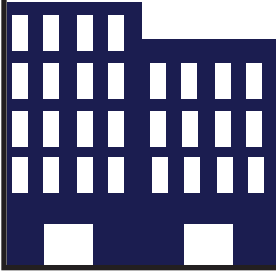


Seniors

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



August 2019

Join Us
Hagerstown Housing Authority
Community FAIR
August 16th
 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Elgin Station
 40 Elgin Blvd

Moon Bounce
 Music
 Activities
 Popcorn
 Hot Dogs
 Giveaways

Peer Mentoring

The Hagerstown Housing Authority requests your attendance

Family Self-Sufficiency Peer Mentoring will provide you with information about the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program, Financial Literacy, FSS Workshops, community resources, and will give you the opportunity to network with FSS Participants.

Wednesday, August 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m

Elgin Station Community Center
40 Elgin Blvd, Hagerstown MD



For more information you may call your FSS Coordinator or 301-733-6911, ext. 157

National Night Out

August 6, 2019
5:30-8:30 PM
Fairgrounds Park

Join us for an annual community event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safe and a better place to live! There will be fun activities, food and information.

Hosted by: Hagerstown Police Department and the Hagerstown Housing Authority.

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

Jenny Fleming 301-733-6911 ext. 170

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

Pest Control Schedule for July	
Aug. 7	CW Brooks PT: G16-G29, 113-127 WTA: 201-214
Aug. 14	PT: 101-112, 216-232 WTA: 215-216, 301-311
Aug. 21	PT: 201-215, 320-331 WTA: 312-316, 401-408
Aug. 28	PT: 301-319, 425-432 WTA: 409-417, 501-504

ATTENTION
Residents

You now have another option to pay your rent!
You can pay your rent in cash, check, or money order at the participating stores listed below:



WAL-MART STORES, INC #01674
17850 GARLAND GROH B
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740

WAL-MART STORES, INC #02790
10420 WALMART DR
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21740

WEIS MARKETS #167
12817 SHANK FARM WAY
HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742

Check your e-mail for your account number. The e-mail will come from HHA.noreply@yardi.com

Tell the cashier you would like to make a "WIPS Rent Payment"

When you make your rent payment at one of the participating locations there will be a \$3.00 charge.

After you make your payment be sure to hold onto your receipt!

Please note that your WIPS payment will not post to your online portal instantly. Check back the following day.

Shades of Age Expo

Commission on Aging
Senior Activity Center
535 East Franklin Street

Thursday, August 22nd
11:00am - 3:00pm

This expo is for seniors, caregivers and those with disabilities.

Vendors will be on site to provide information, resources, education and health screenings for adults.



Another Successful Year for Family Self-Sufficiency Participants



The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Annual Recognition Dinner was held on June 20th at Elgin Station. Participants from the FSS Program were recognized for completing goals and overcoming obstacles during the past year. While in the FSS Program, participants complete goals such as credit repair, furthering education, financial stability, research homeownership, and obtaining suitable employment.

Petros Colla, Regional Outreach Specialist for Awakening Recovery in Hagerstown was the guest speaker for the dinner. During his speech, Mr. Colla was transparent as he described his life's decisions and how it affected him and his family. His inspirational story was uplifting to those in attendance.

The FSS Program is now accepting referrals, including self-referrals. Please contact the Housing Authority at 301.733.6911 or complete a referral form at www.hagerstownha.com



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
Wednesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	12:00 PM
Wednesdays	BINGO (<i>Food will be served at 4:00 PM- 5:45 PM</i>)	6:00 PM

August 3	Tenant Association Breakfast	8:00 AM - ?
August 9	Social Night	7:00-10:00 PM

No Tenant Association Meeting until September.

Walnut Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Stamps and Quarter Sales	4:00-5:00 PM
Tuesdays	BINGO (<i>Kitchen is open from 4:00-5:10 PM</i>)	6:00-8:00 PM
Wednesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	1:15 PM
Daily	Coffee & Conversation	7:30-8:45 AM

August 5	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
Mondays	BINGO (Bring 3-4 prizes)	7:00 PM- 9:00 PM
	Blood Pressure Checks	2:45-4:00 PM
Mon./Wed.	Stamp and Quarter Sales	11:00- 1:00 PM
Wednesday	Coloring Group	2:00-4:00 PM
Thursdays	Playing Spades	6:00 PM

**The main Housing office
will close at 1:00 PM on
August 21st.**



FROM MAINTENANCE



Installing Window Air Conditioners

When installing window air conditioners, be sure to install them in a safe and secure manner. Air conditioner units should be tilted away from the unit. This allows the condensate to run away from the wall and will help to prevent mold/mildew on the walls.

The window air conditioner needs to be installed properly to prevent outside air from entering the unit. If the extendable panels are missing or damaged, air coming in from the outside will cause the room temperature to rise, keeping the air conditioner running. This can cause high electric bills. It is best to seal the openings with foam panels. Cardboard, pillows and blankets are inefficient as they can fall out leaving the window open. Residents of the high-rise buildings must put a container under the air conditioner to collect any condensation and empty as needed.

EMPTYING OVER THE BALCONY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND IS CONSIDERED A LEASE VIOLATION!

Conserving Water

In order to conserve, all residents must promptly report any leaks or dripping faucets, hoses or fixtures to the Maintenance Department at 301-733-6916. Insure all faucets are turned completely off when you are not drawing water. Other ways of conserving water are to:

- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily.
- Dispose of tissues and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Take shorter showers.
- Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only 1/3 full.
- Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face.
- Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.

Tips On Removing Mold/Mildew

Mold/mildew can grow in areas that are moist such as in bathrooms or at washer hookups. It is usually recognized as a dark discoloration of the surface on which it resides (i.e., dark spots on grout). There are numerous cleaning products on the market designed to kill mold. Also, a solution of 1-part bleach and 4 parts water will do the trick. Wipe down ceilings and walls with one of the disinfectants, scrub tile and caulk joints in the tub area. Always be sure to read the labels and abide

by the manufacturer's recommendations. It is your responsibility to properly clean the surfaces in your unit but if you are having problems identifying or removing mold, please call Maintenance and we will have an inspector check it out at no cost to you.

Tenant Installed Locks

Tenant installed locks are not allowed and are considered a lease violation. Please see Section G (Tenant Obligations), Item 31 of your lease for additional information. If tenant installed locks are found by inspector or maintenance personnel, you will be charged to correct the lock and the door.

Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite

Habits

Being excellent hitchhikers, bed bugs hide in purses, luggage and other personal belongings in an effort to find a human food supply. Bed bugs can also hide nearly anywhere inside a car, bus, home, etc.

Prevention

Inspect bedding for bed bug skins and change your bed linens often. Before settling in to a hotel room, inspect the bed and surrounding furniture. Set your luggage away from walls and furniture. When returning home from traveling, inspect your suitcase and store any clothes in a sealed plastic bag until they can be washed.

Examine any secondhand furniture or clothing before bringing it home.

Bed Bug Myths

There are several home remedy recommendations online to exterminate your home without a professional. Often, the effort and impact of do-it-yourself solutions can make the problem worse and help the infestation spread over time.

QUESTIONABLE METHODS:

Baking Soda, Vacuuming, Diatomaceous Earth, Steam Cleaning, Cayenne Pepper, Ginger, Oregano, Tea tree oil, Lavender and peppermint spray, Black walnut tea

Please contact the Maintenance Department if you believe you may have bed bugs.



Please be courteous and clean up after your pets.

Thank you