

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



May 2022

Important Reminder

This is the last month for C.W.Brooks, Parkside Homes, Douglass Court, and Gateway Crossing to receive a paper rent statement. Please watch for training this month in your community.

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.

Tea
Party

First-Ever Mother/Daughter Tea Party

You don't want to miss this first-ever Mother/Daughter Tea Party. In addition to tasty teas and food, we have planned fun stations where you can create body scrubs, treat yourself to freshly painted nails, create fun nail designs, enjoy the photo booth, and more.

The special door prizes include surprises that will extend your much-deserved pampering to continue your relaxation journey. Don't have a daughter? That's ok, you still deserve to be pampered! Dress up if you'd like, come and enjoy.

Seats are limited

Cost \$2.00 per person

The cost gives you 1 ticket for the spa and pampering-related door prizes.

May 7, 2022 11 am - 1:30 Elgin Station

To register online, go to
www.hagerstownha.com/tea

Upcoming events

The following activities are offered by HHA or Community Partners.

The Health Department will offer the 2nd Covid Booster to those 50 and older at the following HHA sites:



Monday - May 9, 2022
C.W. Brooks - 9A - 11A
Potomac Towers - 1P-3P

Monday - May 16, 2022
Walnut Towers - 9:30A - 1:30P (WTA in the downstairs offices)

May 27, 2022, 5-8 pm- **Imagine Hagerstown Fourth Friday Music.** Great music at University Plaza, 50 W. Washington Street.

June 16, 2022 - **Evening with Dad with the movie "Daddy Daycare"** This fun event will include hotdogs, popcorn, and your favorite movie candies.



Mark your calendars

For the 1st time in 2 years, we are planning our Community Fair in person! Join us at Elgin Station on August 12, 2022, for a day filled with fun, food, and community resources.

FSS

Video

We are seeking Family Self Sufficiency participants to share their journey of the FSS Program.

We are creating a video that will explain the program by sharing various participants and the goals that they are either working on or have accomplished. If you would like to be featured in the video, please contact Dianne Rudisill at drudisill@hagerstownha.com or call 301.733.6911 ext. 125.

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

Diabetes Prevention Program

Meritus Health has been awarded a grant to prevent diabetes in our county. The goal is to offer this program throughout the community to whoever is interested and meets the eligibility requirements.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 18 years old AND
- Be overweight (Body Mass Index ≥ 25 ; ≥ 23 if Asian) AND
- Not be pregnant AND
- Have no previous diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes AND
- Have a blood test result in the prediabetes range within the past year:
Hemoglobin A1C: 5.7–6.4% or
Fasting plasma glucose: 100–125 mg/dL or
Two-hour plasma glucose (after a 75 gm glucose load): 140–199 mg/dL OR
- Have a previous clinical diagnosis of gestational diabetes OR
- Have a positive risk test

Note: Medicare beneficiaries require a blood test, clinically administered within the last year, to qualify for eligibility; self-reporting is not allowed for Medicare beneficiaries

**If Interested Please Contact: Heather Nutter @ 301-733-6911 ext. 170 or
hnutter@hagerstownha.com**

*The Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed on
Monday, May 31, 2022
in observance of
Memorial Day*

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

May 19, 2022: "Your Credit Matters"

To register or for more information, contact Ladetra Robinson at 301-733-2371 x105 or
ladetra@reachofwc.org

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of



HEAD START
of Washington County, Inc.



Serving Children birth to 5 years and Expectant Mothers

Free Preschool for Eligible Children

- ✓ Part-day and Full-Day Classes
- ✓ Must meet Federal Eligibility Guidelines
- ✓ Families receiving SSI or TCA benefits are automatically eligible
- ✓ Children must have updated Physicals and Immunizations
- ✓ Children DO NOT have to be potty trained
- ✓ Transportation provided to many areas
- ✓ Center-Based and Home-Based Options Available

Enroll your Child in Head Start

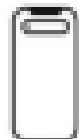
To receive Enrollment Package



Open the camera
on your phone



Aim it at the
code



Tap the banner
that appears



OUR CENTER LOCATIONS

Elgin Station Center
(40 Elgin Boulevard)

Martin Luther King Center
(131 W. North Avenue)

Noland Community Center
(1048 Noland Drive)

Sargent Shriver Center
(837 Spruce Street)

OR PHONE 301-733-4640

FROM MAINTENANCE

Heat Will Be Turned Off

Maintenance will be turning off the heat in all communities on or near May 15th. Maintenance will not respond to "no heat" calls after this time.

Mowing Season

The mowing season is upon us again. Please be aware of the contractors as they mow the grass in your community. The contractor is responsible for performing their work in a safe manner. They have a difficult task to accomplish and need your help to keep track of the small children. Please, for the safety of your children, help keep them away from the workers doing the mowing. All communities will be mowed on **THURSDAY** unless it's raining. **FRIDAY WILL BE USED AS A RAIN DAY.**

Maintenance Phone Number: 301.733.6916

Trash Containers

Effective April 1, 2022, all trash cans and toters 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. You will be charged a minimum of \$32.36 if maintenance has to move your container to the rear of your unit. As always, we appreciate your help in keeping our communities beautiful. *Trash containers are not to be placed out before 4:00 pm on trash pick-up night at your community.*

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, MAY 30TH, ALL TRASH PICKUPS THIS WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY!

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.

May Pest Control Schedule

05/11/2022: Parkside Homes and Community Building

05/18/2022: Douglas Court and Admin Building

05/25/2022: Scattered Sites

"Bed Bugs Bite, Ouch"

Yes it is true; bed bugs do bite and feed on blood. Bed bugs are a smaller insect and sometimes are considered a "lazy bug". Considering their nature because they live close to their food supply and they may bite many times trying to find the easiest spot to pierce the skin to access a blood meal. Also, they will hide very close to where humans sleep or rest to have easy access to their food supply as they do not like to travel far. Bed bugs are found hiding in beds, blankets, couches, chairs, dressers, and even clothes that are in close proximity to where humans sleep.

Bed bugs will try and find a delicate area to bite on the human body such as the face, neck, arms, ankles or easy open areas with exposed skin. Most of the biting occurs at night when we are very still with no movement and the bed bugs feel safe to come out of hiding. The areas bitten are small and sometimes you will see raised bumps on the skin. The other most common signs of bed bug bites include the redness around the very tiny puncture and some swelling associated with the affected site. Not everyone's skin will react in the same manner and many people report different allergic reactions to the bite. Bed bug bites may go unnoticed right away and mistaken for flea or mosquito bites because the skin reactions are very similar.

Remember if you are getting bit inside your unit or think you may have bed bugs please call the maintenance department right away at 301-733-6911 ext. 132. We have a full time Pest Control Coordinator that will set up a free inspection of your unit for bed bugs and the coordinator along with the pest control contractor will assist you with how the treatment process works and the procedures to follow. The service is free of charge so please take advantage of it and let the professionals take care of the unwanted insects in your home.

Maintenance Inspections May - June 2022

- **Monday, May 16:** 601-611 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Tuesday, May 17:** 615-627 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Friday, May 20:** 629-645 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Monday, May 23:** 647-659 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Tuesday, May 24:** 661-673 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Friday, May 27:** 675-689 **ODD** Hayes Avenue
- **Tuesday, May 31:** 600-612 **EVEN** Hayes Avenue
- **Wednesday, June 1:** 614-626 **EVEN** Hayes Avenue
- **Thursday, June 2:** 628-630 **EVEN** Hayes Avenue
- **Thursday, June 2:** 200A & 200B Taylor Avenue
- **Friday, June 3:** 201-211 **ODD** Taylor Avenue
- **Monday, June 6:** 213-215 **ODD** Taylor Avenue
- **Tuesday, June 7:** 600-666 **EVEN** Hayes Avenue
- **Friday, June 10:** 200 & 206 **EVEN** Hayes Court
- **Friday, June 10:** 201 & 203 **ODD** Hayes Court
- **Monday, June 13:** 205 & 207 **ODD** Hayes Court
- **Monday, June 13:** 201A & 201B Rowland Avenue
- **Monday, June 13:** 203A & 203B Rowland Avenue
- **Tuesday, June 14:** 607-617 **ODD** Adams Avenue
- **Friday, June 17:** 625-635 **ODD** Adams Avenue



inspection

"And I'm proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free. And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me." - Lee Greenwood

MEMORIAL DAY

Reminder For Family Communities

No items are allowed to be chained to, locked to, or stored on or against the gas pipes. BBQ grills must be kept at least 5 feet away from any gas pipes. All other items, such as bicycles, kid's toys, etc., must be at least 3 feet away from gas pipes. Failure to follow these rules could result in a citation and Maintenance removing the items at the cost of the resident.

Lockouts

Please note that there are no charges for lockouts during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday thru Friday. The Security Supervisor will handle lockouts after regular business hours at no charge only when available. If the Security Supervisor is not available, it will be necessary for a Maintenance Mechanic to respond. Avoid receiving an overtime lockout charge by making sure you always have your key with you before locking your door or have access to a spare key. The current overtime charge is \$97.08.

INFORMATION FROM SECURITY

As a reminder Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on all HHA properties and is considered a violation of the lease. Fireworks Dwelling lease Part II Table of Contents, Section G Tenants Obligations- Tenant Shall be obligated: Page 11, Rule 14: Not to keep or maintain, manufacture, or distribute fireworks or other explosive material or to discharge fireworks on or near the premises. Any tenant or guest violating this provision may be subject to a lease infraction notice. If you have any questions please contact the Security Office at 301-733-6911 Ext 154 or ask any Security Officer in your community.

We have made it easier for you to report a concern.

Security's Report-A-Concern can now be accessed directly at
www.hagerstownha.com/reportaconcern