

# 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*



February 2020

## 2020 Census Maryland

### The 2020 Census: Why is it important?

There are many important reasons why all Americans need to participate in the Census. The results of this once-a-decade count determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Also, over the next decade, law-makers and many others will use the 2020 Census data to make important decisions that will impact your community. The results will show where communities need new schools, hospitals, new roads and services.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs including Medicaid, Head Start, grants for community mental health services and the SNAP program.

In mid-March, homes across the country will begin receiving invitations to complete the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone, or by mail.

For those who do not respond you will receive a visit from a Census taker. This is a normal part of conducting the Census. Your information is such an important part of the 2020 Census, that if you haven't responded on your own, someone will visit your home to help make sure you are counted for.

If you need assistance with completing your 2020 Census please contact the Resident Services Department and we will be happy to assist you.

## Valentine's Trivia

Submit your trivia answers by February 12th to the Resident Services office to enter for a chance to win a Valentine's basket. If you would like to e-mail your submission please e-mail [scohen@hagerstownha.com](mailto:scohen@hagerstownha.com)

1. What does a red rose symbolize? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the name of cupid's mother? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Valentine's cards are mostly sent to people belonging to which profession? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the most popular flower that is given on Valentine's Day?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Valentine's Day is the second largest event in which cards are exchanged.  
Which event is the first one? A. St. Patrick's Day B. New Years C. Halloween D. Christmas
6. Who is the author of Romeo and Juliet? \_\_\_\_\_
7. How many cards are sent for Valentine's Day each year in the United States?  
A. 5,000 B. 25 Million C. 1 Billion D. 45,000
8. Complete the phrase Roses are red, Violets are \_\_\_\_\_
9. In which year did Hallmark make its first Valentine card? A. 1890 B. 1913 C. 1945 D. 1986
10. Worldwide, approximately how many roses are given for Valentine's Day each year?  
A. 10 Million, B. 50 Million C. 60,000 D. 800,000



## **FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES!**

**Head Start Shriver Center, 9:00-10:00am**

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

**Classes – Tuesdays**

### **Topics include:**

- ✦ Feb. 4: Daily Money Management
- ✦ Feb. 11: Earn It, Plan It, Keep It
- ✦ Feb. 18: Your Credit Matters
- ✦ Feb. 25: Taxes and Beyond
- ✦ Mar. 3: 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*  
*Sargent Shriver*  
*Center*  
*837 Spruce St.*  
*Hagerstown, MD*

*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 observance of Presidents Day the  
 Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed  
**Monday, February 17th**



### **Notice Regarding February Rent**

Orrstown Bank will be closing at 12:30 PM on Wednesday, February 5th.



If you pay your rent at the bank please be sure to pay it by 12:30PM on the 5th.



# What's Happening

Community Events

## Noland Village

Boys and Girls Club Program in Gymnasium	Monday-Friday	
Resident Meeting	Wednesday 19th	10:00 AM
Girl Scouts	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month.	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 27th	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 17th	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.  
240.452.6155

#### 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

Heather Nutter ext. 170

Tacy Myers ext. 157

Kelly Mills-Thompson ext. 158

#### 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\*

**C.W. Brooks Salon 240.329.5197**



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

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# 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. Overtime callouts are very expensive, and you can avoid these charges (minimum of \$95.58) 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.

## 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.

## Pest Control Schedule for February

February 12	Parkside Homes
February 19	Douglas Court
February 26	Scattered Sites

## REMINDER

The main housing office will close at 1:00 PM on February 19th.



## 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.



Pearls4Girls

## Every Pearl Girl

**Needs a Heart Necklace for Valentine's Day.**

**Join us to make one and enjoy Cookies & Punch.**

February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6.00 pm

Noland Community Center

Girls, Ages 8 - 18

Doors open at 6.00 pm



**DID  
YOU?  
KNOW**



## Springfield Middle School has a FOOD PANTRY

*Open from 2:45 until 3:30 PM the  
following dates:*

**February 5, March 4, April 1 & May 6**

If you have any questions please contact  
**Mark Andrews at 301-766-8389**  
email: [andremar@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:andremar@wcps.k12.md.us)



*Take Care  
of your Heart!  
February is  
Heart Health  
Month!*

**Heart disease is the leading cause of  
death for both men and women.**

You can make healthy changes to lower your risk  
of developing heart disease.

To lower your risk:

- ♥ *Watch your weight.*
- ♥ *Quit smoking and stay away from secondhand  
smoke.*
- ♥ *Control your cholesterol and blood pressure.*
- ♥ *If you drink alcohol, drink only in moderation.*
- ♥ *Get active and eat healthy.*

### **MATTERS OF THE HEART**

- Your Heart is the hardest working muscle in your body.
  - Every 24 hours, the heart pumps  
approximately 2,000 gallons of blood.
  - The average adult heart is about  
the size of two clenched fists.
- Women's hearts beat faster at 78 beats per minute vs.  
men's hearts at 70 beats per minute



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