



Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

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Housing Authority welcomes new staff

Dylan Rohrer



Dylan recently joined the Resident Services Department as the Senior Services Case Manager. Dylan has worked with a diverse population in his past experience as a case manager in the mental health field. Having worked in the Human Services field, Dylan has an extensive understanding of what services are available within the community, which is necessary for securing services, programs, and activities for those he serves. Dylan will be based mainly in HHA's Elderly and Disabled Communities, assisting residents there.

Olivia Lawrence

Olivia began working as a Security Officer within the Security Department on February 6, 2023. She has been working in security and providing asset protection using camera surveillance. Please help us welcome her as she gets to know our communities and residents!



NOTICE: Street Name Change

Gneiss Drive

Insurance Way

To assist emergency responders in locating units during an emergency, the units that are addressed as Gneiss Drive will change to Insurance Way, making the entire length of the road "Insurance Way."

Sign up to receive the Newsletter via email:
www.hagerstownha.com/monthlynews



McCleary Hill Residents ask for your help!

PETITION

The residents of McCleary Hill are asking that you consider signing the petition in support of them seeking public transportation to their community.

Petition can be found at:

www.change.org/AccessToTransportation

Did you miss the Capital Funds Meeting in your community?

The Housing Authority is interested in knowing what future improvements you would like to see performed in your community. If you would like to provide your input, you still have until March 6th to share your ideas. Please complete the form at:

www.hagerstownha.com/feedback

We are excited to announce our 2nd Annual Mother/Daughter Tea Party!
Save the date for Saturday, May 20, 2023, 12 pm-2 pm!



The Resident Services team had so much fun planning and implementing last year's Tea that we are opening the Planning Committee up to a few more members. If you would like to join us and share your ideas for food, decorations, stations, and prizes, we welcome you to our team.

To join the Planning Committee, text or call: 240.625.9066 or see one of the Resident Services Team members.

Registration information will be posted soon.

FREE ONLINE CLASSES

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

Upcoming Coming Topics Include:

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 6 pm Daily Money Management

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of:

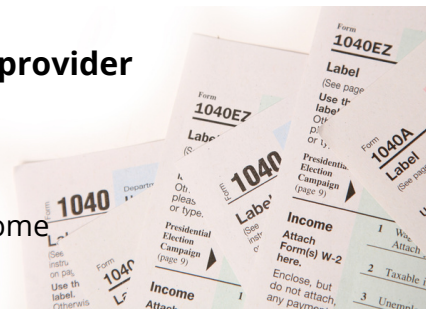


**To Register for Online Classes,
Contact:
Ladetra Robinson
Financial Literacy Success Coach
ladetra@reachofwc.org
301.733.2371 ext. 105**

Do your taxes online for free with an IRS Free File provider

<https://apps.irs.gov/app/freeFile>

If your adjusted gross income (AGI) was \$73,000 or less, Some offers include a free state tax return.





What's Happening In Your Community



**HELP US HELP YOU! JOIN US FOR YOUR NEXT
RESIDENT MEETING TO PLAN COMMUNITY
EVENTS!**



C.W.Brooks

Mondays	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Stamp and Quarter Sales - Community Room
Mondays	6:00 pm	Tenant Bingo
Mondays and Wednesdays	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Free Drive Thru Covid Testing offered behind building
Wednesday	2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Craft Group (Bring your Own Craft)
Thursdays (every other)	2:00- 3:00 pm	Coloring in Library
Thursday, March 9th	5:00 pm	RESIDENT MEETING (2nd Thursday every month)

Frederick Manor

Weekly	Currently Zoom	Girl Scouts - Call 304.506.9941 for more information
Monday - Friday	After school	Visit the Community Building or call 301.733.5422 for info.
Thursday, March 23rd	11:00 am	RESIDENT MEETING (4th Thursday every month)

Gateway Crossing

Monday - Friday	After school	Boys and Girls Club Visit Elgin Station or call 301.733.5422 for more information.
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McCleary Hill

Thursday, March 16 th	5:30 pm	RESIDENT MEETING (3rd Thursday every month)
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Noland Village

Monday - Friday	After school	Boys and Girls Club, visit Noland Site or call 301.733.5422
Wednesday, March 15th	2:00 pm	RESIDENT MEETING (3rd Wednesday every month)

Parkside & Douglass & Scatterd Sites

Sundays	3:30 pm-4:30 pm	End of the Road N/A (Narcotic Anonymous)
Mon - Thurs.	4:30 pm-6:30 pm	After School Program, K-3rd grade
Tuesdays	7:00 pm-8:15 pm	(MEN) End of the Road N/A
Wednesdays	7:00 pm-8:15 pm	(WOMEN) End of the Road N/A
Thursdays	7:00 pm-8:30 pm	Girl Scouts (ages 13-18)
Fridays	5:00 pm-6:00 pm	Girl Scouts, all ages
Sunday, Jan 29	3:30 pm-6:00 pm	End of the Road N/A - Last Sunday of the month Special Mtg.
Monday, March 20th	2:00 pm	Resident Meeting (3rd Monday every month)



Potomac Towers

Tuesdays and Thursdays	10:00 am-11:30 am	Quarters/ Stamps
Thursdays	4:00 pm-5:00 pm	Exercise w/ Lisa Bennett (in Rooftop Sky Lounge)
Thursdays	10:00 am	Stop Smoking Program (3rd Thursday Every Month)
Monday, March 13th	5:30 pm	Resident Meeting (2nd Monday every month)

Walnut Towers

Tuesdays	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Tenant Bingo
Monday, March 6th	5:00 pm	Resident Meeting (1st Monday every month)

Planning Committee Updates:

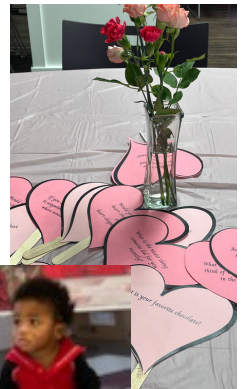
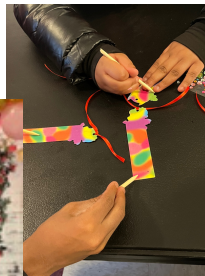


The McCleary Hill Community hosted a Valentine's Day Event for the youth in their community. During their event, the kids decorated Valentine's boxes and then filled the box with key chains, book markers, magnet hearts, and other decorations created during the event. Before leaving, their box was completed with a goodie bag and snacks.

When the McCleary Hill team learned of the upcoming Valentine's Day event at Potomac Towers, they offered their balloons and decorations to help the Potomac Towers Committee. What a great reminder of what community should look like...helping your neighbor!

Potomac Towers hosted their Valentine's Meet and Mingle night, where residents gathered for an ice-breaker event to learn more about each other. The evening included great food, music, and positive interaction from the attendees.

Both communities are working on upcoming events.



NUMBERS TO KNOW

Hagerstown Housing Main 301.733.6911

Security..... 301.730.2096

Maintenance (24 hours)..... 301.733.6916

Maintenance- Pest Control.....301.733-6911 ext. 124

Resident Services Department

Dianne Rudisill301.733.6911 ext. 125

Deena Holder.....301.733.6911 ext. 163

Heather Nutter.....301.733.6911 ext. 170

Dylan Rohrer.....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



Gateway Crossing
301.766.7968

Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)
301.733.6911

Potomac Towers



To move forward with BINGO, a special **BINGO/Election meeting** is scheduled for

March 2 at 11 AM

Please plan to attend the meeting, your help is needed and appreciated!

Coming soon....

We are happy to announce that we are reviewing the lease with a potential stylist for the C.W. Brooks Salon. Hours of operation will be posted soon!





Report a Concern

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

Walk up and drive-thru is available
behind the C.W. Brooks Building,
Mondays & Wednesdays
10 am-2 pm



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

Recreational use of Marijuana



The Hagerstown Housing Authority wants to remind all tenants that with upcoming Maryland legislation legalizing the recreational use of Marijuana, under the lease provisions, the use of Marijuana is a violation of the lease. The housing authority is federally subsidized and must adhere to federal law, which still classifies Marijuana as illegal. If the federal law changes to support recreational use, smoking will remain prohibited in the units. This includes medical Marijuana as well as recreational use. If you have any questions, please contact the Security Office at 301-733-6911 Ext 154.

Accepting Nominations for Resident Advisory Board

The Housing Authority meets with the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) four times a year. The RAB is comprised of a resident in each Housing community and two from the Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Residents are elected every three years by peers within their community during the monthly Resident Meeting. HCV Elections are held at Elgin Station. The next full-board RAB Election is scheduled for April 2023.

During the quarterly meetings, RAB members are asked to provide feedback on the Housing Authority's Annual Plan and policy changes when applicable. Each RAB Member is also asked to provide their Peer RAB members with the upcoming events planned for their respective communities.

If you are interested in serving on the RAB, complete the nomination form at:

<https://www.hagerstownha.com/rab>

Annual Recertifications

Recertifications must be conducted annually and begin 90-120 days in advance of lease expiration in order to have sufficient time to process completion.

Please be sure that you arrive to your scheduled appointment well in advance of the appointment time.

Also, **any household member who is 18 years of age, or older, or will be turning 18 years of age by your recertification date, are required to appear at your recertification appointment with you.**

All adult household members must be present at the recertification appointments. If you are unsure, please call the office to confirm prior to your appointment.



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 Sites, Gateway Crossing, and Housing Choice Voucher 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

McCleary Hill

03/01/2023: 12166-12172 Gypsum Ln,
17604-17630 Calcite Dr

03/22/2023: 12127-12153 Granite Dr,
17530-17578 Calcite Dr, 17625/17627 Calcite Dr,
12155-12173 Gypsum Ln.

Potomac Towers

03/01/2023: 401-432, Trash Rooms, Laundry Room,
Compactor Rooms

03/08/2023: 501-531, Trash Rooms

03/15/2023: 601-631, Trash Rooms

03/22/2023: 701-731, Trash Rooms

Noland Village

03/01/2023: Ct 6 1045E, Ct 8 1053-1061

03/08/2023: Ct 3 1020-1032, Ct 5 1036-1040

03/15/2023: Ct 5 1044, Ct 7 1052-1068,
Community Building

Walnut Towers "A" Building

03/02/2023: 505-516

03/09/2023: 601-616

03/16/2023: 701-710

03/23/2023: 711-716, 810-816

Gateway Crossing

03/07/2023: PH 2: 931-990 Ross Street

03/14/2023: PH 3: 1017-1037 Westport Drive, 901/903/907/909 Ross Street, 801-827 Main Avenue

03/21/2023: Ph 3: 829-845 Main Avenue, 265/267/271/273 South Burhans Blvd, 701-812 Lanvale Street

03/28/2023: PH 3: 103-181 Summer Street, 25-53 Elgin Blvd

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 leading to their units. Residents who fail to promptly clear their walks will be charged when the Maintenance Department must perform the work. Residents are responsible to remove snow and ice from walks, steps, porches and driveways leading to their unit. Residents sharing a sidewalk shall clear their half or share the responsibility.

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/Gateway Crossing does NOT remove snow and/or ice or treat for snow and/or ice on any walkways in the rear of the units and we 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.

Residents should exercise good judgment in placing the snow that they remove from the walks. Never throw it out into the streets or courts or where someone will have to move it again

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.***

DO NOT USE STOVE FOR HEAT

Do not use your stove as a heater! This is extremely dangerous and is also a lease violation. Violators will be reported to Housing. If the heat is not working in your unit, contact the Maintenance Department for repair.

BED BUGS IN MY CAR?



Furniture, beds, bedding, boxes, bags, backpacks, purses, and clothing are excellent hiding places for bed bugs. They feed over long periods, but do not latch onto people like ticks, instead often hitch hike in such items while being transported in a car. Even though the only truly vulnerable target in a car is sleeping passengers or passengers sitting for an extended period, it does not mean caution should not be taken. Bed bugs in a car rarely stay there long. When you move items from your car to another place, the hidden bed bugs will come with them. Bed bugs in a home almost inevitably end up finding a bed, feeding and causing a bigger problem. Unlike mosquitoes or ticks, bed bugs aren't known to transmit diseases, but that doesn't mean you'll be comfortable providing a bloody meal while you're sleeping.



Cleanliness in your car can help prevent bed bugs. Clean out and vacuum your car frequently. Shampoo floor mats and replace them if they look frayed or damaged. Look for places where the pests might hide. Clean them thoroughly. Don't miss the small crevices. Consider what you're putting in your car carefully, especially when traveling.



Inspect bags and suitcases after staying somewhere. 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 immediately into the dryer for 20 minutes on the highest heat setting. To be sure, look for them in and around your bed for a few days after a trip. If you find any, clean out your car again, along with your bed and contact the Maintenance Department.

All these anti-bed bug tips may sound paranoid, but a little extra work now could 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 the sun cause the snow/ice to melt and then refreeze later, creating instant patches of ice. Take the extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

Maintenance Inspections

POTOMAC TOWERS

Wednesday, March 1:	11 W. Baltimore St 114-127
Thursday, March 2:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, March 3:	NO INSPECTIONS
Monday, March 6:	11 W. Baltimore St 219-232
Tuesday, March 7:	11 W. Baltimore St 318-331
Wednesday, March 8:	NO INSPECTIONS
Thursday, March 9:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, March 10:	NO INSPECTIONS
Monday, March 13:	11 W. Baltimore St 419 - 432
Tuesday, March 14:	11 W. Baltimore St 518 - 531
Wednesday, March 15:	11 W. Baltimore St 619 - 632
Thursday, March 16:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, March 17:	NO INSPECTIONS
Monday, March 20:	11 W. Baltimore St 718 - 731
Tuesday, March 21:	11 W. Baltimore St 819 - 832
Wednesday, March 22:	NO INSPECTIONS
Thursday, March 23:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, March 24:	NO INSPECTIONS

GATEWAY CROSSING

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Units to be inspected:</u>
March 6th	Ross St: 151, 161 ,181, 201, 231, 241, 251 ,261 ,281 Lanvale St: 902, 903, 915
March 13th	Lanvale St: 909, 921, 923, 929, 931, 937, 939, 945, 947 Main Ave: 958
March 20th	Lanvale St: 953, 955 ,961, 963, 969, 971, 977, 985, 991 Main Ave: 952
March 27th	Lanvale St: 932, 934, 936, 938, 942 Buena Vista Ave: 210, 230, 240, 250, 260, 280

PREPARING FOR YOUR INSPECTION

To prevent the need for follow-up housekeeping inspections, please ensure that your apartment is clean and tidy for your maintenance inspection. The inspector will report any resident with poor housekeeping for a follow-up inspection. Failure to keep your apartment in a decent, safe, and sanitary condition could result in the termination of your lease. For any questions about how to get your apartment ready for inspection, please contact the Maintenance Department.

C.W. BROOKS

Monday, March 27:	45 W. Baltimore St 100 - 202
Tuesday, March 28:	45 W. Baltimore St 203 - 221
Wednesday, March 29:	NO INSPECTIONS
Thursday, March 30:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, March 31:	NO INSPECTIONS
Monday, April 3:	45 W. Baltimore St 222 - 315
Tuesday, April 4:	45 W. Baltimore St 317 - 404
Wednesday, April 5:	NO INSPECTIONS
Thursday, April 6:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, April 7:	NO INSPECTIONS
Monday, April 10:	NO INSPECTIONS
Tuesday, April 11:	45 W. Baltimore St 405 - 423
Wednesday, April 12:	NO INSPECTIONS
Thursday, April 13:	NO INSPECTIONS
Friday, April 14:	NO INSPECTIONS