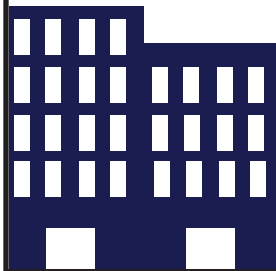


Seniors



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



January 2019

Congratulations to our Recent FSS Graduates

Congratulations to recent Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Graduates Vanessa Fletcher and Janelle Shines! Both ladies worked very hard over the past five years to accomplish their own individual FSS goals. They attended financial literacy workshops, focused on improving credit, and maintained employment. Janelle also attended a homeownership workshop and her ultimate goal is to become a homeowner someday soon.

If you see Vanessa or Janelle, please be sure to congratulate them on their success! We are very proud of their commitment to the FSS program and their many accomplishments!



*Pictured left to right:
Jill Moore, FSS Coordinator
Vanessa Fletcher, Participant
Sean Griffith, Executive Director*



*Pictured left to right:
Jill Moore, FSS Coordinator
Janelle Shines, Participant
David Kump, Director of Housing Operations*

Just a Reminder

Newsletters can be accessed on the Hagerstown Housing Authority's webpage. Go to www.hagerstownha.com and select the Calendar, Events and Newsletter icon.

The Main Housing office will close at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 16th

Attentions: C.W. Brooks Residents
Learn How MEAP Effects Your Light Bill
Join CAC staff to learn more about your Energy Assistance and how it is reflected on your monthly bill.



**January 14th
2:00 PM
CWB Community Room**

Difficult Discussions Made Easy with Scott (Rescheduled)

Scott McDaniel, Esq. will provide information about developing and communicating your wishes.

***Thursday, January 10th at 3:30 PM
C.W. Brooks Community Room
Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen 301-733-6911 ext 171 by January 8th***

January Closings

Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed January 1 in observance of the New Year and January 21st for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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

Tacy Myers 301-733-6911 ext. 157

Security

301-730-2096

Office of Fair Housing 1-800-669-9777

Is Your Home Clean?



Under the terms of your lease, Paragraph G, Tenant Obligation, apartments are to be kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Failure to do so can result in the termination of your lease.

Any time Housing Staff or a contractor is in your apartment and the place is not clean you will be referred for a Housekeeping Inspection. Regular failure of Maintenance Inspections and habitual referrals from other sources for bad housekeeping along with failed Housekeeping inspections can result in eviction.

Please make sure that your unit is kept clean and sanitary. If you are due for an inspection or other scheduled home visit please take time to clean and tidy up to prevent any referrals for bad housekeeping. Thank you for your cooperation.

JOIN US FOR A NO-COST

HOME BUYERS SEMINAR

If you are thinking about purchasing a home, this is an opportunity you can't miss. Fulton Mortgage Company is offering a no-cost, no-obligation, seminar to provide you with important home buying information including mortgage prequalification and how to choose the best financing options to meet your specific needs.

Tuesday, January 22, 2019

6:00PM

Elgin Station Community Center

40 Elgin Blvd

Hagerstown, MD 21740

FULTON FORWARD®

Learn more about how Fulton Mortgage Company is making communities better through housing assistance programs and other products and services at fultonmortgagecompany.com/fultonforward.

To attend this seminar please RSVP to Susan Nemcek at **301.791.8414** or snemcek@thecolumbiabank.com. Please leave your Name, Phone Number and Email Address.

Seating is limited - Reserve Today!



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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 (Rooftop)	3:45 PM
Wednesdays		BINGO (<i>Food will be served at 4:00 PM- 5:45 PM</i>)	6:00 PM
January 11		Social Night	7:00-10:00 PM
January 14		Tenant Association Meeting	5:30 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
January 7		Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 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
Mondays		Stamp and Quarter Sales	11:00 AM
Tuesdays		Blood Pressure Checks	2:45-4:00 PM
Wednesday		Coloring Group	2:00-4:00 PM
Fridays		Playing Spades	6:30 PM
January 10		Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM



Residents Can Submit Their Capital Funds Suggestions

The Housing Authority is interested in knowing what future improvements you would like to see performed in your community. Debra Miller from Maintenance will attend all Resident Meetings in January to take suggestions from Residents regarding the use of Capital Funds. Please attend the Resident Meeting in your community to voice your input. If you cannot attend, please feel free to submit suggestions in writing to the Hagerstown Housing Authority at 35 W Baltimore St. Thank you!

Meeting Dates:

Walnut Towers – January 7th at 5 PM

Potomac Towers – January 14th at 5:30 PM

FROM MAINTENANCE

Slippery when "Cold"

Please use caution when traveling outside of the building during the extreme cold days of winter. Periods of sun cause the snow/ice to melt and then refreeze later creating instant patches of ice. Take the extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

Heating Season

Before you call Maintenance for service on your heating season, make sure the room temperature is below 66 degrees. The room temperature must drop to 66 or below for the heat to come on. If the temperature in your unit 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. Do not force the thermostat beyond the limit on the dial. Broken thermostats are charged to the resident. Keep your windows locked. This provides a much better seal & reduces air leakage at windows.

Remember, using your oven or stove as a heat source is dangerous and a lease violation. This not only poses a serious health risk to you but will also result in damage to your appliance (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.

Pest Control Schedule

Potomac Towers

January 2	PT: 701-708, 814-832
January 9	PT: 801-813, 904-917
January 16	PT: 901-903, 1001-1017, 1111-1117
January 23	PT: 1101-1110, 1201-1217

Walnut Towers

January 2	WTB: 101-113
January 16	WTB: 114-116, 201-210, 211-216, 301-307
January 23	WTB: 308-316

Bedbugs 101: You Don't Want Them

It's important to understand the difficulties of dealing with bed bugs once they've been introduced to your unit. The more you know about bed bugs, the better off you will be avoiding them. Here are some tips you should keep in the back of your mind.

1. You should note that on average bed bugs are often not killed on the first attempt with treatment. Multiple treatments are required.
2. Bed bugs can hide way down deep in cracks and leave their eggs in places you and I cannot see. Sometimes it is recommended to remove and discard a piece of furniture if treatment is not successful.
3. Bed bugs can survive through the washing machine cycle even with soap in the washer. Drying your clothing on high heat for 30 plus minutes is an effective way to kill bed bugs.
4. If you are aware of someone having bed bugs, try and avoid entering the unit until they have been properly treated. Traveling back and forth from unit to unit will only prolong or spread the bedbug issue.
5. Remember to contact the Housing Authority's Pest Control Coordinator if you think you may have bed bugs. It's a free service to be checked out.
6. We are here to help with the process and provide you with information about bed bugs. Please contact the Maintenance Department at 301-733-6911 Ext 132.



Penguin Painting

January 28th at 2:00 PM -Walnut Towers
January 31st at 2:00 PM -Potomac Towers

Contact Samantha Cohen to sign-up
301.733.6911 ext 171



Prediabetes Group

The Washington County Health Department has a free lifestyle change program! This program can help you prevent or delay Type 2 Diabetes. Find out how to eat healthy and add physical activity to your day. Learn to manage stress and how to stay motivated. Enjoy working with a lifestyle coach and group members for 1 year. Meet once a week for the first four months and then once or twice a month for the remainder of the year.

The Resident Services department would like to partner with the Washington County Health Department to bring this program to our tenants. If you would be interested in participating or would like additional information please contact Samantha Cohen at 301.733.6911 ext 171. We need a minimum of the 12 residents interested to be able to offer the program on-site.