

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 Neighbors self-sufficient.

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



January 2022

Our recent FSS GRADUATES



L to R - Tacy Myers, Dianne Rudisill, Jaia Speller, Sean Griffith

Hagerstown Housing Authority congratulates recent Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program graduate Jaia Speller!

Jaia was dedicated in working toward the accomplishment of her FSS goals which included, obtaining and maintaining employment, improving credit, researching Home Ownership, and furthering her education by attending numerous Financial Literacy workshops offered by Community Partners REACH of Washington County and The Valor Center. Ms. Speller worked hard to build an escrow savings account throughout her FSS Contract with the Housing Authority and plans to use this toward a future goal of Home Ownership. Hagerstown Housing Authority commends Ms. Speller on her achievements!



L to R - Tacy Myers, Coreen Freeman, Sean Griffith

Hagerstown Housing Authority congratulates Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Graduate Corean Freeman! Corean's dedication to her FSS Contract of Participation enabled her to focus on the completion of her FSS goals.

Throughout the 5-year program, Corean obtained and maintained employment, improved her credit, researched Home Ownership, and furthered her education by attending numerous Financial Literacy workshops. Ms. Freeman's continued path of success continues as she works toward her education and career in the Nursing Field. Hagerstown Housing Authority commends Corean Freeman on her achievements!

 **Happy New Year from the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners and Staff**

SET NEW GOALS Are you ready?

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is designed to provide individual case management services to residents of public housing and Housing Choice Voucher recipients to achieve self-sufficiency. The participants identify specific goals they agree to pursue with the assistance of a case manager. These goals concentrate on education, job training/placement, budgeting and finance, credit repair, purchasing a vehicle, a home, and much more. Goals will vary based on each individual's needs.



HHA has partnered with the Health Department to provide COVID Testing.

Walk up and drive-thru is available behind the CW Brooks Building,
Monday and Wednesday, 10 am-2 pm



WHAT DOES HOUSING MEAN TO YOU?

We have been told by many residents that they have created great memories in our communities and that Housing has provided them the opportunity to move forward. From fond memories of loving grandparents to accomplishing goals and becoming self-sufficient, we are interested in knowing what Housing means to you. Would you mind telling us how Housing has helped you? If you have a story or a positive experience, we would love to hear it! We may use your story in a featured video of how residents have overcome obstacles, made a positive change, gained a best friend, had fond memories, etc.

To schedule an interview or tell your story, please get in touch with one of the Resident Services team members.



South Hagerstown High School Survey

You have a voice @ SHHS. Let's hear it! We want to know how your school can better support your student(s) and your family. Thank you for answering these questions. Your answers are confidential.

[Family Survey English](#)

Usable link via PDF

[Encuesta para Familias](#)



Tienes una voz en la escuela de South Hagerstown High School. ¡Queremos oír! Queremos saber cómo la escuela puede brindarles mayor apoyo al estudiante y su familia. Le agradecemos por responder estas preguntas. Sus respuestas son confidenciales.

[Family Survey Spanish](#)

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Please Join Us For Our Informational Series: Creating Community Connections

Thursday, January 13, 2021, @ 2:00 PM we welcome Michelle Jardine, Crisis Intervention Coordinator with Valor Ministries. She will be providing us with an overview of the organization and the programs that they provide to our community.

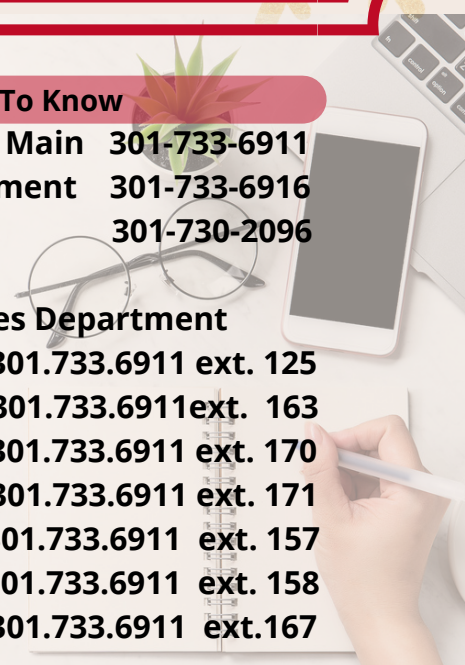
We hope that you can join us and receive some useful information from our community partner. This event will be provided through Facebook Live on the HHA Facebook Page!

Numbers To Know

- Hagerstown Housing Main** 301-733-6911
- Maintenance Department** 301-733-6916
- Security Supervisor** 301-730-2096

Resident Services Department

- Dianne Rudisill** 301.733.6911 ext. 125
- Deena Holder** 301.733.6911 ext. 163
- Heather Nutter** 301.733.6911 ext. 170
- Treyvon King** 301.733.6911 ext. 171
- Tacy Myers** 301.733.6911 ext. 157
- Kelly Mills** 301.733.6911 ext. 158
- Pam Schnebly** 301.733.6911 ext. 167





Scholarships for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at a PHADA member agency

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000)

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948–June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve’s knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA’s Annual Convention & Exhibition (May 19–22, 2022, San Antonio, TX). The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Additional Essay Required (see below)

In 2005, PHADA’s Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites, they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement.

To be considered for the Freedom & Civil Rights Scholarship, include an additional personal essay (350–500 words) demonstrating your efforts and achievements in furthering the values of the civil rights movement. Explain why the cause is still relevant in communities today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and community involvement activities relating to advancing the cause of civil rights.

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay has offered significant financial support to PHADA’s scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5,000 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

Applications are due to PHADA by January 28, 2022.

*An application can be obtained at
<https://www.phada.org/Conferences-Education/PHADA-Scholarship-Program>
Please contact Dianne Rudisill at 301-733-6911 ext. 125 with questions.*



Join Us for an Afternoon Movie Matinee
Resident Services will be hosting a Family Afternoon Movie Matinee. Please join us for popcorn and snacks while watching a movie to (be determined). The movie will be held in the Elgin Station Gym on January 24th. More information to come as we get closer to that date. All programming is subject to change depending on Covid numbers/health status.



Capital Funds Program Zoom Meeting Family Communities – Via Zoom January 12th at 2 pm

Time: Jan 12, 2022 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88322825004?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88322825004?pwd=b3lyVTJUZ2dZV0VsUjFSLy81dHEwdz09)

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Meeting ID: 883 2282 5004

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The Hagerstown Housing Authority will be hosting zoom meetings in January and February to collect residents' suggestions for use of Capital Funds in their Community. Debra Miller will once again attend to discuss how these funds have been allocated and used in the last year. Please attend the following meeting dependent on your community group.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Washington County Coalition

Scholarship 2022



The goal of the scholarship is to promote character-building traits throughout the tri-state region adjacent to Washington County, Maryland. Scholarship awards will be based on individuals who demonstrate the best representation of the Six Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! The six pillars are – trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The scholarship recipient must be pursuing post-high school education at a 2 yr. or 4 yr. college or technical school. Applicants must attend a public high school with a CHARACTER COUNTS! program within Washington County, Maryland.

A selection committee from the Washington County Character Counts! coalition will make the awards at their discretion. Award will be for a one-time \$500 scholarship. Winners will be notified by May 2, 2022.

Criteria for Selection:

1. Personal merit and personification of the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!
2. Commitment to further education

Timeline:

1. November 22, 2021– Applications began to be available at high schools through school counselors.
2. **March 3, 2022**– Applications are due by 4 pm. Late applications will not be reviewed.
3. April 14, 2022 – Applications reviewed by the selection committee. Award decisions made.
4. May 2, 2022 – Scholarship winners and high school principals notified.
5. August 15, 2022 - Scholarship checks will be mailed to the institutions

Scholarships can be picked up at your high school. For more information regarding the Character Counts Scholarship, contact Dianne Rudisill at 301.733.6911 ext. 125 or drudisill@hagerstownha.com

FROM MAINTENANCE

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.

The 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.

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 (\$97.08) 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, (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Now that the holidays are behind us, please make sure you remove your decorations prior to the end of January. Any tape, tacks or nails used to mount lights need to be removed as well as spray snow on windows. Remember never to run electrical cords through closed windows or doors. This pinches the cord and can cause a fire.

The Authority appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the appearance of our communities.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Your home is equipped with smoke detectors that are powered by electricity and battery back-up in the event of a power outage. If the detector "beeps" frequently, this could indicate the need for a new battery. Call the Maintenance Department at 301-733-6916. Any other smoke detector problem is also a job for maintenance.

*****DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE DETECTOR*****

IF YOU BREAK THE SMOKE DETECTOR, YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR BOTH
A REPLACEMENT DETECTOR AND A TAMPERING FEE OF \$25.00.

TAMPERING WITH SMOKE DETECTORS IS A LEASE VIOLATION AND WILL BE REPORTED TO
HOUSING.



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.

Residents are responsible to remove snow and ice from walks, steps, and porches leading to the unit.

This means any and all sidewalks to your unit except for the front public sidewalk, which is the sidewalk that runs parallel to the front streets, is the responsibility of each resident. The Hagerstown Housing Authority does NOT remove snow and/or ice or treat for snow and/or ice on any walkways in the rear of the units and do NOT remove snow and/or ice or treat for snow and/or ice in the front of your unit except for the public sidewalk that runs parallel to the front streets.

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.

January Pest Control Schedule

01/05/2022: McCleary Hill Buildings 9-18 (Flourite Drive, Gneiss Drive, Calcite Drive 17506-17520)

01/12/2022: Frederick Manor 600-635 Adams Ave, 633-657 Frederick St, 600-612 Hayes Ave

01/19/2022: Frederick Manor 614-681 Hayes Ave & Gym

01/26/2022: Frederick Manor 200-207 Hayes Ct, 201-203 Rowland Ave, 200-236 Taylor Ave & Community Building

01/26/2022: HRC Units 212-214 & 441-443 North Jonathan Street

BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

You may have your bulk items picked up on the following days of each month:

1st Thursday: McCleary Hill

2nd Thursday: Parkside Homes and Douglas Court

3rd Thursday: Noland Village

4th Thursday: Frederick Manor



Please set your items out after 8:00 pm the night before your scheduled day and have them on the curb prior to 8:30 am on your scheduled pickup day. This schedule will be strictly followed. Any bulk items set on the curb on days other than those listed for your community will result in a charge (\$60.00) to the resident.

Scattered Site locations will be expected to observe the bulk pickup days published by the City of Hagerstown. Check the newspaper or call the City for dates.