

# 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.



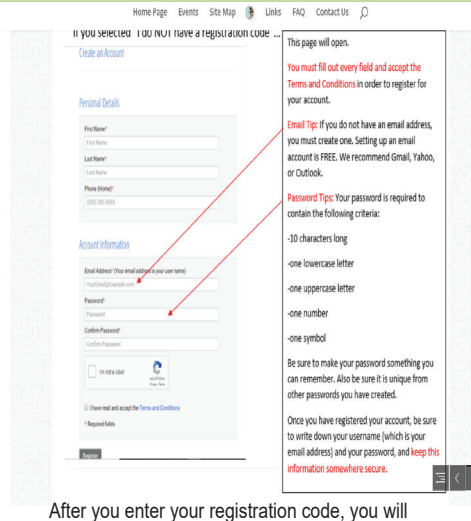
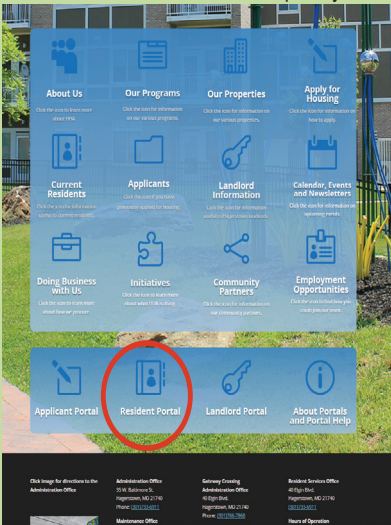
To associate on neighborly terms ♦ To be friendly ♦ Persons who live near others

June 2021

## Rent Cafe

### Have you signed up???

Did you know on Rent Cafe you can pay your rent, contact maintenance, complete your annual recertification and more!



To register for Rent Cafe go to [www.hagerstownha.com](http://www.hagerstownha.com). Scroll to the bottom of page and click on **Resident Portal**. You will need your registration code. If you do not have your registration code, contact the Hagerstown Housing Authority for your code.

After you enter your registration code, you will be prompted to enter your personal details. Next, enter your e-mail address and create a password.

**STILL HAVING TROUBLE?**  
Contact the Resident Services Department for assistance.

**The Hagerstown Housing Authority is making every effort to go paperless.**

**However, due to timing issues, HHA has pushed back its change to electronic statements until October.**

**The staff wants to make sure every opportunity to pay with electronic statements is available and adds convenience to the resident. If a resident is not signed up for Rent Cafe and does not have an email, the statements will continue to be mailed.**

**If you are interested in learning how to set up an email or your tenant portal in Rent Cafe, please contact Resident Services for assistance.**



**The Resident Services Department**

**will be hosting a**

**SUMMER KICK OFF EVENT**

**Wednesday June 16, 2021**

**Residents will be able to enjoy some refreshing ice cream and receive a Summer Activity Goodie Bag!**

**1:00 pm Noland Village**

**(Community Building Parking Lot)**

**2:30 pm Frederick Manor**

**(Hayes Court Parking Lot)**



## 2021 SUMMER SCHEDULE (JUNE 8–AUGUST 19)



# Meal MACHINE

**FREE  
BREAKFAST  
AND LUNCH  
FOR ANYONE  
18 & UNDER**

SCHOOL SITES

BESTER ELEMENTARY	385 MILL STREET HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
BOONSBORO MIDDLE	1 JIM WALKER DRIVE BOONSBORO, MD 21115
CLEAR SPRING MIDDLE	12628 BROOKFORDS ROAD CLEAR SPRING, MD 21722
HANCOCK MIDDLE/HS	308 W. MAIN STREET HANCOCK, MD 21750
JONATHAN HAGER ELEMENTARY	1265 STODOLSKY WAY HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
PANGBORN ELEMENTARY	195 PANGBORN BOULEVARD HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
RUTH ANN MONRE PRIMARY	1211 YALL DRIVE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21342
SALERN AVE ELEMENTARY	1227 SALAM KIPPUS HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
SHARPSBURG ELEMENTARY	11333 SHEPHERDSTOWN PIKE SHARPSBURG, MD 21782
SMITHSBURG ELEMENTARY	87 N. MAIN STREET SMITHSBURG, MD 21151
WILLIAMSPORT HS	8 SOUTH CLIFTON DRIVE WV. LAKEFORD, MD 21755

MONDAY-THURSDAY

**NOON  
TO  
1:00PM**

COMMUNITY SITES

FAMILY HEALTHCARE	201 E. CLEVELAND AVENUE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
CORTLAND MANOR	12805 LITTLE ELLOTT DRIVE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21342
NOLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY BUILDING	1048 NOLAND DRIVE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
CHILDREN IN NEED	121 W. NORTH AVENUE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	108 EAST FRANKLIN STREET HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
PANGBORN PARK	891 PANGBORN BOULEVARD HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
HALFWAY FIRE DEPARTMENT	1714 LINCOLN AVENUE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340
MCCLEARY HILL COMMUNITY BUILDING	12150 COUNTY DRIVE HAGERSTOWN, MD 21340

MONDAY-THURSDAY

**11:30AM  
TO  
NOON**

MONDAY-THURSDAY

**12:30PM  
TO  
1:00PM**

**SERVING DOUBLE MEALS ON THURSDAY FOR FRIDAY**

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER. QUESTIONS: 301-756-3390



## Summer Sun Safety Tips

Summer is an exciting time of year. With the kids out of school your family has the opportunity to enjoy an abundance of warm weather activities, your plans may include: a vacation; camping; swimming; picnics; barbecues; and other fun summertime events.

However, summer fun can easily turn into summer injury. Many summer activities pose unique dangers and safety risks. With careful planning, safety awareness and preventive measures - you can help your family to have a fantastic and safe summer.

The following information contains helpful tips that should help keep you and yours safe this summer!



- Stay out of the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest.
- If you are going to be in the sun for any length of time, find an area with "structured shade," such as a wooded clearing, to block as much of the sun as possible. The sun is strongest at the beach, where sand and water reflect the sun's damaging rays.
- Always apply a generous, uniform amount of sunscreen with an SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15. Reapply regularly if you go swimming or stay in the sun for a long time.
- If the sunscreen is waterproof, let it dry 30 minutes before going in the water.
- Use sunscreen even on cloudy days, especially if you plan to be outside for any length of time.
- Keep infants out of the sun. Start using sunscreen on children at 6 months of age and limit their exposure. Sunscreens are not approved for infants younger than 6 months.
- Wear sunglasses and protective clothing, such as hats. If you burn easily, long sleeve shirts and long pants can provide added protection.
- Avoid tanning salons and lamps, which produce ultraviolet radiation that can damage your skin just like sunlight.

Source: National Institutes of Health

# GoVAX

Let's end COVID, Maryland.



Learn more at [covidlink.maryland.gov](https://covidlink.maryland.gov)

## WCHD COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic Call Center

Those that live or work in Washington County who are 18 years or older\* can now call the Washington County Health Department to schedule their COVID-19 vaccine at one of our clinics.

\*We are receiving limited allocations of the Moderna vaccine, which is currently approved for those 18 and older.

**240-313-3456**

Washington County Health Department  
1302 Pennsylvania Ave, Hagerstown MD 21742

240-313-3200 [washcohealth.org](https://washcohealth.org) [wash.health@maryland.gov](mailto:wash.health@maryland.gov)



**Drive-Thru Clinics will be held every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00 am - 2:15 pm @ 13 West Lee Street (behind the CW Brooks Building).**

**APPOINTMENTS WILL BE REQUIRED 240-313-3456**

**This Washington County Health Department clinic will provide the Moderna Vaccine, which has been approved for ages 18 and older.**

**For additional information Visit**

**[washcohealth.org/](https://washcohealth.org/)  
[washingtoncounty-covid-19-vaccine-drive-thru-clinic/](https://washingtoncounty-covid-19-vaccine-drive-thru-clinic/)**





## FREE CLASSES! FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County offers FREE monthly on-line classes to help members in our community to take charge of their finances

Topics include:

- March 17, 2021: Your Credit Matters!
- April 21, 2021: Creating Savings
- May 19, 2021: Identity Theft & Scams
- June 16, 2021: Conquering Debt

To register or for more information, contact Kelli at 301-733-2371 ext. 107  
kelli@reachofwc.org

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of:



Register Today!

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Improve Your  
Credit

Create or Build  
Savings

Identity Theft &  
Scams

Location:  
Classes will be held  
via Zoom  
To register, email  
kelli@reachofwc.org



### Emergency Rental Assistance Program

Do you need assistance paying your rent, utility bills, and more?

**APPLY TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY!**

Has COVID-19 affected your ability to pay rent?  
You may be eligible for assistance with current or past due payments.

How can ERAP (Emergency Rental Assistance Program) help?

ERAP provides financial assistance for the following:

- ⇒ Up to 12 months of overdue rent – going back to March 13, 2020
- ⇒ Up to 12 months of overdue utility or home energy costs – going back to March 13, 2020
- ⇒ Up to 3 months of current or future months' rent at a time
- ⇒ Up to 3 months of current or future months' utility costs at a time
- ⇒ Housing-related costs due to COVID-19 such as relocation assistance, security deposit, and rental application fees

Each household is eligible for up to 15 months of total assistance under ERAP.

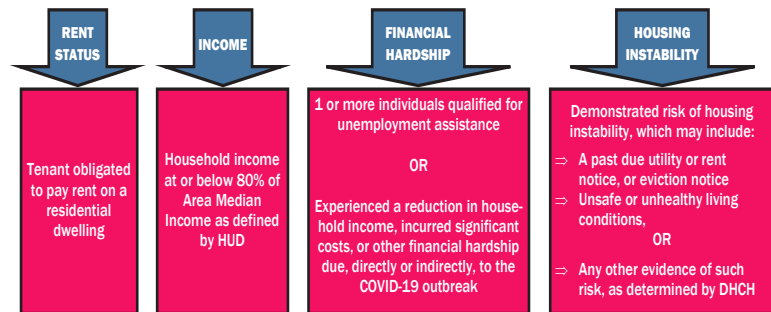
ERAP cannot pay for rental and utility costs which have been or will be covered under another funding source (no duplication of benefits).

The tenant may apply for assistance or their landlord may apply for assistance on the tenant's behalf.

Tenants must sign the application and attest all information in the application is true.

To be eligible for ERAP, a household must meet all four eligibility criteria:

- ⇒ Legally obligated to pay rent or utility costs
- ⇒ Have annual household income under 80% of the Area Median Income for their county
- ⇒ Qualify for unemployment assistance OR have financial hardship directly or indirectly related to COVID-19
- ⇒ Be at risk of losing their housing or utilities, currently homeless, or need to relocate housing units due to unsafe, unsanitary, or overcrowded housing conditions



## Please Join Us For Our New Informational Zoom Series:

### Creating Community Connections

Thursday June 10, 2021 @ 2:00 pm

We welcome Jessica Scott the Program Director of Habitat for Humanity of Washington County. She will be providing us with an overview of the organization and the programs that they provide.

We hope that you can join us for some **FUN** with the **Resident Services Team** and receive some useful **INFORMATION** from our **Community Partners!**

These events will be provided through **Facebook Live on HHA Facebook Page!**

## Healthy Smile In Motion Summer Schedule

Elgin Station

Tuesday June 22nd



## Please Join Us For A Check In Before Summer!

Resident Services would like to know how you are doing?

Thursday June 17th @ 1:30 pm via Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 99121781177

Zoom Passcode: 645977

We hope to see you there!



# FROM MAINTENANCE



## Trash Containers

Effective April 1, 2021, all trash 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. If maintenance moves your container to the rear of your unit, you will be charged a minimum of \$32.36. As always, we appreciate your help in keeping our communities beautiful.

Trash containers are not to be placed out before 4:00pm on trash pick-up night at your community.

## 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.*

## Wading Pools/Swimming Pools

Residents are reminded that wading pools and swimming pools are a violation of your lease. Not only are unattended pools unsafe but they damage the lawn and impede mowing.

## Locked Doors During Inspections/ Pest Control Services

It has become more common to find locked screen doors and locked interior doors at the time of an inspection/pest control service. Not allowing for an inspector/exterminator to enter the unit or finding a locked interior or screen door is considered a violation of the lease and will be reported to Housing.

All inspections are posted in the monthly newsletter. Your cooperation to be prepared is appreciated.

## 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.

## 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 Douglass Ct**

**3rd Thursday: Noland Village**

**4th Thursday: Frederick Manor**

Please set your items out after 8:00pm the night before your scheduled day and have them on the curb prior to 8:30am 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.

**Important Notice To All Residents**

**NATURAL GAS**, like all forms of energy must be used properly.

Here are some facts everyone should know about **GAS AND GAS OPERATED** equipment from a safety point of view.

**GAS ACCIDENTS** can be avoided ... when you follow these **SAFETY RULES**.

1. **TEACH CHILDREN** that they are not to turn on or light appliances.
2. **KEEP COMBUSTIBLES** (curtains, paper, fluids, etc.) away from open flame.
3. **IF LIGHTING IS REQUIRED** always light match first and hold it at point of lighting before you turn on the gas.
4. **REPAIR AND INSTALLATION** is a job for experts – **NEVER** attempt to do it yourself.
5. **USE EQUIPMENT FOR THE JOB** it was designed to do – for example – an oven must not be used to heat a room.

Gas appliances, equipment and transmission lines are safe and are constantly being tested and improved. However, it is possible, to have a **GAS LEAK**. Your senses can help you discover a gas leak...

1. **SMELL** – A distinctive odor has been added to natural gas so that less than 1% of gas in the air can be detected.
2. **SIGHT** – In some appliances you can **SEE** the flame so you know it is working.
3. **TOUCH** – With some appliances you can feel overheating or cold in the burner area which would indicate trouble.
4. **HEARING** – If the flame sounds unusually noisy it may not be burning properly.

**IF YOU SUSPECT A GAS LEAK...**

1. **AVOID FLAME** and operating of electrical equipment. Never light a gas appliance if an odor of gas is present.
2. If odor is **EXTREMELY STRONG** evacuate the building ... call for help from a neighbor's home.
3. **HAVE A QUALIFIED PERSON** turn the gas back on and relight appliances.

**REMEMBER...** Natural gas is not dangerous but its misuse is.

**TEACH YOUR CHILDREN...** to respect gas...to play it safe...to know what to do in an emergency.

**KNOWLEDGE** plus **CARE** equals **SAFETY**.

**THE PLACE TO CALL:** HAGERSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
 MAINTENANCE OFFICE..... (301) 733-6916. *Calls are answered 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.*

**June 2021 Pest Control Schedule**

06/2/21 Noland Village: Ct 4 & 6 (remianig units), Ct 8:1053-1061

06/09/21 Noland Village: Ct 3: 1020-1032, Ct 5: 1036-1040

06/16/21 Noland Village: Ct 5: 1044, Ct 7: 1052-1068

06/23/21 McCleary Hill: Buildings 1-8: 17526-17576 (Granite Drive, Clacite Drive)

06/23/21 HRC Units: 212-214, 441-443 North Jonathan Street



**MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS**  
**JUNE 2021 – JULY 2021**

**AMP-1 FREDERICK MANOR**

Friday, June 4	Adams Ave	614 - 626(even)
Monday, June 7	Adams Ave	628A & 628B
	Taylor Ave	216 - 224(even)
Tuesday, June 8	Taylor Ave	226 - 236(even)
Friday, June 11	Frederick St	633 & 635
	Taylor Ave	223 - 229(odd)
Monday, June 14	Taylor Ave	231 & 233(odd)
	Frederick St	655 & 657(odd)

**BEGIN AMP-1 DOUGLAS COURT**

Tuesday, June 15	Park Place	400 A-B, 402 A-B, 406 - 408(even)
Friday, June 18	Park Place	410 - 426 (even)
Monday, June 21	Park Place	428 - 442 (even)
Tuesday, June 22	Park Place	401 - 411 (odd)
Friday, June 25	Park Place	415 - 443 (odd)

**BEGIN AMP-3 NOLAND DRIVE**

Monday, June 28	Noland Drive	1020 A - H
Tuesday, June 29	Noland Drive	1024 A - H
Friday, July 2	Noland Drive	1028 A - F
Tuesday, July 6	Noland Drive	1032 A - H
Wednesday, July 7	Noland Drive	1036 A - H
Thursday, July 8	Noland Drive	1040 A - F
Friday, July 9	Noland Drive	1044 A - H

**1** bed bug can produce hundreds of offspring

**3-5 minutes**  
 It takes a bed bug 3-5 minutes to feed

Bed bugs can live for **1 Year** without feeding

**1 in 5**  
 People have encountered bed bugs

**Don't let the Bedbugs Bite**

**Do Bed Bug covers work?**

It may be time to invest in a Bed Bug Mattress protector. Purchasing mattress covers for bed bugs can be a safe and effective way to protect your family. While these covers won't completely eliminate the risk of a bed bug outbreak, using them can prevent major infestations and make identifying bed bugs much simpler.

Encasements also play a very important role in helping to eliminate bed bug infestations. They are a simple and highly effective method of dealing with bed bugs by trapping them inside and preventing bugs from re-infesting the mattress and box spring. Because they are white, they also make it easier to identify an infestation early.

Please contact the Pest Control Coordinator, Wendy Leggett for more information on purchasing these covers.

301-733-6911 Ext 132







**The Hagerstown Housing Authority would like to thank the owners of Sunny Meadows Garden Center located in Sharpsburg Maryland for their generous donation of flowers, tomato plants, pepper plants, potting soil, and planting containers for our Container Gardening Activity in our Family and Senior Communities.**



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