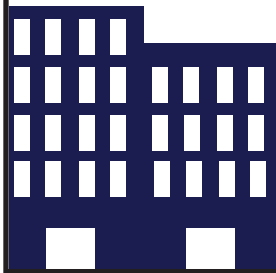


Seniors



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



February 2019

Congratulations to FSS Graduate, Kristy Funk



Congratulations to recent Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) Graduate Kristy Funk! Kristy worked very hard to accomplish many goals while in the FSS Program including maintaining employment, obtaining a vehicle, and improving her credit. But Kristy did not stop there, she was successful with achieving the ultimate goal of home ownership and has already moved out of public housing into a home of her own! While participating in the program Kristy was able to save funds through the escrow savings account, which served as a great resource to help her home ownership goal become a reality. If you see Kristy give her an extra congratulations! We are all so very proud of her for what she has accomplished for herself and her family!

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



Welcome our new Salon Operator, Colleen Henderson to the C.W. Brooks Building

Are you looking for a change? Well, your winter woes are finally over. How about starting the New Year off with a new look! Come visit the new stylist, Colleen at the C.W. Brooks Salon.

Colleen is a participant of the Family Self Sufficiency. She is currently enrolled at Frostburg (University Systems of Maryland) in Hagerstown where she is working on a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Entrepreneurship. Take advantage of the various services offered with reasonable prices designed to fit around your budget.

Hours of Operation

Monday-Friday 9:30am - 4:00pm

Saturday and Sunday (appointments requested)

To schedule your appointment call
240.329.5197



Be the best version of you
"You owe it to yourself to be the
best you can possibly be"
— Pete Rose

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



FREE CLASSES!

FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES

Hagerstown Housing Authority & Financial Education Partnership-Washington County want to help you reach your financial goals! Sign up to attend financial education classes

Topics include:

- ✦ February 5: Daily Money Management
- ✦ February 12: Earn It, Plan It, Keep It
- ✦ February 19: Your Credit Matters
- ✦ February 26: Taxes and Beyond
- ✦ March 5: Pump Up Your Piggy Bank

To register or for more information, contact Tacy at tmvers@hagerstownha.com or 301.733.6911 ext. 157

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of...



Location:
Head Start
Shriver Center
837 Spruce St.
Hagerstown, MD

9:00 - 10:00 am

Plan your
finances

Improve your
credit score

Save more
Spend less

After taking the 5-lesson series we can help you open a bank account with a \$50.00 deposit from us!



Valentine's Trivia

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

1. Which was Shakespeare's most romantic play?

2. What kind of flowers are traditionally given to symbolize love?

3. Which Roman god was either depicted as a plump cherub with a bow and arrow, or as a handsome teenager?

3. If you're quick to show your feelings, where do you wear your heart?

4. Which symbol does New York's Empire State Building illuminate on every Valentine's Day?

5. What state produces the majority of America's roses? A. Florida B. California C. Texas

Complete the Valentine's Day Trivia and be entered to win a movie basket.
Please submit all entries to the Resident Services department by February 13th.

The winner will be contacted by phone.

Potomac Towers Activities

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

February 8	Bake Sale	2:00 PM-?
February 8	Social Night	7-10:00 PM
February 11	Tenant Association Meeting	5:30 PM

Walnut Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Wednesday	Blood Pressure Checks	1:15 PM
Thursdays	Stamps and Quarter Sales	4:00-5:00 PM
Thursdays	BINGO	5:30 PM
Daily	Coffee & Conversation	7:30-8:45 AM

February 4	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM
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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
Wednesday	Blood Pressure Checks	2:45-4:00 PM
Wednesday	Coloring Group	2:00-4:00 PM
Mon./Wed.	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-11:00 AM
Fridays	Playing Spades	6:30 PM

February 14	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM
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**Reminder: Every Monday is Walk-in
Monday at the central office.**

The Main Housing Office will close at
1:00 PM on **February 20th**



Valentine's Day Movie & Popcorn
February 14th at 1:00 PM
Potomac Towers-Community Room



Valentine's Brain Teasers
February 13th at 10:00 AM
Walnut Towers-Community Room

FROM MAINTENANCE

Heating Season

Before you call Maintenance for service on your heat this season, please 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.

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.

Do Not Use Stove For Heat

Do not use your stove as a heater! This is extremely dangerous and is also a lease violation. Violators will be reported to Housing. If the heat is not working in your unit, contact the Maintenance Department for repair.

Common Bedbug Questions

Can bed bugs survive in the washing machine?

If you wash or dry your clothes at the hottest temperature, your risk of catching bed bugs through shared machines is minimal. "Basically what goes into the dryer at high heat for half an hour comes out safe as long as it is not OVERLOADED. Note that some bugs or eggs could survive a cold water wash.

Can bed bugs survive washing and drying?

Drying will kill the bugs but not clean the clothes. If you want to only kill bed bugs and do not need to wash your clothes, simply putting infested items in the dryer for 30 plus minutes on high heat will kill all the bed bugs.

Do Bed Bugs drown in the washing machine?

Agitating the water, such as in a washing machine, also results in drowning which has the potential to kill the bed bugs. It can therefore be said that the survivability of bedbugs in cold water is inconclusive, but they will definitely die when placed in water at a temperature above 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

What kills bed bugs fast?

Double bag your bedding and wash in hot water and dry for at least 30 minutes (discard the inner bag after putting bedding into the washer, as it could have bed bugs). After vacuuming suspected bed bugs from the bed, take your vacuum cleaner outdoors and remove and discard the bag.

How do I store my cleaned clothing/bedding??

It is important to practice some care when you take your clothes and bedding out of the dryer. The best thing is to get a few new plastic bags and put your items in them. This is especially important if you are using a commercial laundry facility. Seal the bags again. Ensure that you do not put your cleaned clothes on any surface that you have not inspected for bed bug infestation. Take those bags home but only get them out once you have cleared bed bug infestation from your home. It is better to leave your cleaned clothes in the bags and remove clothes as needed. This will help prevent re-infestation of clothes.

As you can see, washing your clothes in a dryer is a simple way of killing bed bugs. You should also bear in mind that you might get bed bugs again if you fail to kill them properly in the first place. This can happen when you do not leave your clothes in the dryer for long enough.

Pest Control Schedule

Potomac Towers

February 6	PT: G16-G29, 113-127 C.W. Brooks-Entire Bldg.
February 13	PT: 101-112, 216-231
February 20	PT: 201-215, 320-331
February 27	PT: 301-319, 425-432

Walnut Towers

February 6	WTA: 201-214
February 13	WTA: 215, 216, 301-311
February 20	WTA: 312-316, 401-408
February 27	WTA: 409-417, 501-504