women who served in the armed services, now and in the past. Our veterans served our country and sometimes put themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms we have as Americans. Thank you to all that have served! Veteran's Day is Friday, November 11th; let's remember our Vets: those serving, those who served, and those that never came home!

Just a reminder: after hours lock-out charges are:

- First time $25
- Second time $35
- Third time and on it is $45.

If you would like to have an extra key made for $2 to give to family or a friend in case you are locked out, call the office.

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24th, will be here soon and as always, it is a time to gather with family and friends, eat good food, and remember what we should be thankful for—thankful for friends, family, a wonderful place to live surrounded by great neighbors. There are so many people here at Benjamin Church Manor who are kind and caring. Our little community is one of a kind!

Happy Thanksgiving from the Staff and Commissioners!

Candy

MOE'S CORNER

For Your Information
My office hours are
Monday through Thursday
8:30 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

Another Opportunity to Be Kind

I am receiving complaints from residents that they are being boxed in by visitors' cars blocking their parking space.

Also, visitors have been parking along the front of buildings and staying long periods of time, which is not permitted. Visitors include CNAs, visiting nurses, family, friends, clergy, and any other sort.

Quick drop offs (one to two minutes) and pickups are the only time that parking in front of a building is permitted.

We must leave these areas free from any obstacles (cars) so emergency responders can access these areas.

If you see this happening, please take a picture of the license plate, or call the office with the plate number, color and make of the vehicle.

We will determine the owner and the resident that is hosting the visitor and charge them for towing the vehicle to Safeway Towing on Gooding Avenue, Bristol.

The charge to tow is a minimum of $150.00

Benjamin Church Resident Association

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!!!
Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Birthday to all our November babies!

Our potluck dinner was a big success. Thank you, everyone, for the delicious food and all the fun we had. Congratulations to our raffle winners. We will hold this event again in the future!

Our monthly resident meeting and officer installations went well, although we were missing two members of our Board of Directors, who will be sworn in at a later date.

The Officers and I are working very hard on getting ready for our Trinkets, Treasures & Treats Bazaar, which is Nov. 12th.

- Remember we need baked goods and I would like all members to take part in this event. Please help your Association!!

Upcoming Events:

Resident Association Meeting
- **Tuesday, November 8, 1:30pm**
- Meeting and 50/50 Raffle
- Community Room

Trinkets, Treasures & Treats Bazaar
- **Saturday, November 12, 10:00am to 3:00pm**
- Community Room

Apple Pie Bake-Off
- **Thursday, November 17, 1:30pm**
- **Community Room**

President—Liz Patton, 401-516-6265
Vice President—Jody Archambault, 401-649-3081
Treasurer—Paula Ferreira, 401-290-7069
Secretary—Michele Ferguson, 401-595-9171

MANDATORY ANNUAL APARTMENT INSPECTION

Beginning November 14 Through November 15

The annual inspections will begin on **Monday, November 14' 2022, through Tuesday, November 15, 2022, beginning at approximately 8:30 am each day.** We have hired a company that will be doing the inspections. One of our maintenance men will always be with the inspector.

You do not have to be home during the inspection; a maintenance technician will gain access with a pass key, remain with the inspector during the inspection, and leave a door tag to let you know they were there.

If you want to be home when they come, you must be at home during the day.

Please call the office to let us know if there are any deficiencies (electrical, heating, plumbing, etc.) that need repair.

At all times, please be sure of the following:

1. The emergency cord in the bathroom **cannot** be tied up or blocked by furniture.
2. No furniture in front of a window is higher than the window sill. This will allow free access through the window for firefighters to gain entry to your apartment in an emergency.
3. If we can correct these items **before the inspection** it will be less time spent doing the inspection. If maintenance returns to repair any items after the inspection, they will leave a leave a door tag when they leave.

On November 1, each resident will have been sent a letter with the above contents as your advance notice. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the office.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

The inspector will be looking at:

Plumbing

Electrical

Housekeeping

Heating

Range

Refrigerator

A high score is linked to the revenue that HUD gives us to maintain our properties!

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

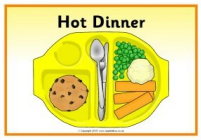
401-253-8458

HOT LUNCH AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Monday—Friday

11:30 AM

Call the Senior Center two days in advance to reserve your seat:



401-253-8458

Suggested Donation is $3.

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.

COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic In October Was a Huge Success

We had a big turnout of about 80 people.

Thank You to Moe for helping all of our residents sign up for the COVID and flu vaccine clinic at the BCM.

Thank you also to Fire Chief Michael DeMello and the Fire Department for sponsoring the clinic.

If you need vaccines go online or call CVS or Walgreens to arrange for a shot at the local pharmacy:

Walgreens (401) 254-3903
CVS (401) 253-2050

Pets in Need

Low-Cost Veterinary Clinic

Phone: (401) 270-3832

Address: 40 Amaral Street
Riverside, RI

Hours: Mon., Thurs. Fri., 9am-3pm
Tues.: 9am-5pm

Pets in Need provides veterinary care to the pets of low-income Rhode Island residents.

A deposit of $35 is required at the time of booking an appointment.

To qualify, you will need to present the following documentation:

1. Current assistance letter (such as housing assistance letter from the BHA)
2. Current RI photo ID

Keep in mind, they are a cash-only facility.

NOVEMBER 2022 VOTING

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

Ending Monday, November 7

When: Weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Early Voting ends at 4 p.m. on November 7, 2022.

Where: Bristol Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol

ELECTION DAY VOTING

Tuesday, November 8

When: Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: St. Elizabeth Auditorium
577 Wood Street, Bristol

Please Note: You will be asked to show photo ID to vote.

For assistance, call the Local Board of Canvassers at Bristol Town Hall
(401) 253-7000 x 132

Guest and Away Policies

Overnight Guests

Call Extension 10 to Register Your Guests Before They Arrive.

ALWAYS register your guests!

Overnight guests may park on Chestnut Street.

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

Please Note: Guests are NOT to stay in your apartment when you are not there.

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 at Ext. 10 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's important that we know who is on the property in case of emergencies.

Thank you!

Important Reminder:
Air Conditioners Should Be Out of the Windows!

The cooler weather is coming, and air conditioners should have been removed by October 31.

If you need an air conditioner removed for you, call Extension 10 for the phone number of someone who can remove it for you for a reasonable fee.

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.

Just A Reminder

For Any After Hours Emergency

Call (401) 253-6522

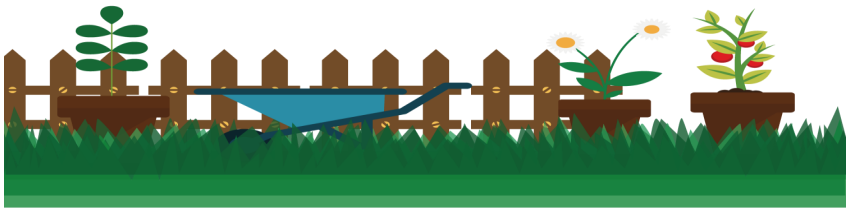
Community Garden Updates

The Board of Commissioners of the Bristol Housing Authority unanimously approved Linda Heroux's project to expand the garden on the property of Benjamin Church Manor.

Funding is being sought via a cooperative grant from Roger Williams University and The Town of Bristol.

Please stay tuned for further information in the coming months.

Register NOW if you are interested in the next planting season.



Happy Farmers are Happy Residents

Benjamin Church Senior Center Services and Activities

There are lots of fun things happening at the Senior Center!

Check out the enclosed Senior Center newsletter to see all they have to offer.

Coming Soon!! Resident Computer Room

Located in the former Salon, near the office.

More information in our December newsletter.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS NEEDED!

The basket for donations is in the community room if you would like to make a donation.

Just come to the community room door with your donations.

Thank you for your donations !

Crossword Answers

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!

REMINDER

All gardens near the buildings must be cleaned at this time.

If you have planted or have a potted plant in these gardens, please take in the plants or clean them out.

Thank you!

Daylight Saving Time Ends On Sunday, November 6

Remember to turn the clocks back one hour!

Thanksgiving

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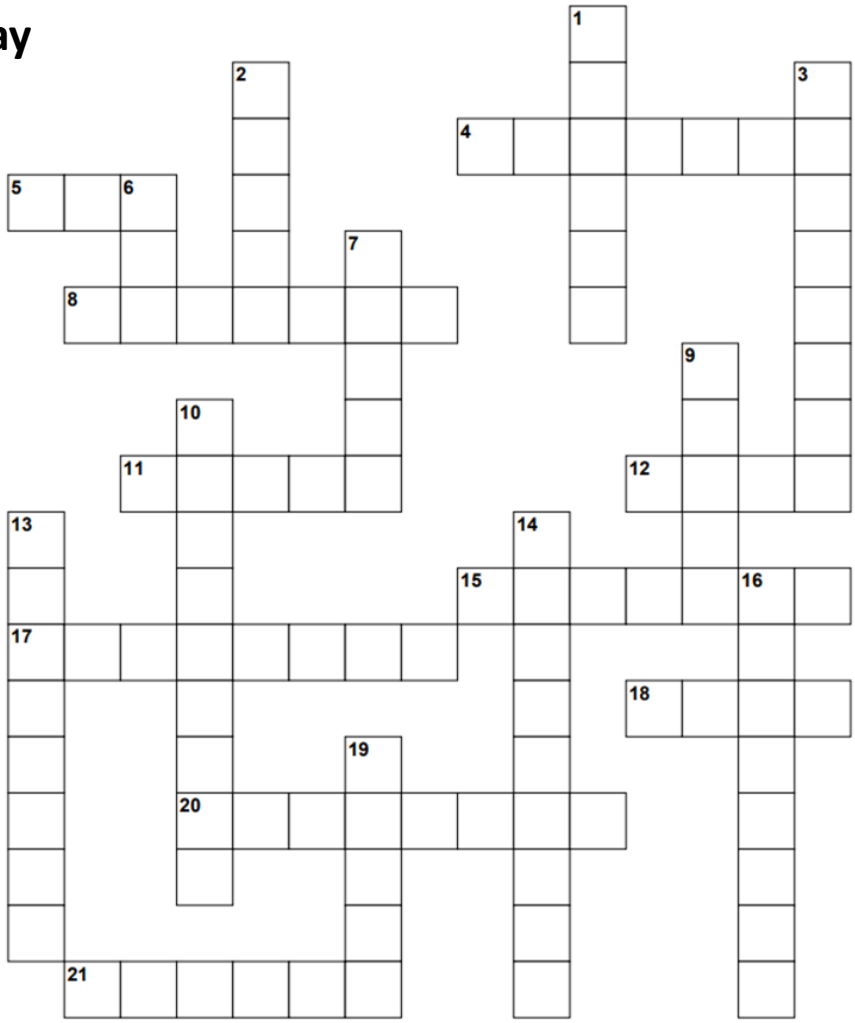
Thanksgiving	pilgrim	pumpkin	turkey	dressing	cranberries
pilgrim	indian	autumn	pie	cornucopia	feast
mayflower	november	stuffing	rolls	cornbread	drumstick
gratitude	thankful	Massachusetts	Plymoth	squash	wishbone
yams	grandma	grandpa	uncle	aunt	cousin
family	mother	father	brother	sister	carve
gobble	traditions	fall	leftovers	acorns	

Veteran's Day Crossword



ACROSS

4 Individual who has served in the armed forces
5 United States of America
8 Ability to enjoy civil and political liberty
11 Courage in the face of danger
12 Soldiers trained to fight at sea
15 Guard
17 Armed forces
18 Armed personnel trained to fight on land
20 Service personal injured or killed in military action
21 Fight to protect people, property, or ideals

DOWN

1 Combat between two parties
2 Having or showing courage
3 Soldiers trained to fight on foot
6 _____ Force
7 Treat with respect
9 Absence of war or conflict
10 Suffer loss for sake of a cause
13 To think of someone or something
14 Truce
16 Burial place
19 Coast _____

Answers on page 10.

This Month's Recipe:
Eggnog Cake

Ingredients:

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 box **instant** vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup oil
- ¾ cup crème sherry **OR**
  ½ cup eggnog and ¼ cup crème sherry
- 1 tsp nutmeg

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Grease two loaf pans.

In a large mixing bowl, combine cake mix, vanilla pudding mix, eggs, oil, eggnog/crème sherry, and nutmeg. Beat all the ingredients for 8 to 10 minutes, scraping the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula.

Pour cake batter into prepared pans.

Bake for approximately 40-45 minutes, or until cake tester inserted into the cake comes out clean.

Cool for ten minutes. Invert cakes onto a wire rack to cool.

Sprinkle with confectioners sugar for decoration, if desired.

Slice, serve and enjoy!

Senior Health Insurance Counselors
At the Senior Center

Receive assistance with health insurance options, Medicare issues, prescription and Medicaid assistance.

Call the Senior Center to make your appointment:

One Last Word

Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

—Oprah Winfrey

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving Time Ends	7 Election Day is Tuesday the 8th	8 Resident Association Meeting 1:30 PM in the Community Room	9	10 BHA Board Meeting 10 AM	11 Veterans Day Office Closed	12 Trinkets, Treasures, and Treats 10 AM to 3 PM Community Room
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving Office Closed	25 Thanksgiving Break Office Closed	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3