

The Village Times

November 2025

From the Editor

As you have undoubtedly noticed, the newsletter title has changed. We are still looking for suggestions to establish our own identity. We have made some changes, hopefully for the better. It is our endeavor to incorporate regular monthly columns to keep you up to date on issues affecting the park and its residents. We want to provide you with topics that keep you current with village life, senior living and make your lives easier and safer and at times make you smile. No professionals here, just volunteers. We can always use your help in the form of an article, story or suggestion. *Cont. on page 3*

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Directory Correction

15 Powderhorn was mistakenly listed in the new directory, as “*on notice.*” This was due to a miscommunication. The home is **NOT for-sale** and the Resident still resides in the home. This is the correct information—**Roger Evans 610-451-7752.** Please correct your directories.



By: Resident Contributor

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated this month on Thursday the 27th. With a full day off from work, most of us will gather with family and friends to share a traditional meal of roast turkey, stuffing, vegetables and pumpkin pie. A great time to fellowship, be with loved ones, trade family news, announce upcoming events, watch the parades and EAT. Also hopefully a moment or two of actual thanks for all the good things that happened during the year.

Most accept the common "facts" that Thanksgiving started in Massachusetts with the Pilgrims and Native Americans around 1620. That's what is taught in school after all. If you are content with that, maybe you don't want to read any further. If you are curious then let me tell you what may be actual facts.

The first American Thanksgiving was actually in Jamestown Virginia in the early 1600s. The meal in Massachusetts in 1620 is not related, and the two events

occurred independently. Just how Mass. won over Virginia for the school books is still debated today. The celebration of days of thanks were long held in European countries for 1000's of years. Historians think the actual date of the Plymouth thanksgiving was likely late September. It wasn't until 1870 that it was federally recognized, and even later before it was declared to be on the third Thursday of November.

It is unknown just how many native Americans attended and or whether they were actually invited or came for other reasons. But they did share the meal and festivities. The modern images we have of the event are mostly unrealistic. Pilgrims in dark clothes with buckles on their tall hats and shoes is also in doubt.

The meal was prepared by the women of the group, not unlike today, but included much more fish, shellfish, water fowl and deer than turkey. Vegetables were common, corn and beans grown in the colony and supplied by the local friendly Indians.

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President's Message

Chilly mornings and nights are daily reminders that winter is just around the corner. Now is the ideal time to prepare your home for the colder weather. Check your heat tape and change furnace filters. Thermal drapes can keep the cold out and heat in. (See my October 21st weekly message for more information.)

Another sign that winter is coming is the end of daylight savings time on November 2nd. Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour!

SAVE THE DATE: Jeanee Wright and Autumn Tigart from ROC USA will be holding an extensive training session on November 22, 2025. The tentative time is 10:00 to 3:00 and the training will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Lake Minsi Dr. This training will include the importance of by-laws, rules and regulations, and the budget process as well as our role as members of the community. Members of the three new ROCs in Pennsylvania will be joining us. This is a great opportunity for us to share ideas and experiences with other members of Resident Owned Communities (ROC). Please plan to join us.

Waste Water Treatment Plant Update

As most of you know Evergreen Village is working on their waste treatment plant. We wanted to provide you with some additional information and an update.

In the way of history the plant was built to clean waste from the homes in the park. In the years to follow some improvements were made but it seems only what was necessary to accommodate local rules and regulations and to keep it running. Wear and rust have taken their toll and affected the buildings, tanks, pumps etc., long overdue repairs are needed.

Fast forward to today. With the purchase of the village it has been necessary to finally start the needed changes which include some modernization and additional safety items. Monetary grants have been acquired to start this work. The grant money does not come from lot rent and does not have to be repaid.

I spoke with the Director of Operations. The update is that the grant money is being spent to replace the pumps, to add UV (ultraviolet) lighting for disinfection, to add magnesium anodes to help prevent corrosion in metal structures, an alarm for systems issue failures, plus for adding a generator to keep the plant

RENT INCREASE BEGINS November 1ST. New rent is \$775.00 for members, \$875 for non-members. If you have autopay through your portal, you must adjust your payment amount. Those for whom PMI automatically pays your rent, no adjustment is required. If you have any questions about making your payment, please contact PMI at 717-265-9128 for assistance.

I'd like to take this opportunity to ask each of you to consider volunteering for our community. Our community, like so many others, depends on the generosity of volunteers to accomplish tasks and goals and help save money. When researching this topic, I read that one out of four people say they don't volunteer because no one asked them to. So, I'm asking. Please consider giving of your time and talents to help our community. And if that doesn't motivate you, consider this: Research shows that volunteers report elevated mood and less depression, and that volunteers report increased social interactions and social support, better relationship quality, and decreased loneliness. Whatever your reason, we welcome your help.

Be well,

operating at times of power loss. The generator will solve that problem. These are the most pressing parts of the ongoing repairs and the village is currently waiting on parts. It is expected that as you are reading this November newspaper the repairs will already have started. The expectation is these will be finished by the spring. Future renovations are needed on the catwalks, two buildings, tanks and security fence.

You can help! When unwanted materials enter the system and foul the equipment it ultimately costs the residents. At times, outside service repair people have to be called in, often for costly after hour repairs. The system was built 45 plus years ago, and is still unable to handle some materials. You have all heard this before but it is very important that cloth like medical supplies, feminine products, wipes including those marked flushable often cause issues. In the case of our treatment plant all wipes including those marked flushable should **NOT** be flushed. Please use care and dispose of them with your regular household waste. If you have in-home health care or nurse services make sure they understand proper disposal of these items.

From the Editor *Cont. from pg 1*

Did you ever want a chance to get something published? Here's your opportunity. Just contact our editor, Sam Brockman at scb21@frontier.com

Along with the articles, our camera club will bring you images from around the village, they would love to have you join them. Or you can just submit a favorite photo to be included. The staff here are residents like you. We hope to hear from you.

November starts with a bit of a sour note. It's the reminder that lot rent goes up this month to \$775.00. Not really bad news, we do need funds to make sure the village expenses get paid. But enough of that, lets move on to November's good news.

That's Thanksgiving. For many of us it's the best holiday of the year. It doesn't include all the inside and outside decorating, running around shopping or financial burden of the December holidays. It's just a much more laid back holiday. Often you can just stay at home (make the kids and grand kids come visit the old folks and yes, let them cook!). Then there's the food to enjoy. Often the only time of the year for roast turkey, why is that? Plus seasonal specialties, sausage stuffing, cranberry sauce, and apple, pecan or pumpkin pies. Makes my mouth water already. However you spend the time, family in or traveling, have fun and be safe.

Village Challenge

Name our Island



Thanksgiving *cont from pg1*

colony and supplied by the local friendly Indians. But potatoes, including sweet potatoes, were not available. There would not have been pies or other desserts as we know them, as there was little sugar and no butter.

They did celebrate and pray, that seems to be true. Giving thanks for the simple things they had, a stark contrast to the wonderful lives most of us live.

Their times were very hard and it was good for them to take a day or two once a year when the harvest came in to give thanks.

All these different traditions, whether true are not, matter little. The message they send is what is important. At least once a year, and for some of us daily, we should take a moment to give thanks in whatever way you might know how. Look around, see your family, your friends and rejoice in them. Also give thanks for Evergreen Village, a very nice place to live.

Toys For Tots

Every year Evergreen Village participates in The Marine Corps Reserve Toys For Tots program. This wonderful program was established in 1947 to give the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's economically disadvantaged children. It's a very successful program nationally and here in the village. We encourage you to help, its very easy. Just drop off a new, unwrapped toy of any value for a child, infants and up, after October 18th and before December 9th, 2025. Any toy, book or game qualifies, please no war toys and no food items. Also try to avoid toys that require batteries. These will be packed up and delivered to a local collection site. In some areas this may be the only gift a child receives in their lifetime. We promise you a warm hearted feeling knowing you made a child somewhere in America smile.



Photo by Rich DeLeo

November 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	IMPORTANT REMINDER					1
	Deadline for sign-up and payment for Christmas at PUB 447 due no later than November 22, 2025.					
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends	3	4	5 Stretch 10:00 Camera Club 6:30	6	7 Stretch 10:00	8
9	10 Stretch 10:00 Bingo 1:00	11	12 Ladies Fellowship 10:00-12:00	13	14 Stretch 10:00	15
16	17 Stretch 10:00 Bingo 1:00	18	19 Stretch 10:00 Camera Club 6:30	20 5:30 Nov. Birthdays S&W Meeting 6:00	21 Stretch 10:00	22 ROC 10:00-3:00 Training at Prince of Peace
23 Decorate Clubhouse 2:00	24 Stretch 10:00 Bingo 1:00	25	26 Stretch 10:00	27 Day of Thanks	28 Stretch 10:00	29
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Community Rules Review For NOVEMBER

It is the responsibility of the Homeowner to secure and protect the home's water lines. Shut off valves are required on each home where the water line enters the home. Homeowners should use heat tape and/or other insulation methods to protect water lines from freezing.

Did you know that there is a committed group of ladies meeting monthly for Prayer, Share, and Fellowship? Believing in the power of Prayer, we gather together and have a brief devotional based upon Biblical principles. Women then have the opportunity to voluntarily share individual needs and concerns of each other, families, friends, the community, and our country in which we are encouraged to lift one another up in Prayer. Time is then spent enjoying one another's company in Fellowship. Our group is separate from any other Village group or committee. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Clubhouse. For any additional information feel free to contact Gloria Marsteller at 484-226-6448.

What's Cooking

Old-fashioned Potato Soup

Ingredients:

3 1/2 lbs potatoes, peeled and diced
Water (to cover the potatoes) with a few pinches of salt
3 tablespoons butter
1 medium onion, diced
6 cups milk
1 1/2 teaspoons salt (adjust to taste)
Black pepper to taste
Optional: bits/pieces of pre-cooked bacon

Directions:

Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with water, adding a few pinches of salt. Bring to a gentle boil

and cook until fork-tender but not falling apart, about 10-15 minutes. Drain the potatoes, reserving a cup of cooking liquid.

In a Dutch oven or large soup pot, heat butter over medium heat. Add diced onions and sauté until soft.

Add the drained potatoes to the pot with the cooked onions. Pour in the milk, season with salt and pepper, (add bacon bits/pieces if desired) and gently bring the mixture to a simmer. Avoid boiling to prevent curdling.

Simmer gently for 10 minutes. Mash about half of the potatoes with a potato masher or use an immersion blender to create a creamy texture while leaving chunks intact. Add reserved cooking liquid if a thinner consistency is desired.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Evergreen Village Celebrates

Annual Christmas Dinner

at

PUB 447

65 Independence Rd.

East Stroudsburg, PA

Saturday, December 6, 2024 – 1 p.m.

NO REFUNDS (unless event is cancelled).

\$57.00 per person, includes tax and gratuity.

Choice of:

Twin Lobster Tails, Prime Rib or Chicken Marsala

Soup OR Salad, dessert (cookies/brownies), and non-alcoholic beverages.

Minimum required **30** people. Once paid, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. Sign-up at Clubhouse.

Payment due no later than **November 22, 2025.**

Payments to: Sam Brockman, 484 553-4706; **checks payable to: Evergreen Village Activities**

In addition (optional), you may bring a \$5.00 non-perishable food for donation to PUMP. Food donation may be dropped off at Clubhouse prior to dinner.

How do you want to be remembered?

In a high school in one of the southern states, where football is almost as important as math and science, comes this story. The team coach had included on his team a young man named Thomas. Thomas was quiet but dedicated to the team. Although his game play was average at best, he attended every practice and every game. Although his game time on the field was always limited, he always did what was asked of him.

Over the following weeks the coach noticed that Thomas always arrived with an older man who walked with a cane. He guessed, based on the man's age that it was his grandfather. Thomas would always arrive early and the two of them would sit for a while in the empty stands before each practice or game started. The man would stay for the entire time. After the game the two would walk off the field together.

Eventually, with the season almost finished, the team had done very well and had just one remaining game to play to be the state champs. It was against a neighboring town with the two teams having a long rivalry between them, equal to the rivalry of college teams.

When the day of the last practice arrived, the day before the big game, a team member came to the coach to let him know Thomas would not be able to attend the practice because his

grandfather had past away and he would be attending the services. But added that Thomas would be at the game. The coach told him, if he saw Thomas, that it was ok if he could not make the game.

On the day of the game, Thanksgiving Day, with the field and stands full, coach noticed Thomas, there early and fully dressed. The teams took to the field and played though the first three quarters, slugging it out, with the game close but they were still behind. Unlike other games, today, Thomas sat on the edge of the bench, making eye contact with the coach whenever he could, asking with his eyes to be let into the game. After one rough play where some teammates had gotten hurt, the coach was forced to let him into the game. He literally jumped at the chance.

As the play started and the ball was hiked, the quarterback tried a short pass but the throw was partially blocked and ended up in Thomas's arms. After being forced to take a few steps in the wrong direction he quickly turned and ran the ball 35 yards to the opposing team's 40 yard line. In the next play, with another chance with the ball he moved forward again, this time to the 20 yard line. Finally, after a fumble, he was able to pick up and run the ball into the end zone and the game was tied.

Both teams fought vainly

though the remaining time until there was just time left for a single play. Thomas's team had the ball. The quarterback called the last chance play with all the receivers to go down field for a pass. With the ball hiked, Thomas flew down the right side edge, with a flash of speed no one expected. At the 10 yard line, with the ball already in the air, Thomas, with both arms raised, managed to grab the ball and fall into the end zone for the winning touchdown.

The home town crowd exploded with cheers and the stands emptied onto the field. The team and coach were swamped. But as the crowd settled down the coach noticed Thomas sitting alone on the bench. He went over and sat next to him.

After a few quiet moments he thanked Thomas for his work in the game. But he also had to ask him something else. "Thomas, I have watched you through all the practice sessions and all the games. Never once, through them all did it seem you had the abilities you had today. I just have to ask about that". Thomas replied "As you know coach my grandfather died a few days ago. But did you know he was blind?" Coach said, "I still don't understand." "You see coach, today was the first day my grandfather saw me play".

HOW DO YOU WANT TO BE
REMEMBERED?

IN THE VILLAGE

This spot will be a companion to the regular monthly calendar and the Social and Wellness calendar.

-Decorate the Clubhouse for Christmas Nov. 23rd 2:00 pm

-Daylight Savings time ends NOVEMBER. 2, you should roll clocks back one hour.

-November is a very good time to prepare your home against the coming cold winter. Use layers when dressing and include hats, scarf's ,gloves, waterproof boots or shoes. Check your heat tape for water pipes entering underneath. Have drafts sealed with weather stripping. Check for a supply of ice melt etc. for driveways, ramps, stairs and sidewalks. Don't forget the car; tires, antifreeze, wiper blades etc. plus a bag for inside the car with extra supplies and additional warm clothes in case you breakdown.

-Be aware of wintertime depression. Cold weather can generate isolation and loneliness. Check with neighbors and friends. A short phone call can make a big difference.

-Prepare for power outages. Extra blankets within easy reach. Light sources like flashlight and extra batteries, (Be very careful with candles and never leave them unattended). Consider a battery powered radio. Keep a stock of food items that can be eaten cold.

-November and December are wonderful months for crafting, knitting, baking and painting. Also socializing, volunteering and community involvement. Stay in touch with family and friends, write letters, cards and notes. Have an enjoyable autumn season.

Autumn in the Village



Photo by Rich DeLeo

SPECIAL NOTICE: Sat. Nov 1st Clubhouse Veterans Memorial Dedication. 2:00 pm

Come meet Matthew Mascera the Scout who gave us the new flag pole and memorial

Need to Know

New members and those who may not be aware, the lock code for the Clubhouse is 215. Please clean and/or straighten, and turn off the lights and any appliances when finished.

AROUND THE TOWN

-Election day is November 4th. You can vote in person at the firehouse.

-Speaking of the firehouse, on November 8th they are having an open house. Meet your local firefighters and the Auxiliary, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

-Also at the firehouse on November 13th, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM it's SOUP NIGHT. Did you know once a month you can buy homemade soup takeout? Two different soups are made and sold in quart sizes. Contact Sherry to preorder at 908-672-9961. They do this every month, with different soup each time.

-On November 29th is the annual Craft Show. Also at the firehouse. Held 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

-Every year we are paying multiple real estate taxes to the State and to local entities. Did you know as homeowners you probably are eligible for two rebates, State and School? Process is simple, for more information contact Ann Flood's office at 610-746-2100.



Resident Volunteer Wayne Butler maintaining the brush, seed pod, and grass disposal area. Wayne uses his own equipment in his voluntary work saving our Community \$\$\$\$\$\$.
Thank You, Wayne!!!

Photo by Adam Anik

Little known fact:

KALE is the most versatile of all the vegetables. It will literally fit into any size trash can!



Resident and Red Cross Volunteers assemble at the Clubhouse prior to the installation of free Smoke and CO₂ alarms in participating residents' homes.