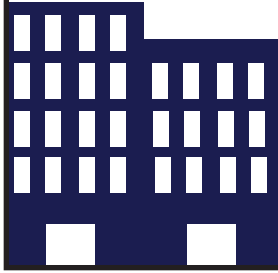


Seniors

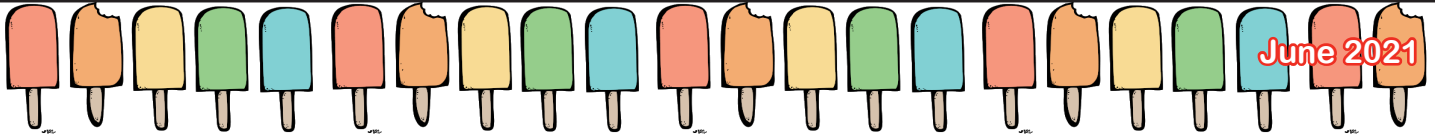


The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing in a safe environment. Through partnership with our residents and other groups we will provide opportunities for those we serve to become self-sufficient.



Neighbors

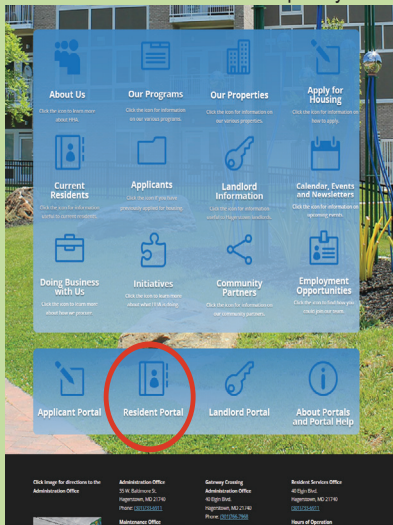
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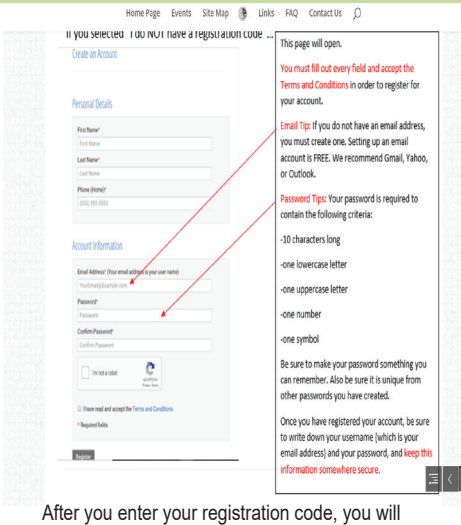
June 2021

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. 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 an

Ice Cream Social To Kick Off Summer!

We Hope That You Will Join Us For A Sweet Treat

Thursday June 24, 2021

Potomac Towers at 11:30 am & Walnut Towers at 2:30 pm

GOVAX

Let's end COVID, Maryland.



Learn more at 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 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 CWBrooks 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/washingtoncounty-covid-19-vaccine-drive-thru-clinic/



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.



HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

WHAT TO DO

HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
 - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
 - Fast, strong pulse
 - Headache
 - Dizziness
 - Nausea
 - Confusion
 - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
 - Move the person to a cooler place
 - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
 - Do not give the person anything to drink

HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
 - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
 - Fast, weak pulse
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Muscle cramps
 - Tiredness or weakness
 - Dizziness
 - Headache
 - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
 - Loosen your clothes
 - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
 - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:**
- You are throwing up
 - Your symptoms get worse
 - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
 - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
 - Drink water or a sports drink
 - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:**
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
 - You're on a low-sodium diet
 - You have heart problems

SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
 - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
 - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
 - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
 - Do not break blisters

HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
 - Keep the rash dry
 - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash





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.

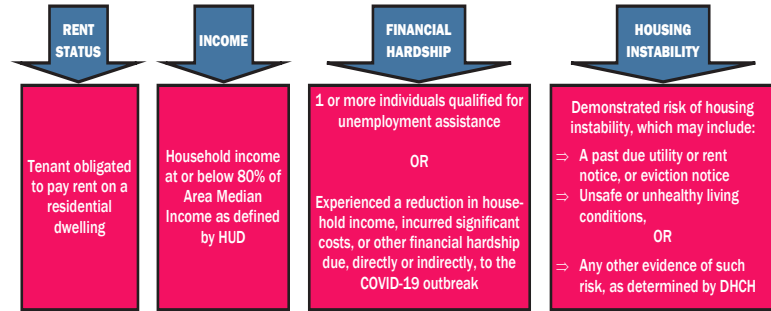
ERAP cannot pay for rental and utility costs which have been or will be covered under another funding source (no duplication of benefits).

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!**

Meals for Paws food donation drop will be on Friday June 25, 2021 between 9:00 am - 9:30 am at Potomac Towers, Walnut Towers, & CWB

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 ROOMS

Please take large items that will not fit down the trash chute to the lower level of Potomac Towers North or the ground level at Walnut Towers. Also, we ask that you take mops, brooms, rugs, cardboard, etc. to these designated areas to prevent the chutes from getting clogged.

REMEMBER – Do not carry bed bug infested furniture to the lower level of Potomac Towers or the ground level at Walnut Towers, instead please contact the maintenance office at 301-733-6916 for the proper removal of such items.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 wall. 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.

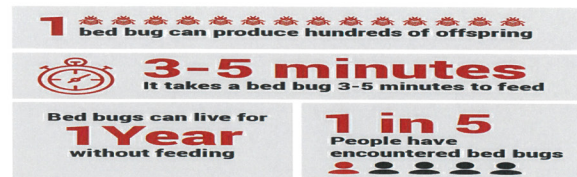
Residents of the high-rise buildings must put a container under the air conditioner to collect any condensation and empty as needed. BALCONY

REMINDER

Again, we would like to ask residents not to throw things off their balconies. Cigarette butts (which are no longer allowed on balconies), bottles and bread seem to be the items most commonly found on the ground. Many people spend a great deal of time and effort making their balconies a summer space to enjoy; they do not appreciate having garbage thrown into their space. The Maintenance Department also would appreciate not having to pick up the garbage that accumulates on the ground. Most importantly, this is your home. Do you want garbage thrown in your yard?

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE PIGEONS

We ask that you do not feed pigeons or birds on your balconies. Please do not throw bread, donuts or any other food out for the birds. This not only attracts birds but rodents as well. It also makes a mess on the balconies and areas below. If you see pigeons on your balcony, look for any food or water source that may be attracting them and remove these items. If they have built a nest, remove the nest immediately or call maintenance to have it removed. We thank you for your cooperation.



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

June 2021 Pest Control Schedule

06/02/21 PT: 401-424, 528-531
06/03/21 WTA: 505-516
06/09/21 PT: 501-527
06/10/21 WTA: 601-616
06/16/21 PT: 605-632
06/17/ WTA: 701-710
06/23/21 PT: 601-604, 709-731
06/24/21 WTA: 711-716, 810-816