



Celebrating Petra's Hero's

At times such as these, it truly takes a village to keep things going. I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support from our elected leaders and neighbors. I'm compelled to express my appreciation to those who willingly offered their assistance.

We have been provided with masks for all staff and residents. We have had numerous food donations and individuals to run errands, grocery shop and make friendly phone calls. We've had support of our family members and others so that we can remain at home and comfortable throughout this quarantine.

On behalf of Petra, I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank State Representatives Joe Ciresi and Danielle Friel Otten for their assistance. Julie Gaudin from the Phoenixville Senior Center for making sure we are all fed. Our neighbor, Julie McFarland who has been such a diligent advocate connecting us with volunteers such as the Coldstream Crafters to help provide masks for every resident. Chester County Food Bank, Giant Food stores and Wegmans Market for their abundant food donations.

On March 15th the COVID 19 restrictions caused all of our staff to work remotely from home as possible. Our dedicated maintenance staff remained consistently available to handle emergencies, daily needs and deliver meals to all of our residents. The current PA restrictions prevent any outside deliveries from entering our buildings such as Meals on Wheels, etc. Residents like Jim, Shirley and Sande helped forward those meals to homebound residents. Our "donation teams", Martin, Ann, Jim, Kathy and others, used their time, gas and energy to pick up and distribute fresh foods to our buildings. Some of you broke out sewing machines and contributed to masks for your neighbors. To those like Lillian and Ann who cook and share warm meals, I thank you from my heart. Thank you so much to all of our unsung Hero's who reached out to a neighbor just to see how they were doing. And thanks to our Director, Steve Kambic, who goes above and beyond making sure we keep running, staff stays employed and we all remain safe.

Thanks for remembering we're are in this together, Beverly Sarduy Dalton, Resident Services Coordinator

The Board has spoken. On May 7th, the Petra Board affirmed the Petra COVID-19 pandemic response policies now in place. Due to PA restrictions, we will continue to close the community rooms and monitor changing PA restrictions. On June 1st, we will begin apartment inspections to keep our systems operating. We will phase in relaxation of restrictions as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Recerts

PA restrictions prohibit face to face meetings with residents at this time. Residents with an upcoming recertification will receive a packet at their door. Please sign and provide the required documents under the office door and indicate if you need copies of any items. You will be contacted if anything is missing. For any questions please contact Mary at 484-933-4950 or Bobbi at 484-933-4954.

Where There's Smoke...

It appears the longer we stay in quarantine, the more some residents disregard the house rules. Recently, most lease violation complaints and investigations have involved smoking policies. Please remember your choices effect your neighbors and **smoking is an evictable offense!**

Be assured lease violation notices are issued as determined. Those accused have the right to present additional information toward their defense prior to any court proceedings. We make every effort to have all the facts and take the health of everyone in our communities very seriously.

Delivered Meals & More Food Resources



Recently many of you received **free meal boxes** provided by FEMA and the Phoenixville Senior Center. These provisions were set up as a shelf stable meals. FEMA just announced meals will stop. If you have meals you do not want, please take to the lobby donation area for others.

Our county food bank is offering a “**Sunshine**” box of non-perishables that offers a mixture of canned meats, cereals and rice. There are also programs like “**Simple Suppers**” that consists of prepared frozen meals similar to “TV” dinners, that can be delivered bi weekly for reheating.

The **UCC Church on Chestnut St., Spring City is open Thursdays to give out food boxes.** Also in Spring City on **Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., the Regeneration** (Church & Broad St) has a food bank. Rumor has it that we may start to have regular access to milk and eggs!

Many of our local eateries are now open for curbside pickup or delivery! Call them to help them stay in business! **Also remember to check your buildings donation areas Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.**

We are making every effort to take advantage of the provisions available and avoid the chaos that surrounds most of our local grocery stores. Please contact the **Chester County Food Bank 610.873.6000 or your Resident Services Coordinator** if you need more information.

Stimulas, Rebates, Taxes and Scams

Due to COVID-19, the federal tax filing deadline has been extended 90 days till July 15th. Also, the deadline for any Rent Rebates has been extended till December 2020.

If it's the refunds you're anxious for, not to worry because we will all be receiving (if you haven't already) a \$1200 stimulus check to help jump start our economy. As long as you have Direct Deposit for your Social Security benefit there is NOTHING you need to do to receive this benefit.

Be extremely cautious of the many scams trying to get you to pay for unnecessary services to get your stimulus or bail out long lost relatives. NEVER give out your information over the phone and remember PECO NEVER calls you. It's a solicitor!

Clean & Crush!!

Your recycles please! Help out our maintenance team! If everyone rinsed and squashed their plastic bottles and paper boxes it could create 50% more room in the recycle bins, stop the odors and risk of pests and critters. Just saying...

Good News!

Angelica had her baby!

Aiden James was born on March 17th, St Patty's day. 7lbs 14 oz, 21" long!



The New Normal?

Our elected leaders continue to search for a way to get some normalcy back in our communities. Until they announce a plan, **residents and their supports MUST continue to follow the current COVID restrictions such as Social Distancing and wearing a MASK in ALL common areas. Remember that you are responsible for your visitors and homecare aides. Remind them to respect protocols.**

Your House Cleaners or Movers are now allowed to enter the building while wearing MASKS and GLOVES.

For a little exercise check out “silverandfit” on Facebook or Youtube. Email me for links to YMCA and Senior Center classes! Beverly.Sarduy@Petrach.org

Please Return the Shopping Carts!! Don't hold them hostage. Your neighbors need them!