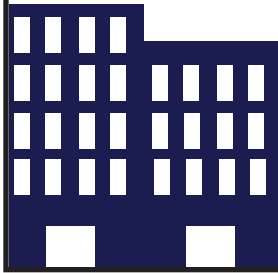


Seniors

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

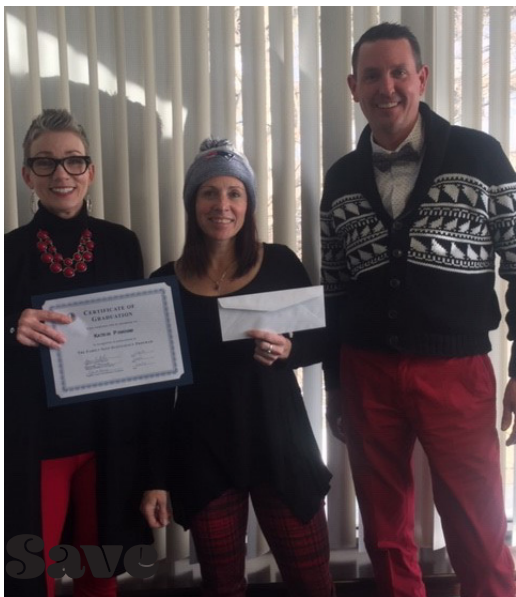
To associate on neighborly terms ♦ To be friendly ♦ Persons who live near others



March 2019



Congratulations to FSS Graduate, Katie Pinkham



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." If you see Katie, please be sure to congratulate her!



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



Attention Residents: Important Notice Regarding "Channel 6"

On February 15, 2019, the Housing Authority switched to a new Internet based system. It still has the security camera feature, as well as the information section like Channel 6 did. You will be able to access it through the Hagerstown Housing Authority's website, hagerstownha.com, with a log in on your computer or smart device.

Please contact Resident Services for information about how to log in via the HHA website.

STOP Smoking for LIFE Washington County Health Department

April 11th, 18th, 25th and May 2nd
Potomac Towers-Community Room

This program consists of (4) one hour sessions over a 4 week period. Class participants are eligible to receive FREE nicotine replacement therapy.

Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen at
301.733.6911 ext 171

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 Police
240-313-4345

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



Pottery By Me

Join Resident Services and Pottery By Me
for a fun paint your own pottery class.

March 27th at 1:00 PM at WT

March 28th at 1:00 PM at PT

Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen at
301.733.6911 ext 171 by March 16th



Congratulations to Cheryl Blackwell for winning
the Valentine's Trivia movie basket!

Save the Date

New to Medicare Workshop

**April 4th
1:30 PM**

**Potomac Towers
Community Room**

*Please RSVP to
Samantha Cohen*

301.733.6911 ext. 171

MEDICARE



HEALTH INSURANCE



St. Patrick's Day Trivia

1. The largest St. Patrick's Day parade is held in which city?
 - a. New York City
 - b. Dublin
 - c. London
 - d. Los Angeles

2. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day the Saint...
 - a. Was born
 - b. died
 - 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

4. What year was the first St. Patrick's Day Parade?
 - a. 1608
 - b. 1762
 - c. 1892
 - d. 2000

5. True or False: There are female leprechauns?

True
False



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 a picture and e-mail to scohen@hagerstownha.com by Thursday, March 14th. The winner will receive a St. Patrick's Day basket.

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
March 8	Social Night	7:00-10:00 PM
March 11	Tenant Association Meeting	5:30 PM

Walnut Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	XBox Bowling	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesday	Blood Pressure Checks	1:15 PM
Thursdays	Stamps and Quarter Sales	4:00-5:00 PM
Thursdays	BINGO (<i>Kitchen is open from 4:00-5:10 PM</i>)	5:30 PM
Friday	Game Night	6:00 PM
Daily	Coffee & Conversation	7:30-8:45 AM
March 4	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
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
March 14	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM

Reminder: Every Monday is Walk-in Monday at the central office.

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




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 call-outs 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.

Windy Conditions



Spring is just around the corner. Along with spring, comes breezy/windy days. Be sure items on your balcony are secured to prevent them from blowing off. Also, during times of high winds, we ask that you not go onto roof walkways from the skydeck (Potomac Towers), except in an emergency. It is dangerous and the winds can damage the doors.

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.

The Importance of Bed 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, Queen \$60.00, Full \$60.00, Twin \$50.00

Pest Control Schedule

Potomac Towers	
March 6	PT: 401-424, 528-531
March 13	PT: 501-527
March 20	PT: 605-632
March 27	PT: 601-604, 709-731
Walnut Towers	
March 6	WTA: 505-516
March 13	WTA: 601-613
March 20	WTA: 614-616, 701-710
March 27	WTA: 711-716, 810-816

