



Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

November 2023

Recent Family Self Sufficiency Graduate

Please join The Hagerstown Housing Authority in Celebrating FSS Graduate Tierra Young! Tierra recently completed the FSS program after working very hard to accomplish all of her goals. Those goals included obtaining and maintaining employment, securing her driver's license, acquiring knowledge through the financial literacy workshops, improving her credit and researching home ownership. Tierra was also able to build an escrow savings account throughout her participation in the program as well. Tierra plans to use the information she has gained while in the program to continue pursuing her goal of home ownership, in the near future. If you see Tierra give her an extra congratulations, she deserves it! She accomplished so much for herself and all of us here at the Hagerstown Housing Authority are so very proud of her!

ARE YOU READY FOR A NEW BEGINNING?

Are you tired of feeling stuck in life? Do you want to take control of your future and achieve your goals? Look no further than the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program! This life-changing program is designed to help you level up your skills, increase your income, and become self-sufficient. With FSS, you'll receive personalized support from a dedicated team of professionals who will help you every step of the way. Don't wait any longer to start living your best life. Enroll in FSS today and take the first step toward achieving your dreams!

If you or someone you know would like to learn more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, please contact:

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EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER HOLLY HOOPER



Holly has been consistently noted, by Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) staff and her supervisor, as being a fair and knowledgeable hard worker. Holly works alongside her staff in tackling tough deadlines and complex Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulations. Holly's 15 years of working at the Authority have been of a great benefit to the agency and to all HCV customers.

When complimented for her great work, Holly always states that it is her fellow HCV co-workers that make the division great, which is another example of her superb managerial skills. Next time you see Holly, give her a hearty congratulations!

As Employee of the Quarter, she is entitled to a complementary lunch for one, a Star Award, and one paid day off from work. Help us to congratulate and thank Holly for all she does for the Authority and our residents!

Meals/Soup Kitchens

- **Saturdays:** Faith Step Ministries 451 Salem Ave
Breakfast 8-10 am
- **Second Saturdays:** Hagerstown Church of the Brethren Corner of E. Washington & S. Mulberry St
Breakfast 9-10:30 am
- **First & Third Sundays:** Harvest Breakthrough
25 Summit Ave (Rear of Mount Hope Prison Ministry)
Lunch 12:30-1:30 pm
- **Monday-Sunday:** The Hope Center 125 N Prospect St
Mon-Sat 12-12:30 pm, Sunday 12:45-1:15 pm,
Daily 7 pm (opens 6:30 pm)
- **Thursdays:** It's a Blessing to be a Blessing
141 N Potomac St Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Wednesdays:** Presbyterian Church
20 S Prospect St (enter from alley) 10am-noon
Carryouts available starting at 11 am
- **Monday-Friday:** Salvation Army 525 George St
Lunch 11:30 am-12:30 pm
- **Monday-Friday:** Soul Haven 119 E Antietam St
10 am-4 pm
- **Tuesdays:** Zion UCC 201 N Potomac St
Dinner 5-6:30 pm

Nominations for McCleary Hill Tenant Association Officers Being Taken

Are you interested in running for a position in the newly formed Tenant Association? As of now, nominations have already been submitted for the following positions:

President: Erica Dixon

Vice President: Shirley Thorne

Treasurer: Christopher Davis

Secretary: Precious Thomas

NOMINATIONS

Please submit further nominations to: Deena Holder at dholder@hagerstownha.com or 301.733.6911 x163. ***The deadline for nominations is November 13, 2023.*** Elections will be held at the monthly Resident Meeting on November 16, 2023.

Parkside Pals Homework Club

Elementary School students living in the Parkside, Douglas Homes, and surrounding areas are invited to attend an afterschool Homework Club beginning October 9th at the Suman Ave Community Center. Club hours are Monday – Thursday, 4:30-6:30 PM. Students will have a snack, homework assistance, and participate in other educational activities. Parents, please come to the Center during the above time frame to register your child on or after October 9th.

Homework Club Fun!

The Homework Club offers a variety of entertaining and educational activities.

Finger knitting is a beneficial skill for children to learn, enhancing their tactile skills, co-ordination, and confidence as they create something unique with their bare hands. It also allows them to express their creativity by choosing their favorite colors and decorating items they love.



What's Happening In Your Community

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

C.W.Brooks- Contact Heather Nutter Ext. 170

Mondays	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Stamps and Quarter Sales (Multi-Purpose Room)
Mondays	6:00 pm	Tenant Bingo
Wednesday	2:00 - 4:00 pm	Craft Group (Bring your Own Craft)
Thursdays (every other)	2:00 - 3:00 pm	Coloring in Library
Thursday, November 9th	5:00 pm	Tenant Meeting (2nd Thursday of every MONTH)

Frederick Manor

Weekly	Currently Zoom	Girl Scouts - Call 304.506.9941 for more information
Thursday, November 30th	11 am	Tenant Meeting (2nd Thursday of every MONTH)

Gateway Crossing

McCleary Hill

Thursday, November 16th	5:30 pm	Tenant Meeting (3rd Thursday of every MONTH)
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Noland Village

Thursday, November 15th	10 am	Tenant Meeting (3rd Wednesday of every MONTH)
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Parkside & Douglass & Scattered Sites

Sundays	3:30 - 4:30 pm	End of the Road N/A (Narcotics Anonymous)
Mon - Thurs.	4:30 - 6:30 pm	After School Program, K-3rd grade
Tuesdays	7:00 - 8:15 pm	(MEN) End of the Road N/A
Wednesdays	7:00 - 8:15 pm	(WOMEN) End of the Road N/A
Thursdays	7:00 - 8:30 pm	Girl Scouts (ages 13-18)
Fridays	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Girl Scouts, all ages
Sunday,	3:30 - 6:00 pm	End of the Road N/A - Last Sunday of the month Special Mtg.
Thursday, November 16th	2:00 pm	Tenant Meeting (3rd Thursday of every MONTH)



Potomac Towers- Contact Heather Nutter Ext. 170

Tuesdays and Thursdays	10:00 -11:30 am	Coffee/Quarters/ Stamps
Tuesdays and Wednesdays	10:30 - 11:30 am	Narcotics Anonymous (Community Room)
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	BINGO Food/Cards for sale starting at 5 pm, Bingo starts at 6pm
Thursdays	10:00 am	Stop Smoking Program (3rd Thursday Every Month)
Thursdays	10:00 am	Exercise w/ Lisa Bennett (in Rooftop Sky Lounge)
Thursday, November 9th	11:30 am	Veteran's Day Celebration Luncheon
Monday, November 13th	5:30 pm	Tenant Meeting (2nd Monday of every MONTH)

Walnut Towers- Contact Dylan Rohrer Ext. 171

Tuesdays	4:00 pm	Tenant Bingo
Monday, November 6th	5:00 pm	Tenant Meeting (1st Monday of every MONTH except for holidays)

The Hagerstown Housing Authority will close to observe the following holidays

Friday, November 10, 2023
To Observe Veteran's Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023,
Friday, November 24, 2023
To Observe Thanksgiving



Medicare Part D 2023 Open Enrollment



Enrollment Period
October 15th - December 7th



Coverage Begins
January 1st

During this enrollment, anyone with a Part D Prescription Drug Plan can switch to a new Part D Plan. Part D insurance companies can change your plan's formulary yearly. Given these possible changes, it is a good idea to re-evaluate your plan yearly to ensure it still meets your needs. If you would like assistance reviewing your Part D Prescription Drug Plan, contact the Resident Services Employee serving your community. We will be happy to schedule an appointment for you.

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
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Kelly Mills.....301.733.6911 ext. 158
Pam Schnebly.....301.733.6911 ext. 167

Gateway Crossing **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)**
301.766.7968 301.733.6911

Resident Services Satellite Offices

Potomac Towers: 148
Walnut Towers: 196
C.W. Brooks: 191



Please save the date for a dynamic afternoon on **Wednesday, November 15th, from 12 pm to 4 pm!** Priority Partners is hosting an event at the **McCleary Hill community room**, featuring an array of **Medicaid resources, healthcare information, coverage benefits, and community referrals** for dental and insurance needs. Additionally, attendees can seek expert guidance on redetermination to ensure they maintain eligibility. Don't pass up on this excellent chance to optimize your health journey!

DID YOU KNOW?



Located in Walnut Towers "A" Building Lobby and the breezeway of Walnut Towers "B" Building we now have Amazon lockers!

An Amazon locker provides you with a self-service delivery location to collect your Amazon.com packages. When your package arrives at the locker, you receive a delivery confirmation email with instructions on picking up your package. The email includes the address and opening times for the locker.

The use of these lockers requires you to have the Amazon Shopping App installed and Bluetooth on your Smartphone activated, this allows your phone to connect to the locker.



Micah's Backpack Program

***A Partnership Between Washington County Public Schools,
The Faith Community and Community Organizations Providing Bags
With Nutritious Meals To Feed Hungry Students Over The Weekend***

is a partnership between Washington County Public Schools, HARC, MD Food Bank, and more than 50 sponsoring churches and community organizations providing bags of food to feed hungry students over the weekend, the Micah's Backpack program in Washington County follows a model established in Blacksburg, VA. The program is designed to feed hungry students through a partnership between each elementary school and one or more churches/organizations in its community.

Brought to Washington County by Trinity Lutheran Church in 2010, the program now serves more than 1,150 students in 37 schools. More than 10,000 students in Washington County Public Schools are eligible for free or reduced meals and for many this lunch will be the last hot meal of the day. Children are especially hungry over the weekend when school is not in session.

How Micah's Backpack Works

Each Friday afternoon, identified elementary school children and homeless/transitional middle and high school children receive a bag of healthy meals and snacks. The filled bag may include the following individual serving-size items: cereal, oatmeal, juice, tuna, peanut butter, crackers, macaroni and cheese, soup, applesauce, fruit cups, spaghetti, ravioli, beef stew, canned vegetables, and other nutritious food.

Who Can Participate?

Eligible students are identified by the school principal and a designated school staff member such as the counselor, social worker, or community liaison. Confidentiality of program participants is maintained by the school. A permission form is provided for the parent/guardian of each eligible student by the principal or designated school staff member. The form must be signed by a parent or guardian and returned to the school before a child may participate. Middle and high schools are exempted from permission slips to add flexibility for serving homeless students.

ARE YOU A VETERAN AND HAVE SERVED YOUR COUNTRY?

**PLEASE CONTACT HEATHER NUTTER
IN RESIDENT SERVICES
AT 301.733.6911 X170**

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE BRANCH YOU SERVED IN,
YOUR RANK, AND YEARS SERVED. WE WOULD LIKE TO
RECOGNIZE AND HONOR YOU DURING OUR VETERANS DAY
CELEBRATION LUNCHEON ON NOVEMBER 9, 2023 AT 11:30 AM
IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM AT POTOMAC TOWERS**

**Turn Clocks Back
One Hour On
Sunday, November 5, 2023
at 2:00 am**



**HSWC Meals for Paws Food
Distribution**

Friday, November 25, 2023

**Potomac Towers/C.W.Brooks @ 9 am
Walnut Towers @ 9:30 am**

FREE ONLINE CLASSES

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

Wednesday, November 22nd @ 6 pm: Identity Theft

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

FREE IN PERSON CLASSES

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

Monday, November 16th: Money Management

Financial Literacy Free Classes

Washington County Library

100 South Potomac Street

Hagerstown, MD 21740

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of:



To Register Please Contact:

Ladetra Robinson

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The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners

and Staff wish you and your family a

Happy Thanksgiving



HEATING SEASON

Heating levels that are maintained are from 66 degrees to 68 degrees. The room temperature must drop to 66 or below for the heat to come on. 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 (**minimum of \$97.08**) by checking the temperature before you call. Do not force the thermostats beyond the limit on the dial. Broken thermostats are charged to the resident. By keeping your windows locked this provides a much better seal and reduces air leakage at 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.

REMOVAL OF WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS

Each year the Authority requires all residents in family units to remove air conditioners from windows by October 1st. Air conditioners that have not been removed by November 1st will be removed by maintenance and the resident will be charged. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL

Residents of the Family Communities are responsible for removing snow and ice from walks, steps, and porches leading to their units. Residents that share a walkway 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 ice or treat for snow and ice on any walkways in the rear of the units and does NOT remove snow or ice or treat for snow or ice in the front of your unit except for the public sidewalk that runs parallel to the front streets.*** Please take caution when traveling outside 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 extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

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. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday normal Thursday and Friday trash collection will be delayed one day.***

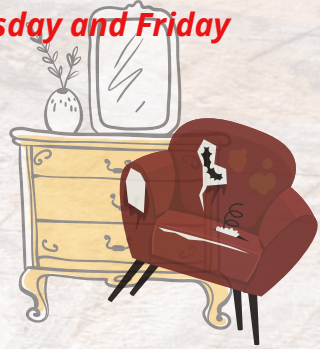
You may have your bulk items picked up on the following days of each month:

1st Thursday: McCleary Hill

2nd Thursday: Parkside Homes and Douglass Court

3rd Thursday: Noland Village

4th Thursday: Frederick Manor



PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

Hagerstown Revitalization Corporation

11/15/2023: 212-214 & 441-443 N. Jonathan Street

C. W. Brooks

11/01/2023: All Units & Common Areas

Parkside Homes

11/08/2023: All Units & Community Building

Douglas Court

11/15/2023: All Units & Admin Building

Scattered Sites

11/22/2023: All Units

Gateway Crossing

11/07/2023: 151-281 Ross Street, 902-947 Lanvale Street

11/14/2023: 953-1025 Lanvale Street, 201-250 Buena Vista Avenue

11/21/2023: 251-281 Buena Vista Avenue, 902-1002 Main Avenue

11/28/2023: 941-989 Main Avenue, 1006-1018 Main Avenue, 311-361 Chessie Lane, 310/350/360 Buena Vista Avenue, 913-929 Ross Street

Potomac Towers

11/01/2023: G16-G29, Laundry Room, Resident Services Office, Maintenance Department

11/08/2023: 101-127, Trash Rooms

11/15/2023: 201-232, Trash Rooms

11/22/2023: 301-331, Trash Rooms

Walnut Towers "A" Building

11/02/2023: 201-214

11/09/2023: 215/216, 301-311

11/16/2023: 312-316, 401-408

11/30/2023: 409-416, 501-504



Maintenance Inspections

McCleary Hill

Wednesday, November 1: No Inspections

Thursday, November 2: 17548-17562 Calcite Drive

Friday, November 3: No Inspections

Monday, November 6: 17564-17578 Calcite Drive

Tuesday, November 7: 12139-12153 Granite Drive

Wednesday, November 8: 12127-12135 Granite Drive

Thursday, November 9: No Inspections

Friday, November 10: No Inspections





Christmas BANQUET

Date/Time

December 15th

6:00 PM

Hosted By The Potomac Towers Tenant Assoc.

Potomac Towers Community Room

Ground Floor

Menu

Turkey, Ham, Sides, Drinks,

Dessert

Catered by Ernst Market

Deadline To Purchase Tickets

December 8th

Please see Priscilla McDonald to Purchase

Tickets \$20/person



Holiday Events in Downtown Hagerstown in November

Holly Fest at The Maryland Theatre on November 17th at 7 pm

Holly Fest is an annual holiday themed event held at The Maryland Theatre. This event is free and open to the public and features youth performances from local musical groups and dance studios.

Ice Skating at Hub City Vinyl Parking Lot on November 18th 12pm-4pm

Ice Skating transforms a space into an outdoor ice skating rink! Participants can either rent or bring their own ice skates and enjoy a festive wintry experience.

Homemade Hagerstown Holiday Market on S. Potomac Street on November 18th 2pm-630pm

The Handmade Hagerstown Holiday Market is an artisan market featuring local artists, creators, and makers. Celebrate the holiday season in Downtown Hagerstown!

Tree Lighting Ceremony at Public Square on November 18th 5pm-6pm

The Downtown Tree Lighting ceremony marks the beginning of the holiday season in Downtown Hagerstown! Community members enjoy a free performance from a local student band and witness the official lighting of Hagerstown's tree.