

In This November Issue

Fall decorations,
new menus & more.



EVER WONDER WHY
IT'S NAMED BLUE
RIDGE? "PARKWAY?"



SEASONAL FEATURE
THE "DOORS OF THE
BARCLAY"



COMING SOON:
GIVING THANKS

The Barclay TOWN TALK



Town Hall Again A Treasure Trove of Valuable Information

Once again, Carolina Hall played host to the monthly Town Hall Meeting. As is customary, IL Director Carol Cyr set up the program, with various Department Directors following her before the Q&A session.

As you'll see when reading through this article — and the detailed minutes from the meeting that have been printed out and placed in your I-Mailbox (cubbyhole just off the main lobby) — there are a few important points that ***all residents should note and take to heart***, including a reminder that NO Pets are allowed in any of the dining rooms/venues, even just passing through; and that, while we love having our grandchildren come to visit, there have been too many instances of unaccompanied children using (not always properly) the fitness and creative arts spaces, resulting in them being locked on weekends and causing an inconvenience for those who like to use them regularly.

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Another important points made by Carol —There is no more parking space in the garage, because the Fire Marshal has not yet cleared us to park beneath the lifts. That means, if you have a second vehicle, you can either self park it in the satellite lot across the street, or use the valet to park it on a lift.

Q&A Session:

Q: Can I use Direct Debit for rent payments?

A: Yes, rent payments can be made via an ACH draft on your checking account on the 5th of the month. Bring a voided check to Nate's office and complete a small form he has and it will be set up.

Q: Do visiting pets need to be leashed?

A: Yes, with no exceptions. And, all visiting dogs also need to have vet records on file with the front desk. So alert your children/grandchildren or visiting friends.

Q: Can there be a regular schedule for changing AC and refrigerator filters?

A: Yes. And a regular schedule will be implemented immediately by Edward.

Q: Why does it seem to be so cold inside?

A: Temperature systems are not set for individual rooms. There is a centralized computer that controls HVAC for an entire wing at a time. We adjust as we can, but the computer reacts to the temperature outside.

BRAC Announcements

A Kitchen Tour will be held on November 17. If interested, use the sign-up book in lobby.

November "Meet & Greet" will be held on Nov. 12. If you'd like to host a future one, contact Rita or Jerry Krupp.

Our monthly newsletter, Town Talk, is always looking for contributing writer and photographers, so if you have a story or photo(s), contact Editor Tom Doty.

In case of a Fire/Fire Drill: Be sure to evacuate your apartment and, if you physically can't leave the building, at least move to an area of refuge — they're near the stair case on every floor.

Through the work of Chuck Richards and Doug Hamer, CMPD security specialist have "walked the building" inside and out, and noted two areas where security could be enhanced. Edward is working on those areas.

As it relates to security, access to the entrance to the elevators from the garage to the lobby has been beefed up. Your FOB is now required after 7PM daily to get in from the garage.

[Town Hall, contd.]

Food & Beverage

The Crown Room will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 31st, for Halloween. But there will be a Halloween Party, with hors d'oeuvres and drinks, and a buffet dinner in the Bistro from 3:30pm to 5:00pm in the Bistro/Lounge. A live band will set up in front of the Crown Room, and everyone is encouraged to wear a costume. At the Party, we'll announce the winners of the Pumpkin Decorating, Door Decor, and Costume contests.

Thanksgiving is right around the corner, and a traditional Thanksgiving Lunch/Dinner will be served from 11:00am — 2:00pm.

And we're working on making the Crown Room's daily specials available to diners in the Bistro/Lounge.

Marketing

The 125th apartment has been reserved, and by the end of October we'll have 159 residents in 119 apartments.

55 tours for prospects were conducted in October and, as is seasonal case, new leads have slowed down. But we conducted a "Mix n'Mingle" on Oct. 24th with Prospective Partners, and we'll soon be conducting a "Tour for Pie" campaign.

In many cases, current resident have assisted us in our efforts.

Life Enrichment

On Veterans Day, 11/11, we'll have a patriotic presentation at 4pm. Veterans are encourage to provide us with a photo, along with your branch of service, rank and years of service.

On election day, we'll provide bus transportation to our voting site — Sharon Presbyterian Church. A reminder — all transportation requests should go to Preston, and remember our buses/vans are not wheelchair accessible, so you'll have to make other arrangements in that case.

With your support, we're conducting multiple fundraising activities thru year-end: the CMPD Food Drive (boxes for donations near the garage elevators), a toy drive (details soon), the Alzheimer's Foundation support through December, and (in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse), we'll be filling shoeboxes with gifts & goodies for boys and girls in a specific age group. Again, more details to come.

Wellness

Covid/Fly clinic as passed, but you can still get to Walgreens. Just call 704-553-1079 for an appointment, and we'll provide transportation.

Surveys on our recent Olympics have gone out; we'd appreciate your anonymous feedback.

If you need outpatient therapy, consider the clinic at Briar Creek. Anna can get you connected to them.

Giving Thanks To Our Staff.

by Sherry Blenner & Katherine Creasy, Barclay Residents Staff Recognition Fund Committee

Our opportunity is fast approaching to recognize our non-salaried (hourly) employees and thank them for all they do for us. Any day now, you'll be receiving a letter from Carol Cyr in your cubby in the lobby. PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR IT, READ IT AND MAKE A NOTE SO YOU WON'T MISS THE DEADLINE.

We are indeed fortunate here at The Barclay to have these wonderful people enriching our lives. They're indeed a blessing to us all.

And Giving To Those in Need.

A drive in underway right now, as you read this, to donate food to the very needy, during this annual food drive conducted by the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. Well-established charities "Loaves & Fishes" and "Second Harvest" will handle distribution to clientele they know and support. Here's a list of what they need:

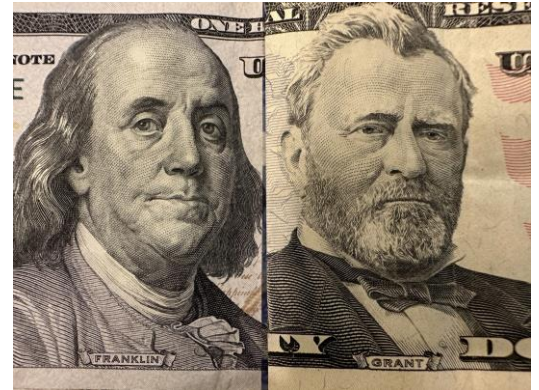
- canned fish or meat
- peanut butter
- canned low sodium soups or stews
- canned low sodium vegetables
- canned or dry beans
- canned fruits (in juice)

The food drive box is located on the main floor lobby, near the elevators to the garage. All donations will be picked up by Wednesday, November 15th.

A "Girl-Sterous" Tale, *by Randall Wells*

I invited my granddaughter Alice and her friend to walk the stairs from the 9th floor down to the Lobby with me. Undaunted, they improvised a game of stomping together and laughing to their own echoes — boisterous or, more accurately, girl-serous. "Not appropriate" I declared, enjoying all 171 steps.

As punishment, I had these shirts made.



Alice on right, with friend Mallory.

The Doors Of The Barclay

You've probably seen Calendars or Posters featuring doors at Resorts or Exclusive Enclaves elsewhere in the U.S.

Now it's our turn to show off our apartment doors, many of which have been spiffed up by residents for the Fall/Halloween season.



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Thanks to all who took the effort to decorate for the season, brightening up the halls for everyone. And thanks to those who also decorated the halls.

A “Small World” Story About an Old Friendship

by Jerry Krupp & John Brungo

In September of 1954, John Brungo of Pittsburgh and Jerry Krupp of Lorain, Ohio, met in the Freshman Chemistry Class at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, PA. Duquesne is a Catholic University with an outstanding academic reputation and great sports. Neither John nor Jerry were great scholars or athletes, but both stuck with their difficult science courses to pursue their careers.

Surprisingly, after 50 years, the two met again at The Barclay in Southpark. Their paths had been different but both were successful — John as an MD specializing in Pediatrics, and Jerry managing a variety of corporate activities for PPG industries worldwide. This is the story of their old friendship and how they got to be residents and The Barclay.

Jerry was the 4th of seven children born into a strong Catholic family in Loraine, OH (near Cleveland). At a very young age, he realized the boundaries to be observed to maintain a peaceful relationship with his 6 siblings. His mother, a strong Missourian, felt they had to earn their way to heaven, so she marched them all, daily to Mass at St. Mary's Church.

When Jerry started 1st grade, his teacher (“I don't remember Sister's name, but I do remember what she looked like) told him his first name was Myron. He had always been called “Jerry”, for his middle name “Jerome”. When he got home and asked his Mom why Sister called him that, she wrapped her arms around him and said “We meant to tell you.” For the first six years of his life, he didn't know he had been named after the doctor who delivered all seven Krupp children — it was a professional courtesy for my father, his friend and also a family MD.

His college education began at Duquesne, Catholic, co-ed and far enough from home that I didn't have to leave campus except for major holidays. He wanted science, and enrolled as a Chemistry major. And that's where he met John Brungo. Along with other local commuters to school, John was called a “Townie” and was invited into their homes and treated as one of the family. Those were special people who made them feel at ease away from home.

In his junior year, he met Rita, a student at St. John's college, where his sister Pat studied. Jerry & Rita married in 1958, the love of his life now for over 65 years.

After graduating, Jerry joined Pittsburgh-based PPG industries. Early in his career as a researcher, he discovered he was very creative (had over 20 patents in his name) and could manage effectively (he credits his mother's training) so, bored with research, he took a management position in Milwaukee. In the course of his many moves with PPG, he and Rita met John and his family several times. In fact, their oldest daughter is named after John's first wife, Corinne. And John was

godfather to their second son, Dan. “Our kids (5 in each family) all know each other and we’ve enjoyed many family times together,” said Jerry.

“We lived in Pittsburgh, PPG’s corporate headquarters, five different times” Jerry retired in 2000 after 41 years, built a home in Colorado to satisfy the whole family’s love of skiing, and kept a home on a lake near Pittsburgh for family summers.

Their family decided, a few years ago, that their parents should settle down from their travels and move closer to them, all on the East Coast. So in January of this year, they moved into the Barclay.

Now to John Brungo. After discovering he had to take what he deems to be excessive Calculus courses in the overall Chemistry curriculum, he switched his major to Biology and a pre-Med curriculum. That resulted in him no longer having that many classes with Jerry, But although as a “Townie” he missed a lot of campus life, he and Jerry continued to be friends and have a great college experience.

One of John’s distinct early college memories relates to his first two years in ROTC. “We had to March, in rank, along Main Street on campus in “Officer’s Review” every Tuesday, in front of hundreds of cheering (and jeering) Korean War Veterans. That was the first college class in which Korean War vets became eligible for the GI Bill of Rights, since the Korean conflict was not a declared war, but a ‘police action’.”

But those four years passed quickly, and John graduated, married, and entered the Marquette University School of Medicine in Milwaukee. That was just one semester before Jerry graduate and joined PPG. Although their paths crossed many times during their careers, neither the Krupps nor the Bruno’s realized they were all in Milwaukee during those few years.

After Marquette, John & his wife and year-old son returned to Pittsburgh, where he was an intern at South Side Hospital, follow by a Pediatric Residency at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, during which time they saw the Krupps a few times. Then John spent two year in the Army Medical Corp at Fort Hood, TX, before returning to Pittsburgh and opening a pediatric practice that quickly grew to three pediatricians serving the North Hills/Cranberry areas of Pittsburgh for over 40 years.

During that time, the Krupps had moved back to Pittsburgh and lived in the same Parish, St. Sebastian’s. Interestingly, the re-met while their children were participating in the same musicals. The two families continued to enjoy life

until tragedy struck. John's wife was stricken with Leukemia and passed in 2000. By that time, all five of John's children had graduated from college and worked in various cities.

But life goes on and, as John says "A truly wonderful and amazing thing occurred and changed my life. I met Patricia Weber . . . and we married in 2005, then lived happily in Cranberry Township for 10 years."

After getting tired of the cold and shoveling snow, they set out to investigate places to live in the South. They checked out Del Webb communities in Hilton Head and Indian Land, thought about Arizona and California, then built a house in Sun City Carolina Lakes and lived there for 8 years. But with age and other ailments creeping up that would require extra help down the road, they started a new search and, with the help of friends and neighbors, decided on The Barclay. "Best location, great staff, great accommodations, great staff . . . we're glad we moved here."

The world is full of stories like the Krupp's and Brungo's. And if you have a similar story to share, we'd love to hear about it.

[Send any ideas you have to Tom Doty.]

Did You Know?

Charlotte has one of the few totally classical radio stations — WDAV 89.9FM. It has classical music of all varieties, genres, 24/7 year-round. "Concerto" airs every Sunday from 7-8PM, broadcasting Latin music. It's presented in both English and Spanish. [This info has been provided by resident Ken Brown.]

Bus to the Polls on Election Day!

When: Tuesday, November 7th
Time: 9am or 11am
BRING YOUR ID!



Must sign up in the activities binder as space is limited on the bus.



Chef Rob's Kitchen Tour

Friday, November
17th

10:30am-11:30am
Meet at the Bistro

Miscellaneous — BUT STILL IMPORTANT —Notes

Olympic Medalist Correction: Winner of the Silver Medal for Wii Bowling was Patti Wilkie, *not* Pat Wheeler.

CPR Training Session: Back by popular demand, Mr. Lester Oliva, Training Director for MEDIC911, will host a CPR TRaining Session on Monday, November 13, beginning at 3:00PM in the Carolina Room. Focus will be on CPR and the use of a cardiac defibrillator (of which we have two — one in the lobby and the other in the gym). Those who attended his training session in June will recall the entertaining was in which he presented the subject, and should feel free to come again. If you missed it (or are new to The Barclay), be sure to mark it on your calendar.

As resident Steve Phillippi put it: “Lester takes what could be the most boring subject on earth and presents it in a humorous way guaranteed to keep you laughing. Yet behind it all is his deadly serious message that you will leave training knowing how to save a life.”

As a disclaimer, and for your comfort, no one will be asked to get on the floor to practice.

Don't Forget To Lock Your Car: You've heard it your entire life. And while we at The Barclay enjoy wonderful security in our great South Park location, we still live in the real world. So if you get in the habit here, you're more likely to remember to lock your car when you drive “off campus”. Most thefts — either of cars themselves or their contents — occur because the victimized cars were left unlocked.

September's “Catch A Liberty Star”: LaShanda Hunter, Housekeeping Supervisor. (And as everyone who went on the Blowing Rock trip, a great driver as well.) Great work!


The East Gate into the Garage is Closed: Repairs were needed and you'll be notified when it will re-open. In the meantime, use the West Gate, near Briar Creek, off Piedmont Row Drive.

Those Pull cords in Your Bathrooms are Super Sensitive: so it's easy to pull one unintentionally. If that happens, we'll be heading for your apartment right away, and calling you first. So make sure you list the Barclay Concierge Desk as a contact in your phone, so when we call, it will get through and not be ignored.

Regarding Other Repairs: The “Paver Replacement” repairs in front of our entrance are almost completed. And “Roof Repair” work is beginning today (10/26).



**Residents of the Barclay at South Park Senior Living
Community in Charlotte, Knitting & Crocheted
Knockers for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.**
Check out the interview on TouchTown





What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies, and personal care items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 209 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. In 2023, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 11 million children. This year, Operation Christmas Child will celebrate its 30th year of ministry!

How do I get started?

The Barclay will provide you with a box. Look for the boxes on the table near the dining room. Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals and or families can fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, personal care items, and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. Simply select who you are gifting to: boy/girl then select age range 2–4, 5–9, or 10–14. If you need suggestions, take a look at the flyer located on the shoebox table. Lastly, a \$10 shipping cost is required and placed inside the box.

Due date: Monday, November 20th



Get a jumpstart on your holiday shopping! The Outlets have a little something for everyone.

Wed, Nov. 8 at 11am

*Please sign up in the activity's binder



The McGill Rose Garden

The McGill Rose Garden is a hidden gem of Charlotte, nestled just outside of uptown and on the edge of the NoDa Arts District. Join us for an afternoon stroll through the roses. Coffee and wine in a garden? Yes, please! We will be sure to stop in to Rosie's Coffee & Wine.

Mon, Nov. 6 at 2:30 pm

*Please sign up in the activity's binder.

Movie Matinee



**Mon, Nov 27
3pm, Club Rm
9th Fl.**

Saturday Night Movies 7pm~Carolina Hall



11/4 Dunkirk
11/11 Born on the Fourth of July
11/18 You've Got Mail
11/25 The Family Man

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Food Drive

OCTOBER 16 - NOVEMBER 15

All donations may be placed in the collection box in the Lobby





Charlotte Checkers Hockey Outing

Monday, November 20th

Bus leaves at 6pm from the Lobby

Tickets at \$25 each

*Need at least 8 residents to sign up for the bus to run

*Your tickets will be purchased in advanced and billed to your account.

*Sign up by November 10th



Join us for music bingo and help
us celebrate November
birthdays!

Fri, Nov.10 at 3pm



Happy Birthday to:

Arlene M. – Nov 1st

Sherry B. – Nov 1st

Yvonne M. – Nov 4th

John L. – Nov 5th

Virgil C. – Nov 9th

Dave M. – Nov 13th

Deborah C. – Nov 14th

Maxey S. – Nov 14th

Jane A. – Nov 17th

Barb M. – Nov 17th

Ala Sue W. – Nov 24th

Hal W. – Nov 25th

Rita K. – Nov 25th

Ollie P. – Nov 29th



Shop with 400+ holiday vendors, with a third of the show featuring artesian works by crafters. Explore dazzling designer rooms, Christmas Tree Lane, Old Towne Décor Competitions to help inspire you to decorate your own home this holiday season.

When: Tues, Nov. 14

Where: Lobby

Time: 10:30 AM

***Please sign up in the Activity's Binder.**



We will be honoring our veterans with a patriotic musical tribute courtesy of Charlotte

favorites Catherine and Janice.

When: Saturday, Nov 11

Where: Carolina Hall

Time: 4pm



CHECKERS VS. MONSTERS

Watch the Checkers take on the Cleveland Monsters at Bojangles Coliseum, \$25/ticket. Tickets will be purchased by Yesenia in advance. Once you have signed up in the activity binder you will be charged.

Mon, Nov 20 at 6pm

*Please sign up in the activity's binder



Violin Classics with Martha Geissler and Flutist Amy Whitehead

We welcome back violinist Martha Geissler and this time she is bringing special guest flutist Amy Orsinger. Enjoy an hour of classical selections and older popular songs. During the performance Martha and Amy will take song requests from the audience members. Bring your special requests!



Thurs, Nov. 22, 4pm
Carolina Hall

Town Hall Meeting

Quarterly Financial Report

When: Thurs, Nov. 30

Where: Carolina Hall

Time: 2pm



We are happy to report The Barclay at South Park & Briar Creek Health Center raised **\$5,335** for the Walk to End Alzheimer's.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!**



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Game Night

Meet up for a fun night
with good company!

Learn a new game or hone your
skills on an oldie but goodie!

Thurs, Nov. 30
7pm/Game Rm.



Camera Club

New to photography?
Only have an iphone?
Perfect, join the club.
We will learn new skills,
tricks and short cuts to
gorgeous photography!

Wed, Nov. 29, 2pm
CE Rm/1st Fl.



College of Humanities & Earth and Social Sciences Faculty Speaker Series 2023 - 2024



Lifelong Curiosity.

Nurtured by our faculty.

November 16 7 to 8 p.m.

The Barclay at South Park
4801 Barclay Downs Drive, Charlotte, NC
Learn more: Yesenia Velasquez
Life Enrichment Director; 980-224-8540

Light Refreshments. Q&A Session

Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol A Malthusian Tale

There is perhaps no better-known work by Charles Dickens than *A Christmas Carol*, whether through the book itself, or the many movies, or the countless annual stage productions. The name 'Scrooge' has entered everyday language and even those people who know nothing about Dickens himself know something about *A Christmas Carol*...or at least think they do. **Alan Rauch, Ph.D.** will explain that Dickens was not overly religious, but he was zealous about the condition of laborers who were often ignored and even mistreated by Victorian society. Tiny Tim would have been perceived as a burden on society rather than as a boon to the Cratchit family, to Scrooge, and to a morally upstanding Victorian culture.

Rauch is Professor in the Department of English and an adjunct professor in the Department of History. A native of Montréal, he has earned multiple advanced degrees, including a master's degree in Zoology from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in Literature from Rutgers University. Rauch has been a Visiting Fellow at Princeton University (2023) and was a recipient of the Mellon Fellowship in Philadelphia (2019). He was also a resident fellow at both Cambridge University and University of Edinburgh. In addition to his many published works, an essay on "Gendered Abjection in Gaskell's Gothic Stories," with Erin Dulin is forthcoming in *Approaches to Teaching Elizabeth Gaskell*. The book *Sloth* (in the same series as his book about dolphins) will be published this December. Rauch supports the Charlotte community in various capacities, including as a Board Member of the Charlotte Folk Society where he contributes a monthly essay to their Newsletter. He also delivers talks throughout the Charlotte area.



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