

Family Neighbors

The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing in a safe environment. Through a 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



December 2022



2023 Public Housing Authorities Directors Association (PHADA) Scholarship Program

Scholarships for high school seniors living in public or assisted housing at a PHADA member agency

Applications for the 2023 Scholarship Program Are Due to PHADA by January 27, 2023. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Credit - <https://www.phada.org/Conferences-Education/PHADA-Scholarship-Program>

Stephen J. Bollinger Memorial Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$7,000)

Steve Bollinger (April 11, 1948–June 18, 1984) was a taskmaster to himself, a human dynamo to those who knew him. He was a natural leader, a person who could rally people around him with wit, satire, and vocal exercises. Steve's knowledge of and dedication to housing those in need was never absent, especially after he was appointed Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD. His experience at the Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority and the associations he had with colleagues, mayors, and others afforded him the opportunity to deal with the bureaucracy in a style that we strive to attain. To the members of PHADA, he was a friend. His belief in the housing profession motivated him to become a founding member of PHADA, for which he served as Vice President. He accomplished much in a short time and we are all thankful for his achievements. PHADA created this scholarship to memorialize Stephen J. Bollinger.

This scholarship will be formally presented at PHADA's Annual Convention & Exhibition (May 19–22, 2022, San Antonio, TX). The winner will receive a trip for him/herself and one parent/guardian to attend the convention.

Civil Rights and Social Justice Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Additional Essay Required (see below)

In 2005, PHADA's Board of Trustees met in Montgomery, AL. Inspired by historical sites they chose to give personal donations for the inception of a PHADA scholarship to honor the work of Rosa Parks and the achievements of the civil rights movement.

To be considered for the Civil Rights and Social Justice scholarship, include an additional personal essay (350–500 words) demonstrating your efforts, and involvement in furthering the values of the civil rights and social justice movements. Explain why these causes are relevant today and how they relate to your educational goals. Include any relevant volunteer experiences and involvement related to advancing the causes of civil rights and social justice

Nan McKay Pathway to Achievement Scholarship (One scholarship available: \$5,000)

Nan McKay has offered significant financial support to PHADA's scholarship program and has elected to reward one deserving youth with a \$5,000 scholarship. PHADA appreciates their commitment to serving the needs of public housing residents and the community.

For additional eligibility information, follow the link below, or contact Dianne Rudisill, drudisill@hagerstownha.com
https://www.phada.org/Portals/21/pdf/scholarshipApp/2023_PHADAScholarshipBrochure_FINAL.pdf

The Hagerstown Housing Authority Will Close To Observe The Following Holidays



Friday, December 23, 2022
Monday, December 26, 2022
In Observance of Christmas



Friday, December 30, 2022
Monday, January 2, 2023
In Observance of New Year's

The Hagerstown Housing Authority will close early on Thursday December 22, 2022 at 12 pm for our Employee All Staff-Meeting

IMPORTANT Reminder About the Community Service and Self Sufficiency Requirement

The Community Service hour requirement was suspended beginning in May 2021, due to COVID-19. The suspension ended effective April 30, 2022. Therefore, Public Housing residents 18 years of age and older who are not otherwise exempt*, started accruing 8 community service hours each month beginning May 1, 2022. Housing Specialists have begun to notify all non-exempt Public Housing residents of the number of hours they currently owe at this year's Annual Recertification. Residents may contact their Public Housing Specialists to clarify if they are accruing hours and how many hours they now owe. It is very important to note that all residents must be current with their community service hours at their Annual Recertification beginning May 2023. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in eviction for non-compliance.

You may be asking, "Where can community service hours be completed?" Community Service Hours can be completed at local non-profit agencies, your children's school, Boys and Girls Club, Children in Need, Habitat for Humanity-Restore, just to name a few. If you need to complete hours, contact the Housing Authority to obtain a list of agencies and the Community Service Hour timesheet. Then contact an agency, complete the hours, have the timesheet completed and turn it in to Housing for verification.

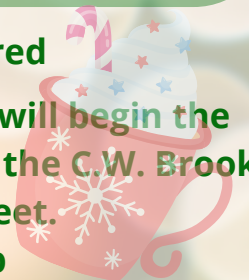
*Reasons for exemption:

- Elderly Persons (62 years or older)
- Individuals who are blind or disabled, as defined under the law, and who certify that they are, as a result of their blindness or disability, unable to comply with the requirement
- Primary caretakers of blind or disabled individuals (must provide documentation)
- Individuals who are engaged in work activities at least 30 hours per week at minimum wage, including wages, tips, or other compensation
- Individuals exempt from work activities by a state program funded under the Social Security Act or by any other state welfare program
- Individuals receiving assistance who have been found to be in compliance with state or TANF requirements to include receipt of SNAP (Food Stamps-effective 08/13/2015).



Free Drive Thru Covid Testing offered

The Washington County Health Department will begin the Winter drive-thru and walk-up schedule behind the C.W. Brooks Building. Please enter from Lee Street.
Mondays and Wednesdays, 10a-2p



What's Happening In Your Community

We hope you can join us to plan holiday events and community activities!

Frederick Manor

UMATTER INC Christmas Event: December 17, 2022- Distribution Day
any questions contact Jennifer Colvin at (240) 520-7627
Santa's Workshop: December 20, 2022, 5-7 pm in Gym

McCleary Hill

Resident Christmas Get Together: December 17, 2022, at 2 pm

Park & Douglas, Noland Village, Scattered Sites

Goodie Bags Delivered by Resident Services: December 16, 2022



Delicious
KRUMPE'S DO-NUTS
Krumpe's Donut Drop
December 31, 2022 5-7 pm
The Maryland Theatre welcomes people to the Public Square to celebrate the coming of the New Year! Watch the giant donut descend, enjoy some Krumpe's Donuts, and dance in the streets!



Tobacco FREE for Life Program

Offering free STOP SMOKING CLASSES

Free nicotine patches, gum, and lozenges.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO QUIT!

We are here to help you on your journey to becoming

Tobacco Free!

For more information call:
240.313.3310



NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

End of the Road N/A Group now offering support at the following locations:

- **Sundays**, 3:30 pm -4:30 pm Parkside Homes Community Center
 - The last Sunday of each month is a special meeting and will last until 6pm
- **Tuesdays (MEN)** - 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Parkside Homes Community Center
- **Tuesdays (WOMEN)** -7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Douglass Court (419 Park Place)

Girl Scouts are currently offered at the following locations:

Parkside Homes -

- Thursdays 7 pm - 8:30 pm (ages 13-18)
- Fridays 5-6 pm - All ages
- One Saturday per month - Interaction Scouting for both groups.



Frederick Manor-

- Currently via zoom. Contact Girl Scouts for more information.

For more information complete an interest link at <https://bit.ly/gs-15-3>

or contact Laura Harlow,

lharlow@gsnc.org or 304.506.9941

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Hagerstown Housing Main 301.733.6911

Security..... 301.730.2096

Maintenance..... 301.733.6916

Resident Services Department

Dianne Rudisill301.733.6911 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



There is hope



Talk with us.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org



PEP22-06-03-004



December 22nd - Identity Theft & Scams



FINANCIAL EDUCATION SERIES

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

All classes are online, 6pm - 7pm

To register, contact:

Ladetra Robinson 301-733-2371 x105

ladetra@reachofwc.org

NOW THAT ALL STATEMENTS ARE PAPERLESS, HERE ARE SOME POINTERS:

- Specify where you want your payment applied. Otherwise, it will automatically apply to the oldest charge.
- In addition to reviewing your charges on the Tenant Portal, having a registered email with HHA ensures that you will receive your rent statement via email.
- Please contact us if you need assistance registering Rent Cafe' to access your online account.

We Are Merging Our Newsletters

To help streamline how our residents receive Housing Authority information and updates, in January 2023 we will be combining our Public Housing Senior, Family, and Gateway Crossing Newsletters. This will ensure that all residents are receiving the same information in a timely manner!

Sign up to receive the Newsletter via email:

www.hagerstownha.com/monthlynews

NEW SLETTER





From: **Maintenance**

24/7 Maintenance Phone Number: 301.733.6916



A/C UNITS & TAPE RESIDUE

Now that all the air conditioning units have been removed from the windows, there is one more item that needs to be checked and corrected. The tape and the tape residue need to be removed when the A/C unit is removed. Please take some time to check the windows and frames and remove any tape or tape residue that may exist.

BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

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.

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



PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

12/7/2022: Noland Village: Ct 4 & 6 (remaining units), Ct 8 1053-1064

12/08/2022: Noland Village: Ct 3 1020-1032, Ct 5 1036-1040

12/21/2022: Noland Village: Ct 5 1044, Ct 7 1052-1068

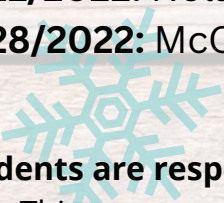
12/28/2022: McCleary Hill: Buildings 1-8 (Granite Drive & Calcite Drive 17526-17576)

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Residents are responsible to remove snow and ice from walks, steps and porches leading to the unit. This means any and all sidewalks to your unit with the exception of 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 do 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.**

SMOKE DETECTORS

Your home is equipped with smoke detectors that are powered by electricity and battery back-up in the event of a power outage. If the detector "beeps" frequently this could indicate the need for a new battery. Call the Maintenance Department at 301-733-6916 to install this battery for you at no charge. Any other smoke detector problem is also a job for maintenance. **DO NOT TAMPER WITH THE SMOKE DETECTOR** this is a lease infraction and will be reported to Housing. **IF YOU BREAK THE SMOKE DETECTOR, YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR BOTH A REPLACEMENT DETECTOR AND A TAMPERING FEE OF \$25.00.**



HEATING SEASON

Before you call Maintenance for service for your heat this season, make sure the room temperature is below 66 degrees. The room temperature must drop to 66 or below for the heat to come on. If the temperature in your unit 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 (minimum of \$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. Keep your windows locked as this provides a much better seal and reduces air leakage at the windows. **Remember, using your oven or stove as a heat source is dangerous and a lease violation. This not only poses a serious health risk to you but also will result in damage to your appliance (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.**

MIR INSPECTIONS

Thursday December 1st: Calcite Drive 17564-17578
Monday December 5th: Granite Drive 12139-12153
Tuesday December 6th: Granite Drive 12127-12135
Friday December 9th: N. Jonathan St 444-456
Monday December 12th: N. Jonathan St 458-466
Monday December 12th: East Ave 201-203
Tuesday December 13th: East Ave 205-213
Tuesday December 13th: East Franklin St 228-230
Wednesday December 14th: Wakefield Ave 28-38
Thursday December 15th: Freemont Ave 410-412
Thursday December 15th: Mitchell Ave 451-457
Thursday December 16th: Mitchell Ave 452-464
Monday December 19th: Clarendon Ave 412-436
Tuesday December 20th: Clarendon Ave 438-462

from: **Security**

**Security Phone Number:
301.730.2096**

**Security's Report-A-Concern can now be
accessed directly at
www.hagerstownha.com/reportaconcern
or you can also scan the QR code**



Used Furniture Bed Bug Tips

- Don't be afraid to ask the owners of the furniture directly if they currently have or have ever had a bed bug infestation.
- Place any smaller used furniture items in a black plastic trash bag, and leave it in the sun for a few hours. The heat should kill any bed bugs.
- Do not take furniture from dumps or furniture left on the road side. Furniture like this is generally thrown away for good reason, and bed bugs are often why.
- Avoid bringing used furniture into your home from high risk bed bug areas or neighbors you know have had bedbugs in the past.
- Avoid used mattresses and box springs all together. They just aren't worth the risk!
- Avoid purchasing fabric covered or wooden furniture from yard sales, flea markets, etc., Bed bugs will hide deep inside these items and not come out until later when you are relaxing on the furniture.
- And of course if at all possible just avoid used furniture all together.



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.**