



Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

January 2024



Mac Caldwell
Business Coach and Trainer



Managing Money for Success Workshop

The Hagerstown Housing Authority has partnered with Valor Excel to bring our residents this exciting opportunity. Please join us on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 12 pm at Elgin Station Community Center (40 Elgin Blvd). This workshop will be led by Mac Caldwell, a certified Business and Life Coach with an impressive 38 years of experience. You will be able to embark on a transformative financial journey with this Valor Excel's exclusive workshop! You will learn the essentials of money management, from assessing your current financial status to setting and achieving personalized goals. Discover the art of tracking spending, differentiating wants from needs, and mastering the creation of a monthly budget. This isn't just a workshop; it's a guide to financial success. Armed with a comprehensive workbook, you will gain the tools and knowledge needed to make informed daily spending decisions and achieve your financial milestones. Don't miss this opportunity to actively shape your financial destiny - your journey to financial freedom starts here! **To register for this workshop please contact FSS Coordinator Tacy Myers 301.733.6911 x 157**

Recent Family Self Sufficiency Graduate

Who says you can't have it all? **Jenny Hamilton**, a recent FSS graduate, proves that with hard work and determination, anything is possible! Despite facing personal and family challenges, Jenny never gave up and persevered to become a successful graduate of the FSS program. Not only did she secure a full-time job in the healthcare industry, but she also gained valuable knowledge on financial management through the program's workshops. And the best part? She's now on track for financial stability and homeownership! Congratulations to Jenny for her outstanding achievements, and thank you for inspiring us all to reach for the stars!

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

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Looking For A New Career To Start The New Year

JOB FAIR

The Hagerstown Housing Authority has partnered with Western MD Consortium to host a Hiring Event on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at the Elgin Station Community Center (**40 Elgin Blvd**) from 1pm-5pm. Employment opportunities will include manufacturing, health care, data entry and much more! Resources from the Western MD Consortium, American Job Center and Hagerstown Community College will also be there to answer questions and provide information. Stayed tuned for more information.

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

McCleary Hill Tenant Association

The Housing Authority would like to announce that we are one step closer to having a Tenant Association in your community. Officers were elected to serve in the new association. Please help us congratulate the following on their election to office:

President - Erica Dixon
Vice President - Takeisha Laster
Treasurer - Shirley Thorne
Secretary - Precious Thomas.

The Housing Authority is looking forward to working with the Association to make McCleary Hill a great community for our residents. We encourage you to support the association by attending meetings, volunteering and supporting the new officers. **First meeting of the Tenant Association is Thursday January 18th at 5:30 PM**

The Hagerstown Housing Authority will close to observe the New Years Holiday & Martin Luther King Day

**Monday, January 1, 2024 & Tuesday,
January 2, 2024**

Monday, January 15, 2024

Happy
New Year!

The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners and Staff wish you and your family a Happy New Year!



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

Frederick Manor

Weekly	Currently Zoom	Girl Scouts - Call 304.506.9941 for more information
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Gateway Crossing

No meeting in December watch for upcoming events

McCleary Hill

Thursday, January 18th 5:30 pm Tenant Association Meeting

Noland Village

No meeting in December watch for upcoming events

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 - 7:00 pm	Girl Scouts, all ages
Sunday,	3:30 - 6:00 pm	End of the Road N/A - Last Sunday of the month Special Mtg.

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	4:00 pm	Exercise w/ Lisa Bennett (in Rooftop Sky Lounge)

Thursday, January 25th 10:30 am Alison with Maryland Physicians Care (Community Room)

Walnut Towers- Contact Dylan Rohrer Ext. 171

Tuesdays	4:00 pm	Tenant Bingo
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Attention Potomac and Walnut Towers Residents

Effective February 1, 2024, the Hagerstown Housing Authority will no longer bill residents \$2.00 per month for televisions (TV's). These charges will automatically be removed from your account. Should you receive a charge in February, please contact Housing right away.

FREE ONLINE CLASSES

Wednesday, January 24, 2024: Taxes and Beyond

To Register for Online Classes, Contact:

Ladetra Robinson

Financial Literacy Success Coach

ladetra@reachofwc.org

301.733.2371 ext. 105

Financial Education Partnership-Washington County is a collaboration of:



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

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.....301.733.6911ext. 163

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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

RECERTIFICATION RENEWAL LETTERS

RENT

Upon receiving your renewal letter from Housing following recertification, please ensure that any additional fees, such as maintenance fees, key card fees, and A/C fees, are included when submitting your rent payment.

Sign up to receive the Newsletter via email:

www.hagerstownha.com/monthlynews

Gateway Crossing Parking On City Owned Streets

The streets within Gateway Crossing are public streets where parking is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Street parking in front of your unit is not reserved for any individuals, and conflicts should be resolved between residents. However, please be respectful of your neighbors when parking. Fighting with your neighbors over parking spots is unacceptable. If parking issues result in calling the HPD, that could result in you being charged for the call (known as a qualifying call).



Thursday, January 25th at 10:30 am
Alison with Maryland Physicians Care in the Potomac Towers Community Room

MPC provides free, quality health care services to Maryland's HealthChoice enrollees by extending the full benefits of Medicaid. Our strong network of hospitals, doctors, clinics and pharmacies helps our Members live as healthy as possible through education, support, and quality programs.

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 \$98.73**) 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 locks 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.**

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Now that the holidays are over, please remove your decorations prior to the end of January. Any tape, tacks, or nails used to mount lights need to be removed as well as spray snow on windows. Remember never to run electrical cords through closed windows or doors. This pinches the cord and can cause a fire. The Authority appreciates your cooperation in maintaining the appearance of our communities.

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 who fail to clear their walks promptly will be charged when the Maintenance Department must perform the work. The Maintenance crews get to the public walks as soon as possible. Residents that share a walkway shall clear their half or share the responsibility. This means any sidewalks to your unit, except the front public sidewalk, which is the sidewalk that runs parallel to the front streets, are 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. Ice scrapers are a much cheaper way to remove ice from walks than chemicals. In addition, the extensive use of chemicals such as salt may damage the concrete, making repairs necessary. Salt will damage next spring's grass and flowers as the melting ice reaches the root systems. If you must use salt, please clean it up once it has done its job. Residents should exercise good judgment in placing the snow that they remove from the walks. Never throw it out into the streets or courts. Never put it where your neighbors or the Maintenance Department must move it again. Please do not allow your children to cover up cleared walkways. The better you fulfill your responsibilities, the better we can perform ours. Please take caution when traveling outside during the frigid days of winter. Periods of the sun cause the snow/ice to melt and then refreeze, creating instant patches of ice. Take extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

CABLE TRIPPERS

If you have TV or telephone cables crossing stairs or walkways, please remove them immediately. Per your lease agreement, cables are not permitted to be run in a manner that may cause a tripping hazard. Cables are to be fastened to the baseboards and door frames using cable tacks ("U" shaped tacks). If you could trip over it, then it is improperly installed. If they have to be removed by Maintenance the cost will be charged to the tenant.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Your home is equipped with smoke detectors that are powered by electricity and battery backup in the event of a power outage. If the detector "beeps" frequently, this could indicate the need for a new battery. Please call Maintenance at 301.733.6916 to install a new battery at no charge. **Tampering with the smoke detector is a lease violation, and you will receive a charge for a replacement detector and a tampering fee of \$25.00**

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 New Year's Day Holiday (Monday, January 1st) all trash collections this week will be delayed by 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

Frederick Manor

01/10/2024: 600-635 Adams Avenue, 633-657

Frederick Street, 600-612 Hayes Avenue

01/17/2024: 614-689 Hayes Avenue, Gym

01/24/2024: 200-207 Hayes Court, 201-203

Rowland Avenue, 200-236 Taylor Avenue,

Community Building

McCleary Hill

1/03/2024: 17506-17526 Calcite Drive, 11910-12123

Insurance Way (formerly Gneiss Drive), 17402-

17449 Flourite Drive, 12108-12160 Gypsum Lane

Gateway Crossing

01/09/2024: 1030-1068 Ross Street

01/16/2024: 1070-1084 Ross Street, 348-368

Merrbaugh Drive, 400/401 Gandy Dancer Court

01/23/2024: 121-182 Merrbaugh Drive, 331-347

Merrbaugh Drive

01/30/2024: 3-120 Merrbaugh Drive, 1203 West

Washington Street

Potomac Towers

01/03/2024: 801-832, Laundry Room, Trash

Rooms, Compactor Rooms

01/10/2024: 901-917, 1001-1009, Trash Rooms

01/17/2024: 1010-1017, 1101-1117, Trash Rooms

01/24/2023: 1201-1217, Trash Rooms, Rooftop

Laundry & Sky Deck, Security Offices, Kitchen,

Community Room

Walnut Towers "B" Building

01/04/2024: 101-113

01/11/2024: 114-116, 201-210

01/18/2024: 211-216, 301-307

01/25/2024: 308-316, Trash Rooms, Lobbies,

Community Room, Kitchen, 8th Floor Offices



Information regarding proper use of Natural Gas can be found on the Hagerstown Housing Authority Website

**RENT
COUPON**

To ensure timely and accurate payment of your rent, please use the appropriate rent coupons when remitting payment either at Orrstown Bank or through the provided rent boxes. It's imperative to verify that the coupons you are using feature your correct name. This helps in ensuring that your payment is accurately credited to your account and that you don't receive any unwarranted late rent notices.

Maintenance Inspections

Gateway Crossing

<u>Week of</u>	<u>Units to be inspected</u>
January 1st	Ross Street: 913, 915, 921, 923, 929, 931, 937, 939, 945, 947
January 8th	Ross Street: 953, 955, 961, 963, 969, 971, 977, 979 Main Ave: 989 Buena Vista Ave: 310, 350, 360
January 15th	Ross Street: 940, 942, 950, 952, 960, 962, 970, 972, 980, 982, 990
January 22nd	Main Ave: 941, 943, 949, 951, 957, 959, 965, 967 Chessie Lane: 311, 331, 351, 361
January 29th	No Inspections

Walnut Towers "B" Building

Monday, January 8: 101-116
Tuesday, January 9: 201-216
Wednesday, January 10: 301-316

Walnut Towers "A" Building

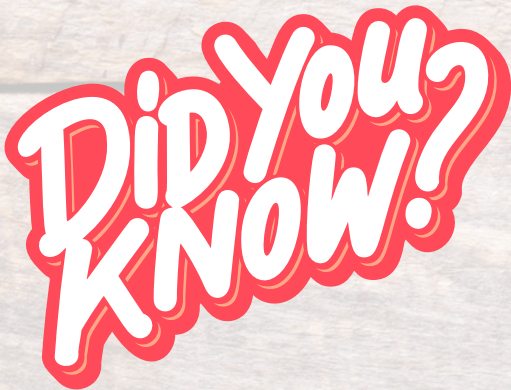
Tuesday, January 16: 201-216
Wednesday, January 17: 301-316
Monday, January 22: 401-416
Tuesday, January 23: 501-516
Wednesday, January 24: 601-616
Monday, January 29: 701-716
Tuesday, January 30: 801-816

Potomac Towers

Monday, February 5: 101-113
Tuesday, February 6: 201-217
Wednesday, February 7: 301-317
Monday, February 12: 401-417
Tuesday, February 13: 501-517
Wednesday, February 14: 601-617

Why it's important to be prepared for an 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.



We have a new text system to be able to reach you for emergencies, reminders, or after office hours for any important messages. The number for this text system is 240.799.1892. Please add the phone number to your phone so you don't miss notifications! You may have already received some test messages as we are learning the ins and outs of this new system.



Horizon

Goodwill Industries

Please join us on Tuesday, January 8, 2024 2-4 pm in the parking lot of the Community Building.

Horizon Goodwill Industries is able to assist with:

- Gaining Employment
- Finding Healthcare
- Recovery Assistance



Second Tuesday Every Month 2-4 pm



Everyone attending the event will receive a FREE gift. There will also be a door prize drawing for a nice gift.



Priority Partners is one of Maryland's trusted Medicaid Insurance Plans. Providing low and no-cost healthcare and health support programs for qualified residents.

The local PPMCO CHA Representative will be there to assist anyone with Maryland Medicaid Redetermination/MHC Renewal process questions, provide general health information, local resources/services and MD Medicaid connector information, assist Priority Partner members with member benefit, coverage, and provide members with a member packet and redetermination assistance, etc.

Please join us on Thursday, January 11, 2024
10 am- 2 pm in the Frederick Manor Community Building.



Community Action Council's Outreach Van will be at McCleary Hill on January 11, 2024, 10 am-12 pm
The following services will be offered:

Learn how you can apply for energy assistance (MEAP), receive food from our mobile food pantry, and get a free health screening from Meritus Mobile Unit.