

Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

Recent Family Self Sufficiency Graduate

Please join The Hagerstown Housing Authority in Celebrating FSS Graduate:



KELLY DAVELER

Congratulations to **Kelly Daveler**! Since joining the Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program, Kelly Daveler has made remarkable strides in both her professional and personal life. Through consistent hard work and determination her efforts recently culminated in securing an outstanding role as a Purchasing Supply Specialist at Phoenix Color, where she envisions building her career until retirement.

In addition to her career growth, Kelly has been focused on achieving financial stability. She is actively working toward the goal of transitioning from housing assistance to a market-rate rental, reflecting her commitment to greater independence.

Kelly has also taken full advantage of educational opportunities to build her financial knowledge. She completed financial literacy courses through the FSS program and these experiences have equipped her with valuable tools for long-term success. We are incredibly proud of Kelly and look forward to seeing all she will accomplish in the future!

FUEL UP, LEVEL UP

Exciting News for FSS Participants!

We're thrilled to introduce a brand-new mentoring program designed to support you on your path to achieving your goals! Join us for our kickoff event, "Fuel Up, Level Up!" During this inspiring Meet & Greet you will have the chance to share your goals, connect with other, and learn how the mentoring program works. Come learn about how a mentor who has already completed the goals you're working towards and is ready to guide, encourage, and walk alongside you on your journey. There will be food, games, and fun. You won't want to miss it! More details to come soon!



Date: September 25th, 2025 Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: Elgin Station Community
Center, 2nd Floor conference room



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Join us in congratulating **Robert Coon**, Maintenance Technician, in the Hagerstown Housing Authority's Maintenance Department for being recognized as our Employee of the Quarter for July through September 2025!

Robert was hired in September 2024 and has become a great asset to the Properties management team and to other technicians by providing assistance when needed.

His dedication, skillset, work ethic and commitment to the Authority and residents has been noticed, and the Authority relies on dedicated employees like Robert! Thanks for going the extra mile in making a difference in our team and community!

What's Happening In Your Community C.W.Brooks-Renee Caldera Ext. 171

Mondays 7:00 pm Tenant Bingo

Mondays

Wednesdays 2:00 - 4:00 pm Craft Group (Bring your Own Craft)

Thursdays (every other) 2:00 - 3:00 pm Coloring in Library

Summer Break - No Tenant Association Meetings until September!

Friday, August 8th 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social (CWB Residents ONLY) \$1.00 a bowl

Thursday, August 21st 9:00 am Diabetes & Blood Pressure Screening

Friday, August 22nd 6:00 pm Ice Cream Social (CWB Residents ONLY) \$1.00 a bowl

Frederick Manor

6:00 pm Girl Scouts (Community Building) (SUMMER BREAK NO MEETINGS)

Summer Break - No Resident Meetings until September!

Gateway Crossing

Resident Meeting (2nd Thursday of every Quarter- Jan, April, Oct)

McCleary Hill

Mondays 5:30 pm Girl Scouts (Community Building)

Summer Break - No Meetings until September!

Noland Village

Summer Break - No Resident Meetings until September!

Parkside & Douglass & Scattered Sites

Sundays 3:30 - 4:30 pm End of the Road N/A (Narcotics Anonymous)

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.)

Summer Break - No Meetings until September!

Potomac Towers-Kristy Cuba Ext. 170

Monday, August 11th 5:30pm Tenant Association Meeting (Community Room)

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 5:30pm

Thursdays 10:00 am Stop Smoking Program (3rd Thursday)

Thursdays 4:00 pm Exercise w/ Lisa Bennett (Roof Top Sky Lounge)

Walnut Towers- Renee Caldera Ext. 171

Tuesdays 4:00 pm Tenant Bingo Thursdays 6:00- 8:00 pm Game Night

Monday, August 4th 5:00 pm Tenant Association Meeting (1st Monday each month-except holidays)

HAGERSTOWN HOUSING
AUTHORITY WILL BE CLOSING
EARLY ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025
FOR STAFF TRAINING AT 11:45 AM

Residents of Potomac Towers, Walnut Towers, and the CW Brooks Building:

PLEASE do not prop open locked doors, as this compromises the security of the building. This is also a lease violation and infractions will be issued.

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/RECYCLE 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.*

TENANT INSTALLED LOCKS ARE PROHIBITED

Tenant installed locks are not allowed and are considered a lease violation. Please see **Section G** (**Tenant Obligations**), **Item 31** of your lease for additional information. If tenant installed locks are found by an inspector or maintenance personnel, you will be charged to correct the lock and the door.

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. Window units are NOT permitted in Gateway Crossing.

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/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/natural-gas.pdf

In order to conserve, all residents must promptly report any leaks or dripping faucets, hoses, or fixtures to the Maintenance Department at 301.733.6916. Ensure that all faucets are turned completely off when you are not using. Other ways of conserving water are to:

- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily
- Dispose of tissues and other such waste in the trash rather than the toilet.
- Take shorter showers
- Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only 1/3 full.
- Do not let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for the
 water to get hot, then wash your face or shave your face after filling the sink.

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.

TIPS ON REMOVING MOLD & MILDEW

Mold/mildew can grow in areas that are moist such as bathrooms or at washer hookups. it is usually recognized as a dark discoloration of the surface on which it resides (i.e. dark spots on grout). There are numerous cleaning products on the market designed to kill mold. Also, a solution of 1-part bleach and 4-parts water will do the trick. Wipe down ceilings and walls with one of the disinfectants, scrub tile and caulk joints in the tub area. Always be sure to read the labels and abide by the manufacturer's recommendations. it is your responsibility to properly clean the surfaces in your unit but if you are having problems identifying or removing mold, please call Maintenance and we will have an inspector check it our at no cost to you.

MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS

POSSIBLE INSPECTION RESCHEDULES COULD OCCUR

THERE WILL BE NO INSPECTIONS AT THIS TIME FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST.

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.

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

PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE

Gateway Crossing

08/05/2025: 151-281 Ross St, 902-947 Lanvale St **08/12/2025:** 953-1025 Lanvale St 201-250 Buena

Vista Ave

08/19/2025: 251-281 Lanvale St, 902-1002 Main St **08/26/2025:** 1006-1018 Main St, 941-989 Main St, 311-361 Chessie Ave, 310/350/360 Buena Vista Ave,

913-929 Ross St

C.W. Brooks

8/7/2025: All Units & Common Areas

Potomac Towers

08/06/2025:G16-G29, Laundry Room, Interview Room, Maintenance Dept **08/13/2025:** 101-127, Trash Rooms **08/20/2025:** 201-232, Trash Rooms **8/27/25:** 301-331, Trash Rooms



Parkside Homes

8/13/2025: All units & Community Bldg.

Douglas Court

8/20/2025: All Units & Admin Building

Hagerstown Revitalization Corporation:

8/20/2025: 212-214, 441-443 N. Jonathan

St.

Walnut Towers "A" Building

08/07/2025: 201-214

08/14/2025: 215-216, 301-311 **08/21/2025:** 312-316, 401-408 **08/28/2025:** 409-416, 501-504

Scattered Sites

8/27/2025: All Units



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



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

AUGUST 6[™]: Cold Cut Sandwiches

> Hot Dogs Chips

Tater Tots

Watermelon Fish Sandwich
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Fresh Fruit

AUGUST 13TH:
Fish Sandwiches
Hot Dogs
French Fries

AUGUST 20TH:
Chicken Salad Sandwich
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Ice Cream & Toppings



AUGUST 27TH:
Hamburgers
Hot Dogs
French Fries
Ice Cream Sundae Cups

Bike Safety Event

Where: McCleary Hill Community Center, 12169 Gypsum Lane, Hagerstown

When: Friday, August 8, 2025 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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

Bring your own bikes to ride through the obstacle course!



Sponsored by:

Hagerstown Housing Authority and Washington County Health Department





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.



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.



FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2025

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025 STARTS AT 6:00PM

\$1.00 PER BOWL C.W. Brooks Residents ONLY

Staying Connected with the Hagerstown Housing Authority

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!

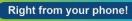
Submit routine service requests

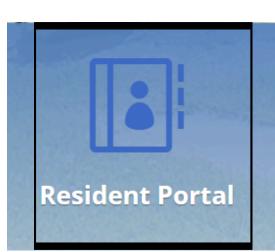
The Housing Authority has a text message system that will keep you up to date on programming and urgent messages. If you wish to receive text alerts or need to update your phone number in the system, please contact Deena Holder at 301-733-6911 x163 or via email at dholder@hagerstownha.com.

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

We have a FREE app for that







JOIN TODAY!







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 Renee Caldera301.733.6911 ext. 171 Kristy Cuba301.733.6911 ext. 170 Tacy Myers 301.733.6911 ext. 157 **Heather Nutter.....**301.733.6911 ext. 167 Jaime Mayo...... 301.733.6911 ext. 158

Gateway Crossing Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) 301.766.7968 301.733.6911

BBQ Grill Reminder

BBQ grills, smokers, gas grills, or charcoal grills are NOT **PERMITTED** at Gateway Crossing, McCleary Hill, C.W. Brooks, Potomac Towers, or Walnut Towers.

FIREWORK NIGHTS



- **August 8th**
- August 22nd
- August 29th
- September 12th

National Night Out August 5, 2025, 6-8 pm Hagerstown **Fairgrounds**



We have partnered once again with the **Hagerstown Police Department, Community Action Council, the** Hagerstown Area Police Athletic League, and the City of Hagerstown to assist with the annual National Night Out.

| Senior | Farmers | Market I | Nutrition | Program |
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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.

| Locations | | | | | | |
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| he Arc of Washington ounty Farmers Market | 820 Florida Ave | July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19 | Third Friday Monthly | 8am-11am | | |
| oonsboro Farmers larket | 241 Potomac Avenue | May 6 - Oct 21 | Every Tuesday | 4pm-7pm | | |
| lks Farmers Market Vashington County armers Market) | 11063 Robinwood Drive | May 14 - Oct 1, 2025 & Oct 15 | Every Wednesday | 3pm-6pm | | |
| ridays at the Fort | Castle Drive, Fort Ritchie | June 27, July 25, Aug. 22, Sept. 26 | Fourth Friday Monthly | 4pm-7 pm | | |
| istoric Hag. City armers Market | 25 W. Church Street Hagerstown, MD 21740 | April 6 - September 28 | Every Sunday | 12pm-4pm | | |
| ocal Roots Farmers larket | 7313 Sharpsburg Pike | May 15, 2025 - Oct 30 | Every other Thursday | 4pm-7pm | | |
| leritus Medical Center armers Market | 11110 Medical Campus Rd | Year Round | Every Tuesday | 10am - 1:30pm | | |
| harpsburg Farmers larket | 5331 Sharpsburg Pike (Battleview Market) | April 6 - Oct. 19 | First & Third Sundays | 10am-2pm | | |
| /illiamsport Main Street armers Market | 2 N. Conococheague Street | May 8 - Oct. 23 | Second & Fourth Thursdays | 4pm-7pm | | |

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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.



HHA Smoking Policy Reminders

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.

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.

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).



STOP SMOKING RESOURCES/PATCHES AVAILABLE





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.









If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text 988 or

chat 988lifeline.org



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August 31st is International Overdose Awareness Day

Know the facts about prescription opioids. Opioids can be addictive and dangerous. Be in the "know" zone!

Heroin & Opioid Abuse: An Epidemic



- What is an opioid
- > What is Fentany!
- > Opioid misuse
- > Know your options



Recovery is possible!

SAMHSA's National Helpline 1-800-662-HELP (4357) TTY: 1-800-487-4889 Text: 435748 samhsa.gov/find-help/national-helpline

Substance Use Treatment Locator findtreatment.gov

Behavioral Health Treatment Services Locator findtreatment.samhsa.gov



2025 SUMMER SCHEDULE (JUNE 11-AUGUST 15)



FREE LUNCH

FOR ANYONE

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 Hagerstown, Md 21740 11201 Scarlet Oak Ct to **VALLEY MEADOWS COMPLEX** Hagerstown, Md 21740 NOON **WIDMYER PARK** 126 West High Street Hancock, Md 21750 11 Park Road **BYRON MEMORIAL PARK** Williamsport, Md 21795 131 W. North Avenue Hagerstown, Md 21740 **CHILDREN IN NEED *** 12424 Big Pool Road **CLEAR SPRING PARK** Clearspring, MD 21722 12150 Granite Drive MCCLEARY HILL COMMUNITY BUILDING * Hagerstown, Md 21740 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 OPPORTUNITY



