

Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER



July 2025

Recent Family Self Sufficiency Graduates

Please join The Hagerstown Housing Authority in Celebrating FSS Graduates:



Awilda Parra

Please join Hagerstown Housing Authority to congratulate **Awilda Parra** on her successful completion of the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program! Awilda's dedication to the FSS Program encouraged her to consistently maintain full-time employment and focus on her credit and financial goals. She also took advantage of attending the Home Buyer Workshop provided by the Hagerstown Home Store towards her future goal of home ownership. The FSS Program has assisted Awilda with on-going support, as she worked towards her many achievements. We are proud of her accomplishments and wish her success in her future journeys!



Michelle Roth

Please join Hagerstown Housing Authority in congratulating Family Self-Sufficiency Program graduate, **Michelle Roth**! Michelle Roth successfully completed the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program by achieving key milestones in employment and financial independence. She secured stable employment and consistently improved her income throughout her participation. Michelle also focused on improving and repairing her credit, significantly raising her credit score. In addition, she completed a comprehensive home buyer workshop, preparing for her future. We wish Michelle success in her future journeys!

COME JOIN US FOR AN FSS INFORMATIONAL SESSION

"Join us to discover how the Family Self-Sufficiency Program can empower you today – and set you on a path towards a brighter tomorrow."

- Goal Setting
- Financial Education
- Homeownership





Date: Wednesday July 23, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM Location: 40 Elgin Blvd Elgin Station 1^{s⊤} Floor Community Room

Middletown Valley Bank Credit Workshop

Join *Middletown Valley Bank* for an informative session where we'll share valuable tips and insights to help you better understand our credit and how to improve it!

- Credit and Credit Repair
- Credit Cards vs. Debit Cards
- Why Does Credit Matter?

You can learn more about Middletown Valley Bank at mvbbank.com



Date: Friday July 18, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM Location: 40 Elgin Blvd Elgin Station 2nd Floor Conference Room Register at: https://www.hagerstownha.com/MVbank

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	<u>C.W.I</u>	Brooks-Renee Caldera Ext. 171		
Mondays Wednesdays Thursdays (every other) Friday, July 11 th Thursday, July 17 th Friday, July 25 th	2:00 - 3:00 pm Summer Break - No 6:00 pm	Tenant Bingo Craft Group (Bring your Own Craft) Coloring in Library Tenant Association Meetings until September! Ice Cream Social (CWB Residents ONLY) \$1.00 a bow Diabetes & Blood Pressure Screening Ice Cream Social (CWB Residents ONLY) \$1.00 a bow		
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Mondays	6:00 pm Girl	l Scouts (Community Building) (SUMMER BREAK NO MEET	INGS)	
	Summer Break	<u>Gateway Crossing</u>		
Res	ident Meeting (2 nd	Thursday of every Quarter- Jan, April, Oct) <u>McCleary Hill</u>		
Mondays	5:30 pm Summer E	Girl Scouts (Community Building) Break - No Meetings until September!		
		<u>Noland Village</u>		
Friday, July 11 th	11am-12:30pm		ng)	
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Tuesdays and Wednesc Wednesdays Thursdays Thursdays	5:00 pm 10:00 am 4:00 pm	am Narcotics Anonymous (Community Room) BINGO Food/Cards for sale starting at 5 pm, Bingo star Stop Smoking Program (3rd Thursday) Exercise w/ Lisa Bennett (Roof Top Sky Lounge)	ts at 5:30pm	
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Tuesdays Thursdays Monday, July ^{7th}	6:00- 8:00 pm (enant Bingo Game Night enant Association Meeting (1st Monday every month- unles	ss a holiday)	
HAGERSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 4 TH IN HONOR OF INDEPENDANCE DAY				

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.* Yard Waste Collection started Sunday, February 23, 2025, and will run through Friday, December 19, 2025.

You may have your bulk items picked up on the following days of each month: **1st Thursday: McCleary Hill 2nd Thursday: Parkside Homes & Douglass Court 3rd Thursday: Noland Village**

4th Thursday: Frederick Manor

TRASH CONTAINERS

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 \$33.48 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. DUE TO THE INDEPENDANCE DAY HOLIDAY ON FRIDAY, JULY 4, THERE WILL BE NO TRASH COLLECTION. NORMAL FRIDAY TRASH COLLECTION THIS WEEK WILL BE DELAYED ONE DAY.

MOWING SEASON

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

WADING POOLS/SWIMMING POOLS

Residents are reminded that wading pools and swimming pools are a violation of your lease. Not only are unattended pools unsafe but they damage the lawn and impede mowing.

INSTALLING WINDOW AIR CONDITIONERS

When installing window air conditioners, be sure to install them in a safe and secure manner. Air conditioner units should be tilted away from the unit. This allows the condensation to run away from the wall and will help to prevent mold/mildew on the walls. The window air conditioner needs to be installed properly to prevent outside air from entering the unit. If the extendable panels are missing or damaged, air coming in from the outside will cause the room temperature to rise, keeping the air conditioner running. This can cause high electric bills. It is best to seal the openings with foam panels. Cardboard, pillows, and blankets are inefficient as they can fall out leaving the window open. According to the Dwelling Lease Part II, under Exhibit G, Section I., F, Residents of the high-rise buildings must put a container under the air conditioner to collect any condensation and empty as needed. Do not empty containers over the balcony. Failure to empty these containers could result in a follow-up visit from the maintenance department to correct the concern of overflow.



PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

Gateway Crossing

07/01/2025: 1030-1068 Ross St 07/08/2025: 1070-1084 Ross St; 348-368 Merrbaugh Dr; 400/401 Gandy Dancer Ct 07/15/2025: 121-182 Merrbaugh Dr; 331-347 Merrbaugh Dr 07/22/2025: 3-120 Merrbaugh Dr; 1203 W. Washington St

McCleary Hill

07/02/2025: Gypsum Ln; Magnetite Dr; Community Building

Frederick Manor

07/09/2025: 600-635 Adams Ave; 633-657 Frederick St; 600-612 Hayes Ave 07/16/2025: 614-689 Hayes Ave; Gym 07/23/2025: 200-207 Hayes Ct; 201-203 Rowland Ave; 200-236 Taylor Ave; Community Building

NATURAL GAS NOTICE

For facts everyone should know about **GAS & GAS OPERATED** equipment from a safety point of view please visit https://www.hagerstownha.com/wpcontent/uploads/2023/11/natural-gas.pdf

Potomac Towers

07/02/2025: 801-832; Laundry Room, Trash Rooms, Compactor Rooms **07/09/2025:** 901-917; 1001-1009; Trash Rooms

07/16/2025 1010-1017; 1101-1117; Trash Rooms

07/23/2025: 1201-1217; Trash Room; Rooftop-Laundry Room & Sky Deck; Security Offices; Kitchen; Community Room

Walnut Towers "A" Building 07/03/2025: 711-716; 810-816

Walnut Towers "B" Building

07/10/2025: 101-113 **07/17/2025:** 114-116; 201-210 **07/24/2025:** 211-216; 301-307

07/31/2025: 308-316; Trash Rooms; A

& B Lobby; Laundry Rooms;

Community Room; Kitchen; Resident

Services Office

HAGERSTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY MAINTENANCE OFFICE 301.733.6916- CALLS ARE ANSWERED 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

BED BUG PREVENTION TIPS

By far the most common method of developing a bed bug infestation is by bringing used furniture into your home. Bedbugs can infest many items. In order to protect yourself from infestation:

-Never take ANY furniture from a dumpster no matter how good it looks. The better it looks, the more likely it is to be infested with bedbugs.

-Do not purchase refurbished mattresses or couches.

-Do not purchase furniture at a yard sale or flea market without carefully inspecting it first.

-Never rent furniture or store anyone's furniture in your home.

-Do not purchase used books without first inspecting them carefully.

-If you are helping a friend move, or transporting other people's belongings for any reason, be sure to inspect your vehicle once the belongings have been removed.

MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

Gateway Crossing

POSSIBLE INSPECTION RESCHEDULES COULD OCCUR

Week of July 7th: 340, 346, 348, 354, 356, 360, 362, 366, 368 Merrbaugh Dr; 1080, 1084 Ross St Week of July 14th: 1030, 1032, 1034, 1036, 1046, 1048, 1052, 1054, 1060, 1062 Ross St Week of July 21st: 1037, 1041, 1043, 1047, 1049, 1053, 1055, 1059, 1068, 1070 Ross St Week of July 28th: 1061, 1065, 1067, 1071, 1073, 1074, 1076, 1077, 1081 Ross St; 400 Gandy Dancer Ct Frederick Manor

Tuesday, July 1st: 661-673 Hayes Ave ODD Monday, July 7th: 675-689 Hayes Ave ODD Tuesday, July 8th: 600-612 Hayes Ave EVEN Wednesday, July 9th: 614-626 Hayes Ave EVEN Monday, July 14th: 628-630 Hayes Ave EVEN; 200A/200B Taylor Ave; 202A/202B Taylor Ave

Important Notice: High Water Bills

In an effort to reduce the number of high water bills, we kindly ask all residents to check their toilet(s) for any signs of running water. Please pay close attention to the water in the toilet bowl **before** you flush. If you notice the water moving or hear it running, even slightly, your toilet may have a leak. Some leaks are silent and may only be visible as a slight ripple or movement in the bowl. If you observe any signs of a leak, **you must contact Maintenance immediately**. Failure to report a toilet leak in a timely manner may result in you being held responsible for the increased water charges. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage water usage and avoid unnecessary costs.

FYI: our newsletter can also be found at hagerstownha.com and on our HHA Facebook page

NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is an evidence-based lifestyle change program for preventing type 2 diabetes.

Scan the lower QR code or visit https://bit.ly/wchd-dpp to fill out the interest form

Diabetes Risk Test



NDPP Interest Form



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Eligibility Requirements:

- At least 18 years old
- BMI of 25 or greater
- Diagnosis of prediabetes through blood test

OR

 At risk for diabetes based on screening risk test (QR code on left)

NDPP Participants Receive:

- A Personal Certified NDPP
 Lifestyle Coach
- Peer Support Group
- \$200 worth of exercise & nutrition lifestyle supports

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

Wednesday June 11 7:30 PM

CLASSES WILL MEET ONLINE WEEKLY STARTING WEDNESDAY JUNE 18 AT 8:00PM For Information or to Register

- Contact Lindsay Ridenour
 - 240.313.3302
- Lindsay.Ridenour@maryland.gov
- Go to
 - healthywashingtoncounty.com



WATER STATIONS NEAR YOU

HEAT HEAT OR STROKE

Water Stations may be indoors during business hours and outdoors after hours.

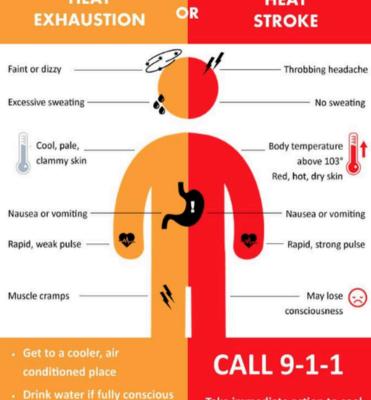
- 1. The Hope Center 125 N. Prospect St.
- 2. Horizon Goodwill Industries 200 N. Prospect St.
- 3. Potomac Community Services Homeless Outreach 29 E. Washington St.

Cooling Stations and Refreshing Stations are available to anyone needing to cool down, use the restroom, get a drink of water, fill up a water bottle, etc.

- · All drop-in Centers and Soup kitchens listed on the Street Guide
- REACH's Day Resource Center 9a-1p Monday-Thursday
- PCS Homeless Outreach (29 E. Washington St) 8a-12p & 1-4p Monday-Friday
- Soul Haven/OCA (119 E. Antietam St.) 10a-4p Monday-Friday
- Horizon Goodwill YASC 10a-3p Monday-Friday
- The Hope Center/Rescue Mission (Daily)
- Washington County Free Libarary Locations & Hours | Washington County Free Library 2023 (washcolibrary.org) *Closed on the 4th of July and Labor Day
 - Main Library (Daily)
 - Boonsboro (Monday-Saturday)
 - Clear Spring (Tuesday-Saturday)
 - Hancock (Tuesday-Saturday)
 - Keedysville (Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday)
 - Sharpsburg (Tuesday-Thursday and Saturday)
 - Smithsburg (Monday-Saturday)
 - Williamsport (Monday-Saturday)
- Robinwood Atrium has tables and chairs, water, restrooms and Wi-Fi
- The Valley Mall

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Take immediate action to cool Take a cool shower or use the person until help arrives



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cold compresses

Join Us For Our Community Fair!

We are planning our 2025 Community Fair. Join us at 35 W. Baltimore Street, along the Cultural Trail by the Mural of Unusual Size on Thursday, August 14, 2025. We will host a day filled with fun, food, and community resources.

Join us for a bigger and better than ever Community Fair! Open to the Public!

POTOMAC TOWERS BINGO NIGHT MEAL MENU JULY 23RD JULY 9TH: JULY 16TH JULY 2ND **Cold Cut Sandwiches Hot Dogs Meatball Subs Sloppy Joes Hamburgers Hot Dogs Hot Dogs Hot Dogs French Fries** Coleslaw **Tater Tots** Macaroni Salad Fresh Fruit Bowl Ice Cream & Toppings Ice Cream & Toppings Fresh Fruit Bowl

JULY 30TH **Hot Dogs** Hamburgers **French Fries** Cake





FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025 AND FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025 STARTS AT 6:00PM \$1.00 PER BOWL

ICE CREAM

SOCIAL

C.W. Brooks Residents ONLY

Numbers To Know

Hagerstown Housing Main 301.733.6911

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Security	
Maintenance (24 hours)	
Maintenance-Pest Control	

Resident Services Department

Dianne Rudisill	301.733.6911 ext. 125
Deena Holder	301.733.6911ext. 163
Renee Caldera	301.733.6911 ext. 171
Kristy Cuba	301.733.6911 ext. 170
Tacy Myers	301.733.6911 ext. 157
Heather Nutter	301.733.6911 ext. 167
Jaime Mayo	301.733.6911 ext. 158

Gateway CrossingHousing Choice Voucher (HCV)301.766.7968301.733.6911

New Community Building Reservation Process

All requests to use the community buildings, as well as inquiries about their use, must now be submitted through the following link:

www.hagerstownha.com/CBrequest

Once your request is received, a staff member will contact you with additional information and reservation instructions.

Please note: You no longer need to contact the keyholder directly.

Thank you for your cooperation with this new process.

Bike Safety Event

Where: Noland Village, 1032 Noland Dr, Hagerstown

When: Friday, July 11, 2025 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

- Come learn about bike safety!
- The Meal Machine on-site to teach you all about good nutrition!





Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

Eligible participants in the Senior FMNP program receive \$50 per person per year and must meet the following conditions: 1. Income is at or below 185% of the poverty level.

2. Must be 60 years or older.

3. Self-verify county residency at time of application.

4. Self-verify income at time of application in 2025. Participants can apply online at **mda.maryland.gov** or contact their county's Department of Aging at 301.790.0275 to find out more information and how to apply.

Eligible participants in the WIC FMNP program receive \$30 per person per year and must meet the following conditions: 1. Income is at or below 185% of the poverty level and 2. are pregnant or have recently given birth, or 3. infants, or 4. children up to 5 years and have a nutritional need Participants receive the benefit through their local WIC agency.

Sponsored by: Hagerstown Housing Authority and Washington County Health Department

Locations					
The Arc of Washington County Farmers Market	820 Florida Ave	July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19	Third Friday Monthly	8am-11am	
Boonsboro Farmers Market	241 Potomac Avenue	May 6 - Oct 21	Every Tuesday	4pm-7pm	
Elks Farmers Market (Washington County Farmers Market)	11063 Robinwood Drive	May 14 - Oct 1, 2025 & Oct 15	Every Wednesday	3pm-6pm	
Fridays at the Fort	Castle Drive, Fort Ritchie	June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26	Fourth Friday Monthly	4pm-7 pm	
Historic Hag. City Farmers Market	25 W. Church Street Hagerstown, MD 21740	April 6 - September 28	Every Sunday	12pm-4pm	
Local Roots Farmers Market	7313 Sharpsburg Pike	May 15, 2025 - Oct 30	Every other Thursday	4pm-7pm	
Meritus Medical Center Farmers Market	11110 Medical Campus Rd	Year Round	Every Tuesday	10am - 1:30pm	
Sharpsburg Farmers Market	5331 Sharpsburg Pike (Battleview Market)	April 6 - Oct. 19	First & Third Sundays	10am-2pm	
Williamsport Main Street Farmers Market	2 N. Conococheague Street	May 8 - Oct. 23	Second & Fourth Thursdays	4pm-7pm	
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HHA Smoking Policy Reminders



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Below are a few reminders from our Smoking policy as a refresher. The complete Smoke Free Housing Lease Addendum was provided with your lease at the time of signing.

- The term "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, and include the use of any other tobacco product or plant product in any manner or in any form. Smoking also includes the use of an electronic cigarette.
- Resident and members of the Resident's household shall not smoke anywhere in the unit, including balconies, in the building where the Resident's dwelling is located, or in any of the common areas or adjoining grounds within 25 feet of the building.
- Residents are responsible to inform their visitors and guest of the Smoking Policy.





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FIREWORK NIGHTS

APRIL 25	JUNE 20	AUG. 2
May 9	July 4	AUG. 2
MAY 23 June 6	JULY 18 AUG. 8	SEPT.

Renters' Insurance -Why It Is A Good Idea

If you rent, your personal belongings will not be protected against loss or damage unless you have a renters insurance policy. Your landlord has insurance for structural damage to the building. However, this coverage does not extend to your personal property, nor does it protect you from being liable for damage you might cause to the building inadvertently (e.g., a kitchen fire or a plumbing mishap) or to others who are injured at your property (e.g., a trip and fall over toys or furniture).

What does a renters insurance policy typically cover?

This type of policy:

• covers loss or damage to household contents or personal possessions;

- provides for additional living expenses in the event of a covered loss that makes your home, apartment or condominium uninhabitable;
- provides you with liability coverage for injuries to others and/or their property while they are on your property; and

• includes medical payments to others.

HSWC Meals for Paws Food Distribution



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Report a Concern www.hagerstownha.com/ reportaconcern or you can also scan the **OR code**



To access the Rent Café Portal via cell phone, please download the RentCafe

Resident app Have you signed up for our online Resident Portal?

Save time when you are on the go with the Resident Portal app through Rent Café!

Submit routine service requests

Download the Rent Café

Resident App at:

JOIN TODAY!

resident forms

App Store

We have a

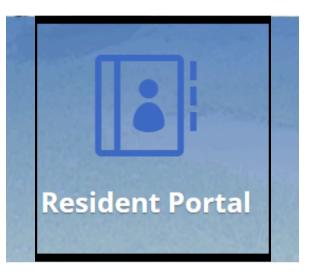
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Right from your phone! Google play

The Housing Authority has a text message system that will keep you up to date on programming and urgent messages. If you wish to receive text alerts or need to update your phone number in the system, please contact Deena Holder at 301-733-6911 x163 or via email at dholder@hagerstownha.com.

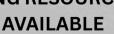
To access the Rent Café Portal via computer, please visit www.hagerstownha.com and scroll to the bottom. Then click "Resident Portal"



Recreational & Medical use of Marijuana

The Hagerstown Housing Authority wants to remind all tenants that even with Maryland legislation legalizing the recreational use of Marijuana (July 1, 2023), 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 (Federal Controlled Substances Act of 1970). 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.

STOP SMOKING RESOURCES/PATCHES





Are you interested in stopping smoking or vaping? Do you not know where to start? **Resident Services at HHA has a limited supply** of free nicotine patches and resources to assist you to stop smoking. Please contact Deena Holder at 301.733.6911 ext. 163 or dholder@hagerstownha.com for more information.



The Hagerstown Housing Authority discourages residents from placing donations on tables in community rooms. We will remove any items that could be of health or pest control hazards.

2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE (JUNE 11–AUGUST 15)

EXAMPLE 1 CALCULATE TO A CONTRACT OF A CO

MONDAY-THURSDAY 385 Mill Street **BESTER ELEMENTARY** 12:30 PM to Hagerstown, Md 21740 1:00 PM **MONDAY-FRIDAY 37 PARK DRIVE SHAFER PARK** 11:00 AM to **BOONSBORO, Md 21713** 11:30 AM 12806 Little Elliott Drive COMMUNITY SITES CORTLAND MANOR COMPLEX * Hagerstown, Md 21742 **MONDAY**-**1048 Noland Drive** NOLAND VILLAGE COMMUNITY BUILDING Hagerstown, Md 21740 FRIDAY **108 East Franklin Street OTTERBEIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** 11:30 ам Hagerstown, Md 21740 11201 Scarlet Oak Ct to VALLEY MEADOWS COMPLEX Hagerstown, Md 21740 NOON 126 West High Street **WIDMYER PARK** Hancock, Md 21750 11 Park Road BYRON MEMORIAL PARK Williamsport, Md 21795 MONDAY-131 W. North Avenue FRIDAY Hagerstown, Md 21740 CHILDREN IN NEED * 12424 Big Pool Road 12:30 PM **CLEAR SPRING PARK** Clearspring, MD 21722 12150 Granite Drive to MCCLEARY HILL COMMUNITY BUILDING * Hagerstown, Md 21740 1:00 PM 591 Pangborn Boulevard **PANGBORN PARK** Hagerstown, Md 21740 **68 West Water Street VETERANS PARK** Smithsburg, Md 21783

*INSIDE EATING OPTION MEALS MUST BE CONSUMED ON SITE.

1 MEAL PER DAY - PER CHILD THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPDORTUNITY PROVIDER. QUESTIONS: 301-766-2890

Food & Nutrition Services

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