

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



March 2022

Women's History Month

Rosemary Doleman-Lucas was the daughter of the founders of Doleman Black History Museum, Charles "Popey" and Marguerite "Peggy" Doleman. She and her brother Charles "Sonny" Doleman established the Doleman Black Heritage Museum in honor of their parents' legacy of preservation of local African American history and culture. She and Sonny have dedicated their lives to honoring their parent's passion for the preservation of local African-American history and culture through committing their family collection of an estimated 4,500 pieces of artifacts as the cornerstone of the DBHM organization. Since 2008, Ms. Rosemary has been an advocate and relentless leader in establishing and keeping the dream of the DBHM alive to preserve the African-American history and culture for future generations. Ms. Rosemary is best known for her no-nonsense approach to leadership to fulfill the mission of DBHM, the legacy it upholds, the people it represents, and the community it serves. Ms. Rosemary will be missed but her legacy will live on through DBHM.



Doleman Black History Museum
located at 465 Pennsylvania Ave

Rosemary Doleman-Lucas
March 25, 1946-December 24, 2021

Credit: Lewis, Mike "Doleman museum 'powerhouse' dies at 75; 'board to make sure her legacy continues" *Herald Mail*, Dec. 31, 2021

Paperless Rent Statements

We are now finalizing the process for paperless rent statements. Here's what you can expect:

- You will be provided a **"Coupon Book"** consisting of 12 cards (one for each month). The cards will include your name, address, community, and **WIPS** (Walk-In Payment System) number.
- **If you PAY AT THE BANK** – provide the card to the teller and pay the amount you choose.
- **If you pay your rent by MAIL or DROPBOX** instead of a rent statement, you will include a card with your payment.
- **If you pay your rent via Tenant Portal** – you do not need anything further.
- The 12 cards will be provided to you at your recertification, annually.

We will implement the paperless statements based on the following schedule:

June 1st - C.W.Brooks, Parkside Homes, Douglass Court, and Gateway Crossing will no longer receive rent statements.

August 1st - Noland Village, Frederick Manor, Potomac Towers, Walnut Towers, McCleary Hill, and Scattered Sites.



FAMILY SELF-SUFFICIENCY

The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary program designed to help individuals and families increase their earnings and achieve financial stability. Services are provided by FSS Coordinators to assist you in identifying realistic goals, connecting you to local resources, and providing supportive services to assist you in accomplishing your goals. For eligible participants, as employment is obtained or earned income increases, FSS Participants may have the opportunity to build an escrow savings account held by the Hagerstown Housing Authority. The FSS program is available to families that reside in Public Housing or families that receive the Housing Choice Voucher and are in good standing with the Housing Authority. For more information or if you are interested in participating in the FSS Program, please contact the FSS team at 301-733-6911 Tacy Myers (ext. 157), Kelly Mills (ext. 158), or Pam Schnebly (ext. 167).

Have fun with us!



On Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 2 pm. The Resident Services Department will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Bingo via ZOOM. To sign up please contact Treyvon King @ 301-733-6911 ext. 171. We hope you can join us for some fun and prizes!

ERAP Funding

Community Action Council continues to wait for the 2nd round of Emergency Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) funding and is not accepting applications at this time.

The Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has advised that housing authorities are not permitted to accept funding that will cause credit to residents' accounts. Therefore, when the funding is available and you apply, it will only be for the month(s) that is past due. You are required to pay your rent following the application submission. Failure to pay rent will result in eviction for non-payment. If your income has changed, make sure that you report the change so we can adjust your rent accordingly. Do not stop paying your rent. If you are unsure of what you owe or the status of an ERAP application, please contact our office.



We began an archive newsletter file to make it easier to find information you may have missed.

You can find the newsletters on our website at:

www.hagerstownha.com/calendar-and-events/

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

Meritus Medical offers free vaccine

Monday, March 21 from 1:30 – 4:00 pm
Frederick Manor Gymnasium



Orrstown Bank hours

Please note the change in drive-thru and lobby hours for Orrstown Bank. The new opening hours for the lobby and drive-thru is 9 AM.

Free in-home Covid test now available

Get free at-home COVID-19 tests!
Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Go to COVIDtest.gov

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.



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

Walk up and drive-thru is available behind the C.W. Brooks Building,

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10 am-2 pm



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of Washington County MD, Inc.
Looking forward...giving back

MOST DEADLINES ARE:
APRIL 1ST
11:59 PM



STUDENTS PURSUING
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

OVER 50 APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE
APPLY AT CFWCMD.ORG

The Community Foundation of Washington County MD, Inc. works with families, friends and organizations to create lasting legacies through endowed scholarship funds that students can now apply for. Qualifications vary and some scholarships may require certain materials (like transcripts, or other specifics) and the deadlines will be here before you know it!

SHARE THIS WITH ANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS YOU KNOW!

The Community Foundation of Washington County, MD offers more than 100 scholarships. Each scholarship has its own criteria and deadline, so please check each individual scholarship for specifics. Please contact Sarah Burge, director of grants and donor relations, at (301) 745-5210 for any questions.



FREE online CLASSES!



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

March 17, 2022: "Daily Money Management" 6:00-7:00pm

To register or for more information, contact Ladetra Robinson at 301-733-2371 x105

ladetra@reachofwc.org

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of



FROM MAINTENANCE

Heating Season



Heating levels that will be maintained in the family communities are from 66 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 the thermostat. 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. Also, keep your windows locked as this provides a much better seal and reduces air leakage.

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, which you will be charged.

Maintenance Phone Number: 301.733.6916

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, steps, and porches 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.

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 does 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.

March Pest Control Schedule



03/02/2022 Noland Village: Ct 4 & 6 (remaining units) Ct 8 1053-1064

03/09/2022 Noland Village: Ct 3 1020-1032 & Ct 5 1036-1040

03/16/2022 Noland Village: Ct 5 1044 & Ct 7 1052-1068

03/23/2022 McCleary Hill: Buildings 1-8 (Granite Drive & Calcite Drive 17526-17576)

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.

Bed Bugs In My Car?

When bed bugs travel, it's usually because their hiding place is transported while they're inside. Bed bugs feed over long periods of time, and they can't latch onto people like ticks can. Worst of all, bed bugs in a car rarely stay there long. Instead, they'll find good hiding places in transportable items like clothing, boxes and bags. Preventing bed bugs is all about cleanliness. Clean out and vacuum your car frequently and don't miss the small spaces. Consider what you're putting in your care carefully, especially when you're traveling. Inspect bags and suitcases after staying somewhere new. When you return home, take everything out of your car and inspect it. Don't leave boxes and bags in your car overnight. Throw anything you suspect may harbor bed bugs into your dryer on the highest heat setting. A few days after traveling, make sure to inspect your bed and the areas around your bed. A little extra work now may save you from a lot of work later.



Slippery When "COLD"

Please use caution when traveling outside of the building during the extremely cold days of winter. Periods of sun cause the snow/ice to melt and then refreeze which can create instant patches of ice. Take extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

The Job Center is offering online workshops!

The Maryland Department of Labor and American Job Centers are offering online educational workshops that are FREE to the public. Registration is required in advance. Please follow the registration directions for any that interest you and include in your communications your name, email address, phone number and the title of the workshop for which you plan to participate. Workshop facilitators may ask for additional proof of identification, upon registration.

Interviewing Techniques – *Learn employers' tips about successful interviews.*

March 2, 10:00am – 11:15am Register by emailing Cassandra.Baker@maryland.gov

Basic Interviewing Skills – *Learn tips for effective interviewing for jobs.*

March 8, 11:00am – 12:00pm Register by emailing Benjaminj.Russell@maryland.gov

Resume ABCs – *Learn strategies and tips on how to create a successful resume.*

March 11, 10:00am – 11:30am Register by emailing Deborah.Wachter@maryland.gov

Starting Over After a Job Loss – *Find out about coping and job-seeking strategies.*

March 14, 10:00am – 12:00pm – MWE advance registration required Register by emailing Jennifer.Allnutt@maryland.gov

Job Searching Using Social Media – *Learn how to find open jobs on social media.*

March 15, 10:00am – 11:00am Register by emailing Katie.Marvin@maryland.gov

Know Your Rights – *Learn about expungement and employment rights.*

March 15, 11:00am – 12:00pm Register by emailing sparsons@mdlab.org

Basic Interviewing Skills – *Learn tips for effective interviewing for jobs.*

March 15, 1:00pm – 2:00pm Register by emailing Benjaminj.Russell@maryland.gov

LinkedIn for Job Seekers – *Build a successful LinkedIn profile for job seeking.*

March 18, 10:00am – 11:00am Register by emailing Karl.Kohler@maryland.gov

Federal Jobs Workshop – *Learn techniques for finding the right federal job.*

March 23, 9:30am – 12:30pm – MWE advance registration required

Register at least one week prior, by emailing Jennifer.Allnutt@maryland.gov

Internet Job Searching – *Find the best ways to search for jobs online.*

March 28, 10:00am – 11:00am Register by emailing Amy.Trumpower@maryland.gov

Job Searching Using Social Media – *Learn how to find open jobs on social media.*

March 29, 10:00am – 11:00am Register by emailing Katie.Marvin@maryland.gov