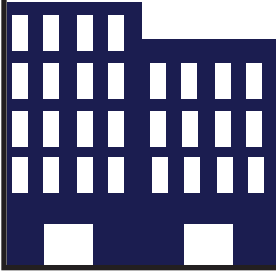


Seniors

The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing in a safe environment. Through partnership with our residents and other groups we will provide opportunities for those we serve to become self-sufficient.



# Neighbors

*To associate on neighborly terms ♦ To be friendly ♦ Persons who live near others*



October 2018

## ***Congratulations to our Recent FSS Graduate***



Sean Griffith, Executive Director  
Carlton Holloway, Graduate  
Tacy Myers, FSS Coordinator

Please join us in congratulating recent Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Graduate Carlton Holloway! Carlton completed the FSS program earlier this month after working very hard to accomplish all of his goals which included; obtaining employment, purchasing a vehicle, increasing his education and job training skills, and improving his credit. Carlton was successful with saving funds through the escrow savings account while participating in the program, which he will be able to use to focus on accomplishing future goals.

When you see Carlton around the community be sure to congratulate him! Carlton has always been an awesome voice for the program and I'm sure he would be happy to share with you how the FSS program could assist you in reaching your goals too!

If you would like more information on the Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Program please contact us at 301-733-6911 and speak with Tacy Myers (ext. 157), Jill Moore (ext. 167) or Kelly Mills-Thompson (ext. 158).



**VETERANS WANTED**

*The Hagerstown Housing Authority is looking forward to recognizing our residents who are veterans with a luncheon at our*

**4th Annual Veterans Day Celebration**  
**Friday, November 9th at Noon**  
**C.W. Brooks Community Room**

If you are a veteran and would like to attend please complete and return the registration form to:  
 Attention: Resident Services, 35 W. Baltimore Street, Hagerstown MD 21740  
**Please RSVP by October 23rd**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Military Branch: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates Enlisted/Conflicts Served In: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions about the Veterans Day Celebration please contact Samantha Cohen at 301.733.6911 ext 171

***If you would like to share a photo for the sideshow please bring your photo to the Resident Services department so we can make a copy.***

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

Hagerstown Housing Authority  
Central Office: (301) 733-6911

### Maintenance

301-733-6916

### Pest Control Coordinator

301-733-6911 ext 132

### Non-Emergency Ambulance

301-733-1112

### Resident Service Staff

Dianne Rudisill 301-733-6911 ext. 125

Deena Holder 301-733-6911 ext. 163

Samantha Cohen 301-733-6911 ext. 171

### Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Kelly Mills-Thompson 301-733-6911 ext. 158

Jill Moore 301-733-6911 ext. 167

### Security

301-730-2096

Office of Fair Housing 1-800-669-9777

## Breast Cancer Awareness Talk

Come and learn more about Breast Cancer Prevention.

October 4th

Potomac Towers at 1:30 PM

Walnut Towers at 3:00 PM

Door Prizes!



Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen if you would like to attend. 301.733.6711 ext 171



Overcome your educational challenges and prepare for a career with in-demand skills. HCC has affordable, short-term employment training that can jump start your career path.

## ADULT EDUCATION CAREER PATHWAYS

### Forklift and Warehouse Operation

Distribution centers are constantly seeking individuals trained in forklift operations. This pathway leads you through the corridors of warehousing to better understand the job role and operate a variety of powered industrial trucks. Training also covers the OSHA safety topics required for forklift operators.

### Welding Skills for Construction/Manufacturing

Trained welders can find jobs available in a variety of industries. HCC's training program will get your career started with hands-on experience in the welding booth. Our expert instructors will ramp up your skills with an emphasis on stick welding and structural steel projects.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS BEGIN OCT 1

CLASSES BEGIN OCT 15

Visit [hagerstowncc.edu/adult-ed](http://hagerstowncc.edu/adult-ed) or call 240-500-2561.

This project was funded in whole or in part by funds received from EARN Maryland, a Grant program of the Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.



### Senior Resource Fair

The Senior Fair will be held on **October 11th** at Potomac Towers from **1:30-3:30 PM** in the Community Room.

The fair will feature vendors from community resources who will provide information about various programs in Washington County. Door prizes and food will be provided by the Hagerstown Housing Authority. Please come and enjoy the free food, information and enter to win door prizes.

Transportation to the fair will be provided for residents of Walnut Towers who wish to attend.

### How Will Your Part D Plan Work in 2019?

Worried about whether Medicare Part D will cover all of your medications in the upcoming year? October 15th through December 7th, Resident Services will be assisting tenants with comparing plans and prices. Don't get stuck at the pharmacy in January with high medication costs. Contact either, Samantha Cohen, x171, or Deena Holder, x163, to schedule an appointment.

## Walgreen's Pharmacy will be offering Flu Shots at Potomac Towers



October 16

1:30-3:30 PM

Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen at 301.733.6911 ext 171 by October 14th.



## Potomac Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mon./Wed.	Stamps and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	12:00 PM
Tuesdays	Exercise with Lisa	3:45 PM
Wednesdays	BINGO ( <i>Food will be served at 4:00 PM- 5:45 PM</i> )	6:00 PM
October 8	Tenant Association Meeting	5:30 PM
October 12	Social Night	7:00-10:00 PM

## Walnut Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	1:15 PM
Tuesdays	XBox Bowling	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursdays	Stamps and Quarter Sales	4:00-5:00 PM
Thursdays	BINGO	5:30 PM
Daily	Coffee & Conversation	7:30-8:45 AM
October 1	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM
October 10	Lions Club BINGO	6:30 PM

## C.W. Brooks Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Daily	Computer Lab	8:00 AM- 11:00 PM
Daily	Community Room Open	8:00 AM -11:00 PM
Mondays	BINGO (Bring 3-4 prizes)	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	2:45-4:00 PM
Wednesdays	Coloring Group	2:00-4:00 PM
October 4	Bake Sale	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
October 11	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM
October 26	Halloween Party	6:00-9:00 PM

### Need assistance searching for a job?

**Career Exploration with O'Net**

Wednesday, October 17

10:00-11:00 AM

**Resume & Cover Letters**

Tuesday, October 30

10:00 - Noon

**What Not to Say, Do or Wear to a Job Interview**

Tuesday, November 13

10:00 - Noon

All classes will be held at Elgin Station

Contact Deena Holder for more information and to reserve your spot!

301.733-6911 ext 163



# FROM MAINTENANCE

## Bedbug Defense Program

### *Bed Bug Update: Furniture Removal/Self Treatment*

Over the past few months we are finding that people feel self-treating and throwing away an infested piece of furniture will get rid of the of a bed bugs in their unit. While this may reduce the number of bed bugs, it will not necessarily eliminate the overall problem. Furniture does not always have to be thrown out but let the professional pest control technicians inspect and make the determination or recommendation to you. So if you think you have bed bugs or you know you have them, please call the maintenance office and we will set up a free inspection. If you have furniture that needs removed, please let the maintenance office know so that we can arrange for removal at no charge. Failure to follow this guideline and setting the furniture out yourself could result in a maintenance charge. There are proper preparations required in order to remove infested furniture. With your help, we can work together to help stop and control the spreading of bed bugs.

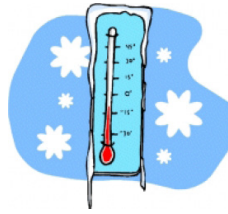
## Removal of Air Window Air Conditioners

At the beginning of heating season of October 1st all furnaces are turned on. During this change of season, the Authority requires all residents in family units begin removing their air conditioners from windows. Air conditioners that have not been removed by November 1st, will be removed by maintenance and the resident will be charged. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Maintenance Charges

Should you receive a copy of a work order in the mail for a maintenance charge and do not agree with the charge, call Maintenance at 301-733-6916. You have 10 days to request an informal grievance hearing. Do not wait until the charge appears on your rent statement to call. If the charge is on your rent statement, your 10 days are past.

## Heat Start Up



The Maintenance Department will be turning the heat on in the family developments early October depending upon the weather. Heating levels that will be maintained in the family communities are from 66

degrees to 68 degrees. Your thermostat has a built-in thermometer that will tell you if the proper heating levels are being maintained in your home. Before you call Maintenance for service on your heating system, take a minute to look at your thermostat. The bottom portion is the thermometer. If the temperature in your home is 66 degrees or above and you call for service, you will be charged for the call. Overtime callouts are very expensive and you can avoid these charges (\$92.85) by checking the temperature before you call.

Remember, using your oven or stove as a source of heat is a lease violation. It poses a serious health risk to you. This misuse may also result in damage to your stove (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.

If a medical condition exists within your family that requires you to be provided increased heat levels within your unit, this information must be addressed to the Director of Housing.

## Pest Control Schedule

Walnut Towers "B" Building	
October 3	WTB: 101-113
October 10	WTB: 114-116, 201-210
October 17	WTB: 211-216, 301-307
October 24	WTB: 308-316
Potomac Towers	
October 3	PT: 701-708, 814-832
October 10	PT: 801-813, 904-917
October 17	PT: 901-903, 1001-1017, 1111-1117
October 24	PT: 1101-1110, 1201- 1217