



Arbor Gate News

"What's happening
in the
Neighborhood"

ARBOR GATE COMMUNITY

MYERSTOWN, PA

January 2026, Vol. 27, No. 1

What's Coming Up

Date	Page	Check page for details.
Jan 7		Take down decorations, 10 AM, Lakeview Center
Jan 12	1	Residents Meeting, 7 PM, Lakeview Center LL
Jan 14	2	Munch, Mingle, and Movie, Lakeview Center, 6 PM
Feb 7	2	Souper Bowl Lunch, 1 PM, Lakeview Center
Feb 12	2	Deadline for purchase of tickets to Menopause 2
Feb 14	2	Valentine's Day Dinner, 3 PM, Lakeview Center
Mar 2	4	Deadline for Photo Directory submissions
Mar 17	2	Look to the Rainbow Dinner/Theater, 5 PM, Lakeview Center
Mar 19	2	Menopause 2: Cruising Through the Change, AMT
Jun 6	3	Community Yard Sale, 7 AM- 1 PM
	9	Check full calendar for all activities, dates, and times.



January Residents Meeting

Come join us for an entertaining and informative evening!

Date: Monday, Jan. 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Lakeview Center LL

Entertainment: 6:45 PM

The January Residents meeting will feature a new musical group.

Monica Baebler will sing pop standards from the 50s and 60s including "Boy From Ipanema", accompanied by Larry Seigel on the guitar and Gary Cohen on the keyboard.



TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ENTRIES

Submission deadline is the 15th of each month

By Email: send information to: arborgatenews@gmail.com. Include attachments, if needed. See Guidelines on page 5.

By handwritten entry: place it in the "Newsletter Articles" wooden box in the Activities Room. A paper form is available next to the box.

Email Blasts

If you would like receive emails from Arbor Gate's Communication distribution list, which includes recycling reminders, directories, and community announcements, send an email to:

arborgatecommunication@gmail.com

Indicate "Email Blast" in the subject line and type your name, home address, and email address in the body of your email.

Receiving the Newsletter

For home delivery of the Newsletter, call Eileen McIntyre at 610-348-1662. The Newsletter is **available online** in COLOR at: <http://arborgate-pa.org>. If you choose this method, contact Eileen McIntyre at 610-348-1662 to discontinue your paper copy.

To advertise in the Newsletter, contact Vicki White at 717-926-3488.

Next newsletter (February) will be delivered on Monday, Jan. 26

UPCOMING EVENTS

Munch, Mingle, and Movie

January 14, 2026 from 6 PM to 9 PM

Come join us for a wonderful gathering of old friends, a good way to meet new friends, and to just relax.

The evening s free. the only admission is to share a snack, sweet, or beverage. (BYOB) Always a fun night!

Sign-up sheet will be in the Activities room.

Questions? Call Joan Viveiros, 717-628-1061

Souper Bowl Lunch

*February 7 at 1 PM
at the Lakeview Center*

Bring your favorite soup in a slow cooker (with a ladle) to share with neighbors.

Sign up to bring soup or bread or dessert using the sheets in the Activities Room.

Tickets are \$1.00.

Available Mon., Tues., and Wed. at the Center from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM between Jan. 25 and Jan. 31.

For questions, call Gloria Pettinelli at 717-628-8990

February 14th Valentine's Day

Treat your special person to an Italian night out!

Lakeview Center 3:00 PM

Baked Ziti dinner with Meatballs or Sausage

Italian Bread, & Dessert

BYOB

Tickets go on sale (\$5 each)

January 12, Mon, Tue & Wed
at the Lakeview Center 8:30 AM – 10 AM

Last day to buy tickets January 28
Sue Weisgerber 717-628-8620

Look to the Rainbow Ticket Alert!

Tickets for the anticipated Dinner Theater featuring a traditional Irish Dinner and the presentation of "Look To The Rainbow" will be available next month.

Enjoy the antics of Finian as he searches for fortune in Rainbow Valley and Og, the leprechaun, who finds unexpected love in a charming deaf mute girl.

The dinner/theater will be on St Patrick's Day, March 17, 5:00 PM at Arbor Gate and March 21, 5:00 PM at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (6th & Chestnut St. Lebanon).

Details about ticket sales and other information will be announced in the February newsletter.

Cruising Through the Change

Join us for one of the funniest shows of the year! **Menopause 2: Cruising Through the Change** will be at American Music Theater one day only. I was able to reserve only 40 tickets for the matinee. Those of you who saw the first Menopause show know how funny it was. This sequel promises to be just as hilarious.

Tickets will be on a first come first served basis.

Show date: Thursday, March 19 at 2:00 PM

Cost: \$63.00

Since this is a later show, I will not be making reservations at a restaurant. Lunch will be on your own either before or after the show.

Checks should be made out to Virginia Maat and placed in the box on the front porch at 10 Rosemont Dr. between January 5 and February 12.

You don't want to miss this one!!!!

Ginny Maat 717-383-1448 or 717-389-6311

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

Please remember to check the bulletin boards in the Activities Room for notices of outside events, news, charity requests, and other opportunities.

"Outside" means not sponsored or initiated by the Arbor Gate Residents Committee or the Activities Committee.

For questions send email to: arborgatenews@gmail.com or contact any Committee Member.

Our Library

Due to a lack of storage space, the library is currently unable to accept any further puzzle donations.

We appreciate the Community's generosity, and we hope to resume accepting puzzles in the future when space becomes available.

We continue to welcome book donations as well as magazines, provided they are no more than 3 months old.

YARD SALE

The Arbor Gate Community Yard Sale
Saturday, June 6, 2026, 7 AM to 1 PM.

Rain or shine.

\$2 fee per household.

Join the fun and meet new neighbors.
It is a great day to downsize and pass along your unwanted items.

Joan Viveiros 717-628-1061

Sunshine Committee Report

Mary Leh, "the Sunshine Lady", sends out Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards upon request.

You may request a card to be sent by calling Mary at 717-628-5090 OR by dropping the request in the basket on the front porch of Barb Weiss's home at 3 Greenbriar Drive.

There were no cards sent in November.

Coffee Shop News

Hours: 8 AM - 10 AM weekdays

(closed Thursdays)

Wednesday: Breakfasts

First Monday: Pancakes

\$1.00 Coffee - FREE REFILLS
and soda, tea, water, and snacks.

LEARN A LOT OF USELESS, FUNNY THINGS!

Meet, talk, and laugh with your neighbors.

Thank You!

Thank you to all the Arbor Gate residents who donated to the Lebanon VA this year. We collected \$921 total. On December 12, we delivered to the permanent residents of the Lebanon BA Hospital, over \$800 of body wash, a ham, and a \$71 gift card for Weis Markets. Thank you again for your support.

George Raker

Two (2) volunteers are needed!

We need help to OVERSEE the monthly distribution of the newsletter to ensure that it runs smoothly. This is a great opportunity to help your neighbors receive their newsletter each month.

If you are interested, please contact me ASAP.

Eileen McIntyre (610)348-1662

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION



Friends and neighbors who passed recently

Barbara Fisher – November 24 – 31 Springhouse
Henry Rasp – December 3 – 4 Rosemont

Arbor Gate Community Pictorial Directory

The Arbor Gate Community pictorial directory, last revised in 2021, will be revised in 2026! The exact date of publication will be announced, but work on the directory will begin in January.

If you like the picture in the 2021 directory, there is no action required. If you did not have a picture in the 2021 directory, would like to have an updated picture in the directory, or have moved into Arbor Gate since that directory was published and would like to have a picture included in the 2026 revision, please contact Leigh Beamesderfer (717-507-4521).

Send Leigh a picture by email, or text, or drop the picture at her home 25 Scenic Drive. If you want a picture taken, contact Leigh for an appointment for her to will take the picture for you.

Deadline for photos is Monday, March 2, 2026.

Marilyn's Monthly Missive

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

Butch and I would like to thank everyone for all the goodies and well wishes.

We hope everyone has a wonderful 2026!

1. We have exciting projects to accomplish within 2026. Be on the lookout for the list of what we will be doing in next month's newsletter.
2. Friendly Reminder: Check your thermostat and your smoke detectors to make sure the batteries are still working.
3. Please remember to not use rock salt on the sidewalks.

TAX TIME IS ALMOST UPON US

We plan to offer free income tax preparation again this year at the Lakeview Center. Marilyn has agreed to take appointments starting on Wednesday, February 4.

This service is made available through the IRS/AARP Taxaide program. It is also available at the Myerstown Church of the Brethren on Tuesdays and the Lebanon Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays from February through early April.

For appointments, call 717-644-9090 starting mid January until April 7 from 8:00 AM until 4:30 PM. Leave a message and someone will contact you.

For those new to Arbor Gate, the IRS/AARP Taxaide service is one of two nationwide free tax preparation services offered by the IRS. IRS certified volunteers will complete and e-file both federal and state income taxes, and when applicable, will also prepare local taxes and property tax-rent rebate forms.

Questions call Jack Monahan at 717-866-7508, or Bob Devers at 717-866-5201

Who are the "Showstoppers" ?

The "Showstoppers" are an age defying group of residents who enjoy performing solo or in a small ensemble in front of audiences here at the Lakeview Center and at various venues throughout the Lebanon Valley.

We entertain on the second Monday of every month at 6:45 PM prior to every Residents' Meeting.

All music genres are represented with a different performer each month.

We also normally produce a Broadway-type musical every year. Our production on **St. Patrick's Day 2026** will present "**Look To The Rainbow**" based on the delightful fable and songs by E.Y. Harburg and Burt Lane.

For more information, please call Gary Cohen at 717-866-1771.

COMMUNITY NEWS & INFORMATION

Welcome New Residents

12/3/2025 – 3 Arbor – Alfio & Theresa Mangano

12/15/2025 – 14 Bower – Ralph & Lorraine Salamone



Newsletter Guidelines Summarized

The newsletter is for items that have a clear relationship to the Arbor Gate social activities available to the ARBOR GATE residents. It may also include other information considered “of interest” to the residents at large but will not include articles pertaining to management issues.

Examples of articles of interest to the community at large are: community service, charitable events initiated by or sponsored by the Activities Committee, Medicare help, tax preparation aid, tax rebates, and special senior events. The newsletter may not be used as a forum or means of debate or solicitation.

All Hometown America management letters and articles will be honored.

There shall be no flyer attachments to the newsletter.

The editor has the right and the duty to edit all articles submitted for publication.

Residents who have their own business can pay to advertise their business at a discounted rate. Please obtain a newsletter ad form from the Newsletter Ad Chairperson.

If an individual would like to run an activity or trip, he/she must do so through the Activities Committee.

Extracted from the Newsletter Guidelines posted on the bulletin board in the Activities Room. Please contact a Committee Member or send an email to arborgatenews@gmail.com if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Check the full calendar on page 9 for more activities with all the dates and times.

Activities Committee Meeting

All residents are invited to attend the monthly activities planning meeting to offer suggestions and help plan and organize activities and events for your community.

Your ideas are needed!

This Committee meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 10:00 AM downstairs in the Lakeview Center.

The next meeting is Jan. 27.

Activities Chairperson, Claudia Lawrence
717-628-5600 / claudialawrence94@yahoo.com

Singles Luncheon

This is an invitation to all Singles. We have lunch on the **third Wednesday of every month.**

The **next outing** will be **Jan 21** at **DoGoods Tavern** in Myerstown

We will leave the Center at 11:30 AM

If you are interested in joining us, please call:
Claudia Lawrence at 717-628-5600 or
Sandy Boehmer at 717-866-2334.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Arbor Gate Memory Café

The Arbor Gate Memory Café will meet on Thursday, January 8, at 10 AM in the Coffee Shop.

The topic will be "Speaker's Choice" to kick off 2026 .

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Contact Carol and Dave Ulsh, ducu1960@comcast.net with any questions.

GRIEF
SUPPORT
GROUP



Grief Support

Grief Support is available to those in need.

Contact Barbara Weiss at 717-866-4685.

Arbor Gate Book Discussion Group

The group meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:00 PM in the Lakeview Center. We invite everyone to attend. Questions? Contact Linda Manwiller at 717-628-1634.

Jan. 7 -Anna Johnston – The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife. Bittersweet and remarkably perceptive, this story is an hilarious, feel-good, clever novel about grief, forgiveness, redemption, and finding family.

Feb. 4 – Paul Harding – This Other Eden. This novel is inspired by the true story of Malaga Island, an isolated island off the coast of Maine, that became one of the first racially integrated towns in the Northeast.

March 4 – Virginia Evans - The Correspondant. Through letters to various recipients, Sybil Van Antwerp examines her life and confronts a painful past, learning to find forgiveness and move forward. A national bestseller.

April 1 – Chris Whitaker – All the Colors of the Dark. After Patch is abducted and held in darkness, he falls in love with an unseen girl. Upon escape, he spends his life searching for her while his friend, Saint, shadows his journey seeking truth.

Stitch 'n Chat

Stitch 'n Chat is a two-part event occurring every Monday from 1 PM to 3 PM in the Lakeview Center Coffee Shop. Some attendees do one part (stitching or chatting) while others are skilled enough to do both.

Stitchery projects can be anything - knitting, crocheting, embroidery, cross-stitch, needlepoint, etc.

Need some guidance with a project? Someone else in the group might be able to help you.

The Chat part is often about future projects, but really any non-controversial topic is okay.

Arbor Gate newcomers can learn a lot from the long-term residents.

There are no attendance requirements, so come try it out!

Can't stay the whole time? No problem.

Looking forward to seeing new faces!

Questions, call Patricia Salem 903-352-9352

Sewing Club News

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1 PM in the Lakeview Center

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made 200 gift bags for the Harding Elementary School students this year.

St. Luke's Church will hand out the gifts in January. They were impressed and grateful for the efforts of the Arborgate sewing club.

We also made tote bags for the children in the shelter for Christmas.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 13 at 1:00 PM at the Center. Hope to see you there to plan for next year.

Candie Falger 717-507-5151 or
Pat Ping 267-994-6211.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

MEN'S POOL

Come join us at the Lakeview Center Pool Room for some Team 8-Ball. No experience is required; we do not take it too seriously. No sign-up is necessary — just come down in the morning, evening, or both.

POOL TIMES:

Monday and Wednesday Mornings 9 - 10 AM

Monday and Wednesday Evenings 7 - 9 PM

For more information contact:
Wayne McIntyre at 610-505-8090.

Come Pray with the Arbor Gate Community Prayer Intercessors!



*For where two or three come together in my name,
there am I among them. — Matthew 18:20*

We believe that reaching out in prayer for our neighbors in our community can make a difference. We welcome all who are interested in interceding in prayer to meet on the **second Wednesday each month at 10:30 AM.**

**Next Prayer Intercession: Wed., Jan. 14
Lakeview Center, lower level.**

For more information please contact:
Gloria Boardman 302-242-8293 or
Eileen McIntyre 610-348-1662

ROMEOs & THE LADIES

R.O.M.E.O.s are Retired Old Men Eating Out

Thursday is the day.

The time is 8 AM

Country Fare is the place,
on the left of the first banquet room,
by the windows.

We always have a good breakfast and conversation.

Contact Jim Conte at jimconte50@gmail.com
or 717 - 940 - 4156

Cardio & Strength for Seniors

Join us for fun and exercise at **9 AM** on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays, L-1** of the Lakeview Center.

Questions, contact Nancy Proctor at 717-866-1619.

ARBOR GATE GROWING STRONG

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- Provides group sociability

Come join us on

Tuesday & Thursday at 9:30 AM

Check us out!

Both men and women are encouraged to
join classes anytime.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Tuesday at 6:30 PM is a Tai Chi class

Joan Viveiros at 717-628-1061 or
Candie Falger at 717-507-5151

LADIES' POOL

LADIES, COME JOIN THE FUN IN THE POOL ROOM
ON TUESDAY MORNINGS

The 1st Session of Ladies' Pool 2026 will start on
January 13 and run through March 31.

When: Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:00

Where: in the Lakeview Center Pool Room.

The sign-up sheet will remain in the Activities
Room until January 6.

We laugh, have fun, and play some pool. A good
time is had by all. No experience is necessary.

If you have any questions, call
Diane Zaniias at 717-628-1590.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2026 Spring Season
Come JOIN with your neighbors!



ARBOR GATE SINGERS!

Music Director - Eileen McIntyre

Piano Accompanist – Pat Singer

When: Fridays 10 AM – 11:30 AM

Where: Downstairs Lakeview Center

Rehearsal Dates:

February 6, 13, 20, 27

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 10, 17, 24

May 1 - Run-Thru

Spring Concert - Sunday May 3, 3 PM

Community Outreach Concert - Monday, May 4

All men and women who like to sing are encouraged to come and sing with your Arbor Gate neighbors.

Along with rehearsing holiday repertoire, we will brush up on choral music skills while practicing good singing techniques. No prior choral experience is needed, just a willing heart!

Come and join the **Fun!**

For more information contact:
Eileen McIntyre (610)348-1662



Arbor Gate Railroaders

We are open for new members. We meet monthly on the 4th Wednesday morning each month from January to October at each other's homes, or at the Lakeview Center and occasionally on field trips to local attractions. We usually have a video after a shared time of stories and RR news. We have visited local Model RR clubs and sometimes full-size excursion railroads.

You need not have a layout or collection, just enjoy getting together with folks of common interests.

Contact Jim Conte at 717-940-4156 or at jimconte50@gmail.com

Bible Study Groups

EVENING CLASS / MEN: Join us for Bible Study and fellowship around God's word.





We meet in the Center's 1st level on Thursdays from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. For more information contact Peter Zanias at 717-628-1590 or ArborGateMensBibleStudy@gmail.com.

DAY CLASS / WOMEN: Ladies, you are invited to join us on Mondays from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM in the Lakeview Center Lower Level for Bible study and fellowship. For more information please contact: Vivian Mayopoulos at 717-507-1255.

EVENING CLASS / WOMEN: Ladies, you are cordially invited to join us every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM as we gather to focus specifically on the Word of God, to build one another up in faith, and to enjoy being among friends.

For more information, including the location of the study, please contact: Eileen McIntyre 610-348-1662 or Diane Zanias 717-628-1590.

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Recycling pickup =  R.O.M.E.O. = Retired Old Men Eating Out and The Ladies at the Country Fare Restaurant Coffee Shop open 8-10, M, T, W, F Closed Thursday				1 Check with your Club for activities scheduled 	2	3
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