

Family Neighbors

The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable house 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

September 2019

Congratulations to Lisa Bryd, Family Self Sufficiency Graduate

Hagerstown Housing Authority congratulates Lisa Byrd for her successful completion of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program! Lisa joined the program to receive support while working on her goals to become independent of public assistance. While with the program, Lisa attended driver's education classes, obtained her MD driver's license and purchased a car. She found p/t employment and was quickly promoted to a f/t supervisor position. Lisa also attended financial literacy workshops and focused on improving her credit. Her dream is to own a home someday.

Lisa stated, "My self-esteem is the highest it has ever been in my life. The FSS Program took a chance with me to help me better my life for myself and my children." If you see Lisa, please be sure to congratulate her!



FREE CLASSES!

FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES

Hagerstown Housing Authority & Financial Education Partnership-Washington County want to help you reach your financial goals!

Classes – Monday & Wednesdays

Topics include:

- 📅 Sept. 9: Daily Money Management - Monday
- 📅 Sept. 11: Earn It, Plan It, Keep It - Wednesday
- 📅 Sept. 16: Your Credit Matters - Monday
- 📅 Sept. 18: Taxes and Beyond - Wednesday
- 📅 Sept. 23: Pump Up Your Piggy Bank - Monday

For more information & transportation assistance, contact [Tacy at tmvrs@hagerstownha.com](mailto:tmvrs@hagerstownha.com) or 301.733.6911 ext. 157

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



Location:
C. W. Brooks
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Hagerstown, MD

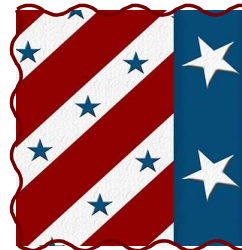
11am - 12pm

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!



In observation of

Labor Day

The Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed **September 2nd**

Washington County goes PURPLE

During the month of September, you will see government agencies, businesses and schools light up in purple. This showing of purple is part of an awareness program that will engage our community and youth to stand against substance abuse.

Hagerstown Housing Authority staff will be participating in the campaign by wearing purple shirts every Friday in September.



First Day of Fall
Monday, September 23rd

WASHINGTON COUNTY 2019 HEALTHY FAMILIES FESTIVAL

A Community Health Fair



Thursday September 19, 2019

201 South Cleveland Avenue, Hagerstown

4:30pm - 7pm



- Prizes and Giveaways!
- Health Screenings!
- Health Education!
- Cooking Demos!
- Fun Activities for All Ages!
- Food!

**A FREE
Community
Event!**

For information contact:
Laura Wilson
301.745.3777 x1077



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BEGIN WITH US! START YOUR SMALL BUSINESS



Washington County is looking for your next big idea!

- ✓ Are you interested in small business ownership?
- ✓ Do you have a business skill or a good idea and want help getting to the next level?

If you receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Food Stamp Assistance, TCA (Temporary Cash Assistance), are a non-custodial parent or a youth transitioning from foster care, the Maryland State government may be able to help you get your business off the ground.

Free Classes at Washington County Department of Social Services, 122 N. Potomac St.

Classes will begin this fall and will be scheduled 10am - 12 pm.
Must attend **ALL** classes.
NO children allowed in classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT FAMILY INVESTMENT

SPECIALIST:

Jarena Griffin or Shawna Ashby
(240) 420-2380 or (240) 420-2283
Or email Washington.PA2E@maryland.gov



CLOSING EARLY

The main Housing
office will close
at 1:00 PM
on September 18th

FREE!
FAMILY FUN
LOCAL RESOURCES
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

FOURTH ANNUAL
**SOUTH SIDE
COMMUNITY
BLOCK PARTY**
HAGERSTOWN CITY PARK
9/21/19
NOON - 3:00 PM

FREE!
PADDLEBOAT RIDES
LASER TAG
FOOD SAMPLES

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY

The Swon Brothers
BCM NOMINEE FROM MUSKOGEE, OK
AND **The Chuck Brown Band**
Back again from Washington D.C.!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT CITY PARK FALL FEST 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. AND PORCH FEST 2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.

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NO ALCOHOL OR SMOKING PERMITTED IN CITY PARK

Thank You

Thank you to our community partners and volunteers for making the community fair a success!

What's Happening

Community Events

Noland Village

Boys and Girls Club Program in Gymnasium	Monday-Friday	
Resident Meeting	Wednesday 18th	10:00 AM
Girl Scouts	September 5 th & 19 th	5:30-7:00 PM

Frederick Manor

Boys and Girls Club Programs	Monday-Friday	
Girl Scouts	Mondays	6:00-7:00 PM
Resident Meeting	Thursday 26th	10:00 AM

Parkside/Scattered Sites

PALS Homework Program	Monday-Thursday	4:30-6:30 PM
Dance Class	Saturdays	9:00-Noon
Girl Scouts	Fridays	5:30-7:00 PM
Resident Meeting	Monday 16th	10:00 AM

Additional Community Activities

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

Numbers to Know

Key Holders
Noland Village
 Pam Felton
 1064H Noland Dr.
 240.310.8446

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 Services Department
 Dianne Rudisill ext. 125
 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
 240.420.2100
Narcotic Task Force
 301.791.3205
Non-Emergency Police
 240.313.4345
Poison Control Center
 800.222.1222
USDA Hotline
 888.674.6854
Adult Protective Services
 240.420.2155
HUD: Fair Housing
 1.800.669.9777

Please remember Community Buildings are closed on major holidays



FROM MAINTENANCE

Mowing Season

Once again, the mowing season is upon us. Please be aware of the contractors as they mow the grass in your community. The contractor is responsible for performing his work in a safe manner. He has a difficult task to accomplish and needs your help to keep track of the small children. Please, for the safety of your children; keep them away from the workers doing the mowing.

All communities will be mowed on Thursday unless it rains. Friday will be the Rain Make-up Day.

Cable Trippers

If you have TV or telephone cable crossing stairs or walkways, please remove them immediately. Per your lease agreement, cables are not permitted to be run in a manner that may cause a tripping hazard. Cables are to be fastened to the baseboard and door frames by use of cable tacks ("U" shaped tacks). Cables are to be run up and around door frames and NOT across walkways. If you could trip over it, then it is improperly installed.

Improperly installed cable will be removed by maintenance and the cost charged to the tenant. New or existing cable will not be re-installed causing you the loss of use of the TV or telephone served by the cable. Avoid this major inconvenience by properly installing your cable now.

Heat Start Up

The Maintenance Department will be turning the heat on in the family developments early October depending upon the weather. 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.

Remember, using your oven or stove as a source of heat is a lease violation. It poses a serious health risk to you. This misuse may also result in damage to your stove (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.

If a medical condition exists within your family that requires you to be provided increased heat levels within your unit, this information must be addressed to the Director of Housing.

Removal of Window Air Conditioners

Each year the Authority requires all residents in family units to remove air conditioners from windows by October 1st. Air conditioners that have not been removed by December 1st, will be removed by maintenance and the resident will be charged. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Graffiti

In accordance with your housing lease, Exhibit G, Part 3E: Graffiti on exterior surfaces is unacceptable and must be removed immediately. The Housing Authority will charge the responsible parties for the removal of graffiti (examples include spray paint, chalk, etc.). Contact the maintenance department and report graffiti immediately. Your cooperation in keeping our communities looking nice is appreciated.

Trash/Recycle Containers

Trash/Recycle cans and totes must be

placed and kept in the rear of your unit. Containers must be moved after they are emptied on the day of pick up to avoid a charge. You will be charged a minimum of \$30.95 if maintenance has to move your container to the rear of your unit. As always, we appreciate your help in keeping our communities beautiful. (Trash containers must be set out after 4:00pm on your scheduled pick up day.)

Attention Residents of Noland Village

The recycling bin located in front of the community building is to be used for recyclable items only. Should maintenance find bags of trash or other items placed on the ground and can identify where it came from that resident will be charged.

Inspection Corner

All tenant owned Appliances, Refrigerators, Freezers, AC units must be inspected and deficiencies recorded as if they are owned by the Housing Authority. Any repairs will need to be completed in a timely manner or removal will be needed. Health and Safety items will also need to be inspected. For example, broken/cracked glass, mirrors, missing fan covers, fire extinguishers and play equipment. Furniture blocking Call-for-Aid buttons and windows need to be moved away from these areas. Flammable/combustible items must be properly stored, not inside your unit.

September 4	Noland Village Ct 1 1000-1016 & Court 2 1005
September 11	Noland Village Ct 2 1009-1013 & Court 3 1020-1032 & Court 4 1017
September 18	Noland Village Ct 4 1021-1033 & Court 5 1036-1040
September 25	Noland Village Ct 5 1044 & Ct 6 1037-1049 & Ct 7 1052-1056

Protecting Your Home Against Bedbugs Brought in by Visitors

How do you minimize the risks of human visitors accidentally bringing in tiny and very unwelcome visitors? It takes a fair amount of tact, since some people will be offended by an open suggestion that you are worried about them carrying bedbugs. You need not ban your friends from your home forever, but you are wise to not be visiting until the infestation is completely eliminated from their home and possessions. If you have invited friends to your home and find out soon after that they have a bed bug infestation in theirs, you should take precautions and inspect for any sign of bed bugs. Bed bugs can be in a home long before they are found, so the friends could have brought them into your home on their possessions without even realizing there was a problem.

Temporarily declining invitations to visit in any home – or other building – that has a bed bug problem is simply smart. Although bed bugs are called that because they are most frequently found on bed mattresses, they are also commonly found on sofas and other upholstered furniture. If belongings have been brought in from an infested site and set on or near that furniture, or the item has been picked up second-hand and not thoroughly inspected or treated for possible bed bugs. If you then sit, lie, or have your own possessions on or near an infested item, the bed bugs can – and often will – move from that item to your own, then travel home with you when you leave. If you find out while you are visiting, or afterward that the home has a problem, do not bring your purse, backpack or other bag or suitcase back into your home. Empty the bags; thoroughly check all items for any signs of bed bugs, and immediately wash clothing in hot water.

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