

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



MARCH 2019

Save the date!
June 1, 2019

Are you ready? We have been working with several entities to bring you the 2019 Mini-Olympics! During this fun competition, residents of public housing ages 4-17 are invited to compete in age appropriate games for the Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals. To start the competition, we are seeking future participants for the SLOGAN Contest.

The Purpose of the event is to : Encourage youth to participate in a healthy lifestyle by exercising and living a substance-free life.

The following logo was created displaying the organizations that have been involved in the planning.



We challenge you to create a slogan to match the purpose of the event. The winner's slogan will be added to the logo and printed on a shirt for everyone to wear during the event. The winner will also receive other fun gifts.

The deadline for submitting a slogan is April 1st. All entries must include:

Name:

Address:

Age:

Slogan:

Entries can be emailed to: sdiggs@hagerstownha.com , texted to: 844-707-0110, or dropped off at the Housing Authority's Resident Services Department – located on the left side of Potomac Towers breezeway. Registration for the event is forthcoming.

Congratulations to FSS Graduate, Katie Pinkham



Pictured above:
Jill Moore, FSS Coordinator
Katie Pinkham, FSS Participant
David Kump, Director of Housing

Hagerstown Housing Authority congratulates Katie Pinkham for her successful completion of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program! Katie joined the program to receive support while working on her goals to become independent of public assistance. While with the program, she earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Social Work from Salisbury University and is now a Licensed Master Social Worker. She recently accepted a fulltime position as a counselor in the Hagerstown area. Katie also attended financial literacy workshops and focused on improving her credit. In order to prepare for her dream of homeownership, she completed the "You Can Be a Homeowner" workshop offered by the Hagerstown Home Store.

Katie's journey wasn't easy, but she was determined to create a better life for herself and her son. She offered this simple advice to others: "If I can change, anybody can. You just have to find a little bit of inspiration somewhere, somehow."



What people are saying about

That Family Thing:

"It was nice to hear that other parents are struggling with the same stuff. I got some really good ideas to try at home."



Let's talk about...

March 12, 2019:

Bullying: Is your child being teased, picked on or targeted? Maybe your child is teasing or picking on others? Let's talk about what's normal and what needs more attention.

April 16, 2019:

Digital Citizenship: Instagram. Facebook. Snapchat. How can we help our children be responsible and safe citizens of the digital world?

May 14, 2019:

Balancing Act: As our kids get older, they can do more things for themselves but still need our time and attention. How can we balance all we have to do and still have time for our kids and ourselves?

June 11, 2019:

Keeping Kids Safe: With school almost out, a lot of kids will be looking for something to do. How can we help them make positive choices and safe decisions?



Join us!

Discovery Station

101 W. Washington St, Hagerstown

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Free to all Families!

Free Childcare!

Free refreshments!

Free family fun!

**Bring the kids! Activities for kids of all ages—
birth through 18—provided by our partners:**



Please RSVP

by calling Kerry Fair at

240-513-6370 or email

kfair@sanmarhome.org



**INTERESTED IN STARTING
YOUR OWN BUSINESS??**



START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

If you have ever wanted to start your own business, and you receive SNAP, TCA, or are a foster parent, the Maryland State

Government wants to help!
Free Classes begin April 2nd

Time: 10am-12pm

MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES

Jarena Griffin:
(240)420-2559



What's Happening

Community Events

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 th	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 th	10:00 AM

Parkside/Scattered Sites

PALS Homework Program	Monday-Friday	4:30-6:30 PM
Dance Class	Saturdays	
Resident Meeting	Tuesday 19 th	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

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

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. 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.

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 has to 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.

The Importance of Bedbug Mattress and Box Spring Encasements:

- Once encased, bed bugs are unable to get inside of the encased mattresses and box springs. With their movement restricted to the smooth outer surface of the encasement, they are exposed and can be readily detected during a visual inspection.
- Encasements also play a very important role in helping to eliminate bed bug infestations, by trapping bugs inside and preventing migrating bugs from re-infesting the mattresses and box springs.
- Encasements should not be removed once they are installed. Instead they should be viewed as the new exterior surface of the mattress or box spring. Fitted sheets or mattress pads that can be laundered can be used to protect the encasements from staining.
- It is also important to recognize that the encasements are only effective as long as they are not compromised in any way (ripped, worn or torn)
- If you are not already on a Housing payment plan, you would be eligible for a payment plan to pay for the covers.
- If you would like to purchase Bedbug Mattress and Box spring encasements, please contact the Pest Control Coordinator, **Wendy Leggett at 301-733-6911 Ext 132**

- King= \$65.00 Each
- Queen= \$60.00 Each
- Full = \$60.00 Each
- Twin= \$50.00 Each

EHRlich PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE March

3/6/2019

Douglas Ct. 400A-443 Park Place ,
Frederick Manor Homes 600-635 Adams Ave
3/13/2019

Frederick Manor Homes 633-657 Frederick St.,
600-689 Hayes Ave, Gym

3/20/2019

Frederick Manor Homes
200-207 Hayes Ct., 201A-203B Rowland Ave
200A-236 Taylor Ave

3/27/2019

Noland Village 1000A-1016H
Noland Village 1005-1013H



BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB



On April 1, 2019 the Boys & Girls Club of Washington will have open enrollment for our 2019 Summer Camp. Summer camps will be offered in our Noland, Frederick Manor and Gateway communities. Enrollment is limited and open to children and youth ages 6- 15.

Camp dates are: Monday, June 24- Friday, August 9, 2019

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, March 26, 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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St. Patrick's Day Trivia

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| 1. The largest St. Patrick's Day parade is held in which city? | 4. What year was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade? |
| a. New York City | a. 1608 |
| b. Dublin | b. 1762 |
| c. London | c. 1892 |
| d. Los Angeles | d. 2000 |
| 2. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day the Saint... | 5. True or False: There are female leprechauns? |
| a. Was born | True |
| b. died | False |
| c. was canonized | |
| d. began his first mission trip | |
| 3. What colors are on the Irish flag? | |
| a. green, orange, blue | |
| b. orange, blue, black | |
| c. green, blue, white | |
| d. green, white, orange | |



Unscramble the Following St. Patrick's Day words

1. marckhos _____
2. cyklu _____
3. eplerhcuan _____
4. browina _____
5. praaed _____
6. cinph _____
7. revocl _____
8. strauree _____

Trivia can be submitted by dropping off the paper copy to Resident Services or you can take picture and e-mail to scohen@hagerstownha.com by Thursday, March 14th. The winner will receive a St. Patrick's Day basket.



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