

APRIL 2026

LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



CELEBRATING APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Nancy Snavelly (PC) 4/1
Christine Schmidt (V) 4/3
Pat Buchko (HC) 4/4
Bev Jerasa (CP) 4/5
Walter Atkins (TH) 4/5
Howard Harman (V) 4/6
Stephen Bush (TH) 4/6
Betty Munhall (CP) 4/6
Ed Shaffer (TH) 4/6
Donna Hagerich (CP) 4/6
Louis Bruno (TH) 4/7
Douglas Weimer (TH) 4/10
Mary Williamson (PC) 4/11
Janet Miller (HC) 4/12
Shelia Henderson (CP) 4/13
Dennis Koon (HC) 4/15
Bob Dabbs (V) 4/16
Dottie Wagner (TH) 4/17
Joan Hammerle (HC) 4/19
Terry Dunkle (CP) 4/19
Allen Yoder (TH) 4/19
Terry Buxbaum (TH) 4/20
Gordon Allen (V) 4/22
Dick Bosserman (CP) 4/22
Brenda Smolnik (TH) 4/22
Pauline Prohonic (V) 4/27
Tom Krise (HC) 4/28
Dolores Katzenstein (PC) 4/29
Barb Mickle (V) 4/30



Tim Mock,
CEO

Greetings Residents,

I don't keep it a secret that I love winter. Although, once the snow melts, I am ready for spring. It is always a time to look forward to new growth and warmer weather. One of my favorite signs of springs is listening to the spring peepers, a type of chorus frog that is native to our region. We've been blessed to have heard them already on the warmer days in March.

Unfortunately, spring is also a time where the melting of snow and new growth can reveal the contrast between the new growth and items that need attention. Winter, and winter maintenance, takes its toll on our grounds, lawns and landscaping. Our outside maintenance team will work diligently to attend to and refresh these areas that need attention. Please be patient with them as they do.

We are continuing to work on the Master Plan process for our campus. We have performed focus groups with many stakeholders, and we have been collecting surveys as well. Thank you to all who helped so far. If you have not yet completed your survey, please do so. One of the most common questions that has been asked through the process is "what happens next?". We expect this master plan process to take approximately 6 months. The final result of which will be a Master Plan, that shows the end goal of what gets built out on the new land and what gets remodeled and refreshed from the existing campus as well. This master plan will be prioritized and phased. We do not know yet what all will be in this final plan or what projects will be prioritized as being done first. We do expect to be able to share the plan and the phasing by the end of this year. Then we expect that we will be embarking on initiating phase one in the following year.

Finally, I want to invite you one more time to the Laurel View Village Impact Awards Dinner. On April 15, we will be holding a fundraiser dinner. The net proceeds of the evening will go to the caring fund. We have 4 exemplary honorees this year. Each of them has made tremendous impacts here at Laurel View Village and I am excited to honor them with all of you. Please see the blurb in this newsletter to learn about the honorees.

I wish you all a beautiful spring and Blessed Easter celebrations as we reflect on the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

**TH = Townhome, V = Vista,
CP = Cambridge Place,
PC = Personal Care,
HC = Healthcare**

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



Eric Lasure,
Chaplain

IT DIDN'T END AT THE CROSS

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

A little boy born with Down syndrome attended his third-grade Sunday School class faithfully each week. As you can expect, the other children did not readily accept the boy because he seemed different.

The Sunday after Easter, their teacher brought in small boxes--one for each child. The children were told to go outside, find some symbols of new life, and put them in their containers. So, the children ran wildly throughout the property looking for something to fill their boxes.

Once they returned to the classroom, they began to share their discoveries with the class. One by one they opened their boxes to show flowers, butterflies, leaves, and more. Each time the class would "ooh" and "ahh."

Then the child with Down syndrome opened his box to reveal nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid! It's not fair! He didn't do the assignment right!"

The little boy exclaimed, "I did so do it! It's empty...because the tomb where Jesus laid was found empty!"

If Jesus had not risen from the dead, our faith would be foolish and fake. But He did rise from death, confirming His life and message. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis for our hope of life eternal beyond the grave.

Don't ever forget to include the resurrection of Christ from the dead when speaking of His death on the cross. For because He conquered sin on the cross and death through His resurrection, we can have unmistakable hope in Him for eternity.

PRAYER: Praise God that you serve a risen Savior! Thank Him for His sacrifice on the cross and for defeating death so that you and I may experience eternal life with Him one day.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Mass/Communion Services for April

Monday, April 6, 10:30 AM

Catholic Mass with Father Larry

Monday, April 13, 10:30 AM

Communion Service with Threse Baywood

Monday, April 20, 10:30 AM

Catholic Mass with Father Larry

Monday, April 27, 10:30 AM

Communion Service with Threse Baywood

Rosary is at 1:15 PM

every Thursday in the Chapel.

Services subject to change

Pastor Schedule for April

Sunday, April 5, 2:30 PM

Pastor Eric for Easter

Sunday, April 12, 2:30 PM

Keystone State Quartet

Sunday, April 19, 2:30 PM

Julie DiBuono, Laurel View Village

Sunday, April 26, 2:30 PM

Pastor Eric (Arbor Day Service)

Services subject to change

Upcoming Communion Service

Non-denominational Communion Service

Wednesday, May 27

Please note there will be no Communion in April, Communion occurs on the

Fourth Wednesday of every other month at 2 PM in the Chapel.



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

Congratulations to our very own Townhome Resident, Rev. David McGee for celebrating his 50 years of ordained ministry! Rev. McGee's journey began in Van Buren, Maine. McGee's journey continued his ministry to Adrian, Kittanning, Ford City, Carbondale and eventually landed in Windber in February 1980. It was here with the help of others, that they established the first rural Hospice in the country at Windber Medical Center. McGee helped to develop the Pastoral Care program and later led the bereavement program. From 1980 to 2019, he served the Windber Hospital community. A vital part of his journey is his wife, Ronda, who contributed in countless ways to both the church and the broader community. McGee is grateful to the faithful support of their church family. "God is faithful to open doors and equip you to walk through them."

For more information on McGee's work visit, www.davidmcgeebooks.com, and his book is titled, *Comfort in Sorrow, Living after the death of a loved one.*

WELCOMES & TRIBUTES, & THIS MONTH'S

WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY

Ed and Rosanne McCall (TH)
Pete and Janice Kaltenbaugh (CP)

GIVING TRIBUTE TO

Dorothy Butler
Minnie Worrell
Bill Tranovich

THIS MONTH'S HOLIDAYS

Wed, April 1 - Passover Begins & April Fool's Day

Thurs, April 2 - Holy Thursday

Fri, April 3 - Good Friday

Sun, April 5 - Easter

Thurs, April 9 - Passover Ends

Sat, April 11 - National Pet Day

Sun, April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday & Orthodox Easter

Tues, April 14 - Holocaust Remembrance Day

Wed, April 15 - Tax Day

Mon, April 20 - Yom HaZikaron begins

Wed, April 22 - Earth Day & Yom-HaAtzmaut

Fri, April 24 - Arbor Day

THIS MONTH'S OBSERVANCES & FUN FACTS

April is observed as:

- National Poetry Month
- Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention
- National Autism Awareness
- Stress Awareness Month
- National Donate Life Month

April's birthstone:

Diamond and Crystal

April Astrological Sign:

Aries (3/21 - 4/19)

Taurus (4/20 - 5/20)

April's flower:

Daisy and Sweet Pea

Fruit & Veggies for the Month of April:

- Green Onions; Leeks
- Asian Pear

COMMUNITY SUPPORT RESOURCES



Loss of a Loved One Support Group

Tuesday, April 7

First Tuesday of every month!

Chapel at 5 PM



Parkinson's Support Group Boxing with Donnie

Thursday, April 9 & 23

Second & Fourth Thursday of every month!

Vista Multipurpose Room at 2 PM

\$10 fee to be paid at the door to Donnie.



Low Vision Support Group

Tuesday, April 21

Vista Library at 3 PM



Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, April 16

Third Thursday of every month!

Chapel at 3 PM



Parkinson's Support Group

Tuesday, April 28

Last Tuesday of every month!

Chapel at 2 PM

COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES

PODIATRY

Dr. Izzo, Foot & Ankle Specialist, is available for scheduling podiatry appointments for **Friday, April 24 & May 22**. Dr. Izzo visits our campus once a month and operates out of the treatment room in the Davidsville Care Center. To schedule an appointment please contact the front desk at (814) 288-2724.



LIFELINE MEDICAL CENTER (LLMC) (814) 915-4539

Lifeline Medical Center, located in the Davidsville Care Center, is available by appointment on **Monday: 7AM-7PM, Tuesday: 7AM-7PM, Wednesday 7AM-4PM, Thursday: 7AM-3PM, and Friday: 7AM-3PM**. They provide a large array of services such as: Primary Care Services for all ages, Acute Care Services (such as: Urinary Tract Infections, Sutures, Ear Pain, Sore Throat), Community Blood Draw Center, and much more!

LLMC is open to residents, staff, family members, friends, and the general public. **To schedule an appointment today, please call (814) 915-4539.**

Please bring your ID, insurance card, and a complete medication list.

BENCHMARK THERAPIES

Benchmark Therapies is committed to delivering high-quality rehabilitation therapy services. Their programs in Physical, Occupational, and Speech therapy are tailored to meet the specific needs of each individual. For additional information **please call (814) 205-6762.**

MOBILE X-RAY

Residents must have a doctors script for an X-ray and must contact **Doug Croyle to coordinate (814) 205-6702.**

Please ensure that your Health Information Form is always up to date! If you have any questions, concerns, or need further information, please reach out to Doug Croyle at (814) 205-6702.

COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES

LABORATORY SERVICES

Windber Labs

- **1st and 3rd Tuesday** of each month, they will be in the **Cambridge Place Activity Room** from **8 - 9 AM**.
- **2nd and 4th Tuesday** of each month, they will be in the **treatment room** within the **Davidsville Care Center 8 - 9 AM**.

Life Line Medical Center also provides these services during their office hours listed prior.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Laurel View Village provides free, medical transportation to local services. To take advantage of this service, just complete a form available outside the Vista or Cambridge mailboxes. Once filled out, return the slip to the secure box located in the Cambridge mail room or outside Randy's office, across from the Village Café. Questions contact **Randy Yoder, Transportation Coordinator, at (814) 205-6487**.

HOME CARE SERVICES

Laurel View Village provides in-home assistance services, known as Home Care Services, to help residents age comfortably in their Townhomes, Vista, and Cambridge Place apartments. Our certified home care team offers support to individuals requiring help with daily activities. These services can be tailored to meet your evolving needs, ranging from daily visits to once-a-month check-ins!

For more information, please reach out to **Doug Croyle, Independent Living Health Services, at (814) 205-6702 or via email at dcroyle@lvv1.com**.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Patrick Gray is Laurel View Village's medical director. Under his direction, his CRNP can do scheduled house visits that **MUST BE SCHEDULED BY DOUG ONLY** at (814) 205-6702.

Dr. Gray's doctor office is located in Windber, for his primary care services contact (814) 467-5600.

Please ensure that your Health Information Form is always up to date! If you have any questions, concerns, or need further information, please reach out to Doug Croyle at (814) 205-6702.

THE VILLAGERS



Joe Shetler,
Life Enrichment and
Wellness Manger



Laurel View Village had several resident golfers join the Richland Indoor Golf Tavern's 4 man scramble inaugural indoor winter golf league. Teams played head-to-head each week for ten weeks including the playoffs. "The Villagers" represented Laurel View Village well going 10-0 and **winning the league championship** on Monday, March 9th! Members of the Laurel View team included (left to right) Joe Shetler, Bill Ondriezsek (Townhome resident), Bryan Shetler (Joe's Dad), and Sammy Sharbaugh (Joe's former baseball player). Not pictured is Bill Hutzel (Cambridge resident) who was unfortunately injured about midway through the season and was unable to play.

LIFE ENRICHMENT & WELLNESS



Joe Shetler,
Life Enrichment and
Wellness Manager

Lunch & Learn

Wednesday, April 1 at 12 PM

Vista Multipurpose Room

Join Dietitian Megan Sensue & Joe Shetler for a discussion on health & wellness. This presentation is full of very important information that you will not want to miss. Your name will be automatically entered into a drawing to win a \$10 gift card for attending this lunch & learn presentation.



Veteran's Ice Cream Social

Friday, April 8 at 1 PM

Vista Multipurpose Room

A Veteran's group out of Somerset is coming to campus to offer a special ice cream social and presentation to all Veterans of Laurel View Village. The social will be held on Friday, April 8 at 1pm in the Vista Multipurpose Room. If you are a Veteran, please consider attending this special event. The social will be over before resident council at 2pm in the Chapel.

Impact Awards Fundraising Gala

Wednesday, April 15 at 5 PM

Fresh Harvest Banquet Room

Each year, Laurel View Village proudly honors individuals who have made a significant positive impact on our community through the Impact Award. This award highlights those who embody the core values of Laurel View Village while contributing positively to either Laurel View Village or the 55+ population in the area. Join us in honoring the 2026 Honorees:

- Resident Impact Award: **Joanne Melnik & Collene Reeves**
- Employee Impact Award: **Nancy Donati**
- Community Impact Award: **Michael Stevens**



Purchase a ticket at the front desk by March 31 to attend our Impact Awards Gala.

All proceeds benefit the Resident Caring Fund Endowment. Happy Ads in program are available - contact Emily Smith for more information at 814-205-6619 or esmith@lvv1.com

LIFE ENRICHMENT & WELLNESS



All registered Volunteers are invited to join our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, April 17th at 12pm in the Cambridge Banquet Room. There will be plenty of great food and drinks along with a presentation and awards. Please signup in either activity room if you would like to attend.

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, April 17 at 12 PM

Cambridge Banquet Room

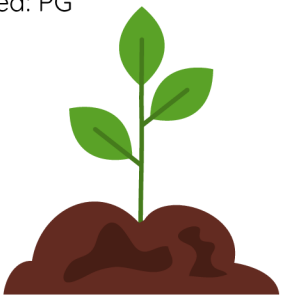
Village Movie Night - Featuring: Sleepless in Seattle

Wednesday, April 22 at 6 PM

Cambridge Banquet Room

Based on an incredible true story! Anna Beam (Kylie Rogers) lives with a rare, incurable disorder that leaves her unable to digest food. Despite the dire diagnosis, devoted mom Christy (Jennifer Garner) relentlessly searches for a way to save her beloved daughter. Everything changes in an instant when Anna tells an amazing story of a visit to heaven after surviving a headlong tumble into a tree. Her family and doctors become even more baffled when the young girl begins to show signs of recovering from her fatal condition.

Rated: PG



Arbor Day Service

Sunday, April 26 at 2:30 PM

Laurel View Village honors and remembers our residents who passed away in the last year. Join Pastor Eric's memorial service at 2:30 PM in the Chapel on Sunday April 26.

Utility Rate Q & A with Bill Gregory for Townhomes Only

Wednesday, April 1 at 2 PM in Cambridge Activity Room

Join Townhome Resident Bill Gregory for an enlightening Q&A session focused on your Penelec and Peoples bill rates on Wednesday, April 1 at 2 PM in Cambridge Activity Room! Don't forget to bring a copy of your utility bills.



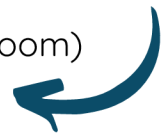
ACTIVITIES, EXCURSIONS, ENTERTAINMENT

Activities & Excursions Requiring Sign Ups

Don't miss out on the excitement—sign up in either activity room today!

- Ladies Tea (4/2 at 1 PM in the Cambridge Activity Room)
- Market Basket Shopping (4/7 departing at 10:30 AM)
- Festive Flower Pot Craft (4/7 at 1 PM in the Vista Activity Room)
- Ladies Day Out (4/9 departing at 11 AM)
- Walk or Shop at the Galleria Mall (4/10 departing at 9:30 AM)
- Men's Breakfast (4/14 at 8:30 AM in the Fresh Harvest Restaurant)
- Walmart Shopping (4/14 departing at 10 AM)
- Festive Flower Pot Craft (4/16 at 1 PM in the Cambridge Activity Room)
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (4/17 at 12 PM in Fresh Harvest Banquet Room)
- Dollar General Shopping (4/21 departing at 10:30 AM)
- Country Ride with Ice Cream (4/22 departing at 1 PM)
- Village Movie Night (4/22 at 6 PM in the Fresh Harvest Banquet Room)
- Ladies Mystery Lunch (4/23 departing at 11 AM)
- Ladies Breakfast (4/28 at 8:30 AM in the Fresh Harvest Banquet Room)
- Giant Eagle (4/28 departing at 10:30 AM)
- Westmoreland Mall & Casino (4/29 departing at 9:30 AM)

SIGN UP



Musical Talents:

We have many great entertainers coming to campus to perform:

- Music with Laura Williamson (4/7 at 2 PM in the Chapel)
- Music with Ed Cominsky (4/14 at 2 PM in the Chapel)
- Music with Joe Tomlinson (4/15 at 2 PM in the Chapel)
- Music with Tom & Carolyn (4/21 at 2 PM in the Chapel)
- Music with Billy Stoppe (4/24 at 2 PM in the Chapel)
- Movie Matinee "Singing in the Rain" (4/28 at 1 PM in the Vista Multipurpose Room)
- CT Jazz Band (4/30 at 11 AM in the Chapel)



Weather Recap at Laurel View Village

by John Cupps, TH Resident

February was up and down with a high of 62 and a low of -9. Our maximum wind speed was 39 mph one day and during the month we had 9.5 inches of snow; giving us a total of 42.6 inches for the season. Our average maximum temperature was 37.4 and our average minimum low temperature was 18.3 degrees.



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER BALL GAMES

We will once again be going on 3 baseball game trips this summer. In June and August we will attend Altoona Curve games. In July we will attend a Pirates day game at PNC Park. More information can be found on the signup sheets which are now posted in both activity rooms.

GATEWAY CLIPPER SIGHTSEEING CRUISE

Join us for a riverboat cruise in Pittsburgh on June 17. We will take a sightseeing cruise around Pittsburgh and then stop for dinner on the way home. For more information, please see the signup sheet that is posted in both activity rooms.

SIGHT & SOUND TRIP

Thursday, Oct 15

Purchase of tickets necessary

We will be taking another bus out to Sight & Sound in Lancaster on Thursday, October 15th. We will stop and eat lunch at the Hershey Smorgasbord before the show "Joshua" which begins at 3pm. Tickets are very hard to get and almost sold out through the end of 2026. If you would like to go tickets are \$100 and you can signup in either activity room.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Laurel View Village will hold its Community Garage Sale on Saturday, August 1, 8AM to 12PM, RAIN OR SHINE!

Any Independent Living Resident or Priority Club Member who is interested in participating in the Garage Sale as a seller or volunteer is encouraged to attend an **informational meeting on Thursday, May 21, 3PM in the Cambridge Activity Room.**

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION FOR POTENTIAL SELLERS:

- Details about the set-up of the event
- What's included in the \$10 participation fee
- Helpful hints for a successful sale
- Deadline for sign-up

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION FOR POTENTIAL VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Assist participating Cambridge/Vista residents with set-up, sale, and tear-down of items
- Balloon placement on lampposts of participating TH residents and Cambridge/Vista areas
- Drop-off of unwanted/unsold items to St. Francis Sharing & Caring truck that will be on-site immediately following the sale
- Removal of campus signage and balloons immediately following the sale

If you have any questions before the meeting on May 21, please contact Risa Billow, at 814-241-6563.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIP, SUPPORT, AND CELEBRATE LADIES DAY OUT WITH LEE INITIATIVES & LAUREL VIEW VILLAGE

Saturday, May 16 at 11 AM in the Fresh Harvest Banquet Rooms

Tickets must be purchased in advanced at the Front Desk for \$40

A day for the ladies! Enjoy an array of vendors, exciting high-end giveaways, a 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, and much more! Ticket includes 2 drinks, lunch, and a sheet of tickets. All proceeds benefit Lee Initiatives and Laurel View Village’s Resident Caring Fund. Guests are encouraged to wear floral patterns and pastel colors. Deadline to purchase a ticket Friday, May 1.

SAVE THE DATE: SOCK HOP

June 18, 2026 at 5 PM in Fresh Harvest Banquet Room - In memory of Linda Ondriezek
More details are to come.

FOOD TRUCK SUMMER

Welcome to staff, residents, and public.

Join us for Food Truck Summer, happening **once a month on Fridays from 11 AM to 3 PM!** Each month, a different food truck will serve tasty treats, so come hungry!

FRIDAY, MAY 29 11 AM - 3 PM	JACKIE’S GROOVY CHEESE TRUCK
FRIDAY, JUNE 19 11 AM - 3 PM	BIG B’S BBQ
FRIDAY, JULY 31 11 AM - 3 PM	ULTIMATE STROMBOLI
FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 11 AM - 3 PM	ROSALINDA’S
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 11 AM - 3PM	PAPPY D’S FOOD TRUCK

FLAVOR, FUNCTION, & FUN:



Megan Sensus,
Registered
Dietitian
Nutritionist

The concept of eating well does not have to be overly complicated. It should be something that we look forward to and enjoy overall. Flavor, function, and fun is about choosing foods that taste good and help you feel good. It is a way to help support your health through meals that bring you happiness, comfort, color, stability and satisfaction.

As we age, our bodies require a little more extra nutritional support from the various foods that we consume daily, Colorful fruits & vegetables, fish, herbs, lean meats, and whole grains can provide natural benefits such as helping to support digestion, boosting energy, and helping the heart and brain stay strong and focused. Not to mention, these types of foods add amazing, color, texture, flavors, and aromas which are the main things that help to make our meals more enjoyable.

One of the best parts of flavor and function is flexibility. Having the power to choose your foods helps to bring both nourishment and taste to your plate. Food is more than solely fuel alone. Food is also considered a way of connection, pleasure, and care believe it or not. Food is typically provided at various functions and events. For example, food is almost always at-weddings, showers, funerals, work events, graduations, school events, holidays etc. We celebrate our lives through food!

Listed below are some quick and easy tips and tricks for helping to add flavor, function, and fun to your foods:

- Boost with berries-adding a handful of blueberries, raspberries, and strawberries gives us natural sweetness along with strong antioxidant power in which our bodies need
- Herbs over salt-using various types of herbs (fresh or dried) helps to add additional flavor to our foods without bringing on the extra sodium from salt-some examples include, fresh dill, basil, parsley, or even salt free seasoning blend packets
- Healthy fats-happy body-avocados, olive oil , nuts and seed offer satisfying textures along with heart-health benefits
- Color = nutrition
 - Aim for 3 colors per plate-more color on your plate usually means more nutrients and more of a visual appeal



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