

# Family Neighbors

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.



*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).



## **Scholarship Opportunity**

The scholarship recipient must be pursuing post high school education- a 2 yr. or 4 yr. college or technical school. Applicants must attend a public high school with a Character Counts program within Washington County Maryland or the Greencastle-Antrim, Waynesboro Pennsylvania school systems.

***The Housing Authority has donated funds for the Character Counts scholarship. Residents are encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the Resident Services Office.***

March 7, 2019 Applications are due by 4 pm. Late applications will not be reviewed.

**CHARACTER COUNTS!**





## 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 [tmyers@hagerstownha.com](mailto:tmyers@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!



### **Noland Village**

Boys and Girls Club Program in Gymnasium	Monday-Friday	Stop in to visit our after school program
Pearls for Girls	Thursdays	7:00-8:00 PM
Resident Meeting	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM

### **Frederick Manor**

Boys and Girls Club Programs	Monday-Friday	Stop in to visit our after school program
Girls Scouts	Mondays	6:00-7:00 PM
Resident Meeting	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM

### **Parkside/Scattered Sites**

PALS Homework Program	Monday-Friday	4:30-6:30 PM
Dance Class	Saturdays	
Resident Meeting	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM
Girl Scouts	Fridays	5:30-7:00 PM

### **Douglas Court**

Pearls for Girls	Tuesdays	5:30-7:00 PM
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### **Additional Community Activities**

Boys and Girls Club Pennsylvania Ave.	Monday-Friday	After School Program
Boys and Girls Club Elgin Station	Monday-Friday	After School Program
Girls Scouts Elgin	Mondays	6:00-7:00 PM

### **Numbers to Know**

#### **Key Holders**

#### **Noland Village**

Pam Felton  
1064H Noland Dr.  
240.340.8446

#### **Frederick Manor**

Jennifer Colvin  
624 Adams Ave.  
240.520.7627

#### **Parkside/Douglass/Scattered Sites**

Monique Broadus  
406 Suman Ave.  
240-291-4684

#### **Hagerstown Housing Central**

301.733.6911

#### **Maintenance Department**

301.733.6916

#### **Security Supervisor**

301.730.2096

#### **Resident Service Department**

Dianne Rudisill ext. 125

Shannon Diggs ext. 170

Deena Holder ext. 163

Sam Cohen ext. 171

Tacy Myers ext. 157

Kelly Mills-Thompson ext. 158

Jill Moore ext. 167

#### **Resources**

Child Protective Services  
240.420.222

#### **Narcotic Task Force**

301.791.3205

#### **Non-Emergency Police**

240.313.2910

#### **Poison Control Center**

800.222.1222

#### **USDA Hotline**

888.674.6854

#### **Adult Protective Services**

240.420.2155

#### **HUD: Fair Housing**

1800.669.9777

\*Please remember Community Building are closed on major holidays\*

# FROM MAINTENANCE

## HEATING SEASON

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. Over-time 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 source of heat is dangerous and a lease violation. The misuse not only poses a serious health risk to you and your family but will result in damage to your appliance for which you will be charged.

## 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.

## ICE AND SNOW REMOVAL

A major concern during winter is the clearing of ice and snow. Residents in the family communities are responsible for promptly clearing ice and snow from the front and rear sidewalks leading to their units. Residents who fail to promptly clear their walks will be charged when the Maintenance Department must perform the work. The maintenance crews get to the public walks as soon as possible. Any help residents can provide is greatly appreciated.

Ice scrapers are a much cheaper method of removing ice from walks than are chemicals. In addition, the extensive use of chemicals such as salt may damage the concrete making repairs necessary. Salt will damage next spring's grass and flowers as the melting ice carries it to the root systems. If you must use salt, clean it up once it has done its' job.

Residents should exercise good judgment in placing the snow that they remove from the walks. Never throw it out into the streets or courts. Never place it where your neighbors or the Maintenance Department will have to move it again. Please do not allow your children to cover up cleared walks.

The better you fulfill your responsibilities, the better we will be able to perform ours.

## 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.





# BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



Do you have a child or children that attend Jonathan Hager Elementary School? Are you looking for an after school program that can help your child grow as a student? If so, there are a few more seats available on the Boys & Girls Club van that transports from school to our Elgin station location.

For more information and details please call our site at 301-393-3981.

February	Date	Site
Week 3	2/20/2019	Scattered Sites
Week 4	2/27/2019	Parkside Homes 405-462, Suman Ave, 130-142 W. North Ave. Community Center



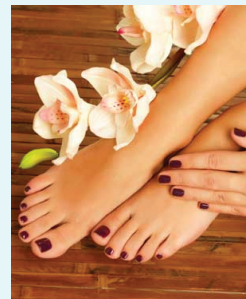
## Welcome our new Salon Operator, Colleen Henderson to the C.W. Brooks Building

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



## Valentine's Trivia

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which was Shakespeare's most romantic play?

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

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

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

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

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.*



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