

# Senior 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*



## Women's History Month

March 2022

Rosemary Doleman-Lucas was the daughter of the founders of the 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 parents' 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*, December 31, 2021

## Lunch Program Volunteers Recognized

Since the beginning of Covid, the Potomac Towers Lunch Program has been run by resident volunteers with meals furnished through volunteer community groups. This program feeds an average of 35 people every Tuesday and Thursday. The resident volunteers are there every week to help people sign in and hand out lunches. Several times a month, our resident volunteer "chef" assists with making food. It is amazing how well this has operated and ran consistently throughout the pandemic. The Hagerstown Housing Authority is extremely grateful for all the volunteers that have helped this program be successful and continue helping our residents to receive a nutritious meal on days the Commission on Aging Nutrition Site is not available to them.

The Hagerstown Housing Authority would like to thank Lynette Cunningham and Robert Stevens who previously spearheaded the program twice a week. They did an amazing job and were very reliable. Our new resident volunteer, Teresa Connelly, has now taken the reigns with the assistance of George Copeland and Charles Welsh. They are doing a wonderful job too. And finally, our Resident Volunteer "Chef", Gary Hay has helped make yummy sandwiches, soups, and more when we have not had a community group to provide a meal.

In addition, The Hagerstown Housing Authority would also like to thank the various community groups that have faithfully provided lunches each month to our residents. These groups include Hagerstown Bible Church, St Andrews United Methodist Church, Full Life Family Ministry, The Dee Norris Group, St John's Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, Rehoboth United Methodist Church, and Haven Lutheran Church.

Please help us thank these volunteers and community groups for their generosity of time, service, and nourishment.



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**

**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](https://www.covidtest.gov)

**ERAP Funding**

Community Action Council continues to wait for the 2nd round of Emergency Rental 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.

**Tenant Association Meetings**

Come be a part of your communities tenant association. This is a time for you to represent the views and interests of the members of your community. You work as a partner with HHA to make your community a better place to live!

Walnut Towers: March 7th at 5 PM  
Potomac Towers: March 14th at 5:30 PM  
C.W. Brooks: March 10th at 5 PM



**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](mailto:ladetra@reachofwc.org)

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of



**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**

**Meals for Paws Food Distribution**

**March 25, 2022**

**Potomac Towers/C.W.Brooks @ 9 am**

**Walnut Towers @ 9:30 am**



**Maintenance Phone Number:**  
**301.733.6916**

# 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.*



## 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.

## March Pest Control Schedule

**03/02/2022 PT:** 401-424, 528-531

**03/09/2022 PT:** 501-527

**03/16/2022 PT:** 605-632

**03/23/2022 PT:** 601-604, 709-731, Trash Rooms  
& Dumpsters

**03/03/2022 WTA:** 505-516

**03/10/2022 WTA:** 601-616

**03/17/2022 WTA:** 701-710

**03/24/2022 WTA:** 711-716, 810-816

## 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 car 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.

## Windy Conditions

Spring is just around the corner. Along with spring comes breezy/windy days. Be sure items on your balcony are secured to prevent them from blowing off. Also, during times of high winds, we ask that you do not go onto roof walkways from the sky deck (Potomac Towers), except in an emergency. It is dangerous and the winds can damage the doors.



# 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!

## 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 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, Douglas 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.

**NOW OFFERING  
LIMITED HOME  
DELIVERY**

240-310-9258



**Horizon**  
CORNER STORE

Located inside of the C.W. Brooks  
Building

45 W. Baltimore Street

Store hours (may vary due to staffing)

Mon-Fri 8 am-7 pm

Sat - 9 am - 2 pm

## C.W. Brooks Salon

Scheduled appointments: 240-329-5197  
Same Day appointments: 301-676-9450.

Hours of operation:

Monday- 9:00am-4:00pm

Closed Tuesday

Thursday- Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm

Saturday-Sunday, 8:00am-3:00pm

*Kindness  
MATTERS*

Do you have a neighbor under the weather? Or you haven't seen them in a while? If you are concerned, please contact either Security or Resident Services to assist in a welfare check.