



Hagerstown Housing Authority NEWSLETTER

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Dream, Plan, Do

The FSS Mentorship Program started the year with an exciting January meeting called Dream, Plan, Do. Participants spent time thinking about their future goals, discussing what vision means to them, and learning how to turn dreams into action. Everyone created vision boards and shared their goals with the group, which made for a powerful time of encouragement and connection. It was wonderful to see participants learning and growing together. If you are part of the FSS program, this is one of the many activities you can look forward to. If you would like to learn more about the FSS program and our Mentorship Program, please reach out to one of our FSS Coordinators for more information.

Are you interested in becoming a Mentor?

Are you a graduate of the FSS Program who wants to give back? Consider becoming an FSS Mentor and supporting current participants as they work toward their goals. Your experience and encouragement can truly make a difference.

If you're interested in serving as a mentor, please contact : jmayo@hagerstownha.com.

Karen Hilleary Named Hagerstown Housing Authority's Employee of the Quarter

Karen Hilleary, Payroll Administrator, has been named Employee of the Quarter for January - March 2026. She was nominated and recognized for her hard work, team spirit and unwavering commitment to the department, the employees and to the Authority. Karen goes above and beyond to ensure the Finance Department runs well and has been helpful to the Director during the recent transition. She is always willing to learn and take on new responsibility. Her working knowledge of time management, and payroll compliance, along with her steadfast determination to work through State tax ID's, income tax regulations and requirements for recent employee changes is commended. Her determination and problem-solving skills have been heightened through each process in Paycor.

As Employee of the Quarter, Karen will receive a paid day off to be used within the quarter, one paid lunch and a Star Performance award!

Join us as we say Congratulations and Thank you, Karen, for making a difference in our community and touching the lives of our employees and residents!

What's Happening In Your Community

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CW BROOKS - Kristy Cuba x 170

Mondays	6:00 PM	BINGO
February 12	5:00 PM	Tenant Association Meeting
February 19	1-3 PM	Blood Pressure Screening with Lindsay
February 20	1:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Craft

FREDERICK MANOR

Mondays	6:00 PM	Girl Scouts (Community Building)
February 26	11:00 AM	Resident Meeting at the Community Building

GATEWAY CROSSING

March 12	5:30 PM	Quarterly Resident Meeting (Elgin Station) - Colon Cancer Prevention
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MC CLEARY HILL

Mondays	5:30 PM	Girl Scouts (Community Building)
February 25	5:00 PM	Community Goals Get Together

NOLAND VILLAGE

Martin Height Resident Update 3rd Wednesday every month	10:30A & 5PM	Text or call for email link 240.625.9066
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Febuary 18	10:00 AM	Resident Meeting
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February 18th at 5pm 2/19 at 10 am Zoom meetings for development & relocation

PARKSIDE HOMES, DOUGLASS COURT & SCATTERED SITES

Sundays	3:30-4:30 PM	End of the Road N/A
Tuesdays	7:00-8:15 PM	(MEN) End of the Road N/A
Wednesdays	7:00-8:30 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.)
Monday - Thursday	4:30-6:30 PM	Parkside Pals Homework Club Program
February 19	2:00 PM	Resident Meeting

POTOMAC TOWERS - Kimberly Miller x 171

Tuesday and Wednesday	10:30 AM	Narcotics Anonymous (Community Room)
Wednesdays	5:00 PM	BINGO Food/Cards for sale starting at 5pm, Bingo starts at 5:30 pm
Thursdays	4:00 PM	Exercise w/Lisa Bennett (Roof Top Sky Lounge)
February 2	5:30 PM	Tenant Association Meeting
February 19	1:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Craft

WALNUT TOWERS - Kristy Cuba x 170

Tuesdays	5:00 PM	Bingo - Food Served at 4 PM
Thursdays	6 - 8:00 PM	Game Night
February 2	5:00 PM	Tenant Association Meeting
February 18	1:00 PM	St. Patrick's Day Craft



HEATING SEASON

Heating levels that will be maintained in the family communities are from 66 degrees to 68 degrees. Your thermostat has a built-in thermometer that will tell you if the proper heating levels are being maintained in your home. Before you call Maintenance for service on your heating system, take a minute to look at your thermostat. The bottom portion is the thermometer. 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 extremely expensive, and you can avoid these charges (\$103.44) 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. This provides a much better seal & reduces air leakage at windows.

Remember, using your oven or stove as a source of heat is dangerous and a lease violation. The misuse not only poses a serious health risk to you and your family but will result in damage to your appliance for which you will be charged.

BULK TRASH PICKUP SCHEDULE

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
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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 Site 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.

SNOW & ICE 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. The maintenance crews get to the public walks as soon as possible. Any help residents can provide is greatly appreciated.

Ice scrapers are a much cheaper method of removing ice from walks than are 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 carries it to the root systems. If you must use salt, 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 place it where your neighbors or the Maintenance Department will have to move it again. Please do not allow your children to cover up cleared walks.

The better you fulfill your responsibilities, the better we will be able to perform ours.

SLIPPERY WHEN "COLD"

Please use caution when traveling outside of the building during the extreme cold days of winter. Periods of 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.



PEST CONTROL SCHEDULE						
GATEWAY CROSSING		FAMILY SITES & POTOMAC TOWERS			WALNUT	
TUES 2/3	• PH I: 151 Ross to 281 Ross • 902 Lanvale to 947 Lanvale	WED 2/4	• CW Brooks & Common Spaces	• PT: G16-G29 • Laundry • Interview Rm • Maintenance Dept	THUR 2/5	• WTA: 201-214 • Horizon Store
TUES 2/10	• PH I: 953 Lanvale to 1025 Lanvale; 201-250 Buena Vista	WED 2/11	• Parkside Homes, Community Building	• PT: 101-127 • Trash Rooms	THUR 2/12	• WTA: 215/216 • WTA: 301-311
TUES 2/17	• PH I: 251 Buena Vista to 281 Buena Vista • 902 Main to 1002 Main	WED 2/18	• Douglass Court & Admin Building • HRC Units 212-214 & 441-443 N Jonathan	• PT: 201-232 • Trash rooms	THUR 2/19	• WTA: 312-316 • WTA: 401-408
Tues 2/24	• PH II: 1006 Main to 1018 Main • 941 Main to 989 Main • 311-361 Chessie Lane • 310/350/360 Buena Vista • 913 Ross to 929 Ross	WED 2/25	• Scattered Sites	• PT: 301-331 • Trash rooms	THUR 2/26	• No Service

GATEWAY CROSSING INSPECTIONS		MAINTENANCE INSPECTIONS	
WEEK OF		Potomac Towers	
FEB 9	• LANVALE 1003, 1005, 1009, 1011, 1015, 1017, 1019, 1021, 1023, 1025	2/2/26	• PT 101-113
FEB 9	• BUENA VISTA 201	2/3/26	• PT 201-217
FEB 16	NO INSPECTIONS	2/4/26	• PT 301-317
FEB 23	• BUENA VISTA 231, 241, 251, 261, 281	2/5/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
FEB 23	• MAIN 1002, 1006, 1010, 1012, 1016 & 1018	2/6/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
MAR 2	• MAIN 960, 966, 968, 974, 976, 982, 988, 992	2/9/26	• PT 401-417
MAR 9	• MAIN 902, 908, 916, 924, 926, 932, 934, 940, 942, 950	2/10/26	• PT 501-517
		2/11/26	• PT 601-617
		2/12/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
		2/13/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
		2/16/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
		2/17/26	• PT 701-717
		2/18/26	• PT 801-817
		2/19/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
		2/20/26	• NO INSPECTIONS
		2/23/26	• PT 901-917
		2/24/26	• PT 1001-1017

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.

The Hagerstown Housing Authority discourages residents from placing donations in any common areas in your community. Housing will remove any items that are left in common areas on places such as tables and benches.



NEW
Starting Feb 24

@yourlocal

BOOKMOBILE

STOP



Don't have a library card yet? No problem! Sign-up on board the Bookmobile. Please bring Photo ID and proof of address

JOIN US
For The Bookmobile

**McCleary Hill
Community Stop**
4th Tuesdays
3-4:30 PM



Potomac Towers

Date	BINGO Menu
February 4	Chicken Sandwich Hot Dog French Fries
February 11	Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Hot Dog French Fries
February 18	Sloppy Joes Cole Slaw Hot Dog French Fries
February 25	Hamburger/Cheeseburger Hot Dog French Fries

The Tenant Association will sell snacks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am - 12 pm in the Community Room.

St. Patrick's Day Craft



Add some green to your apartment
Walnut Towers - February 18th, 1 PM
Potomac Towers - February 19th, 10 AM
CW Brooks - February 20th, 1 PM
Contact Kim or Kristy for further details

Meetings are being planned for a Choice Neighborhood update. Notifications and details will be published soon.



Stop Smoking Health Fair

Bringing the community together to explore healthy living, smoking cessation, wellness education and promoting active habits.

Community Resource Vendors & Information

Free Stop Smoking Resources and Supplies - Patches, etc

Free Food, Prizes, Giveaways while supplies last.

February 26th 10am - 1pm
Come join us to learn how to quit smoking and live healthier.





Location:
Potomac Towers Community Room



PEARLS4GIRLS

MENTOR GROUP FOR GIRLS, AGES 8-18

MCCLEARY HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

MEET & GREET

FEBRUARY 6, 2026
5:30 - 7:00 PM



Text or Email Sandy Berry for more information: 240-347-2259; Girl4pearls@gmail.com



The Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed Monday February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day

Washington County Health Department

NATIONAL DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is a 12-month, evidence-based program aimed at preventing type 2 diabetes through lifestyle changes, offered virtually by WCHD.

Participants will learn to

- prevent diabetes
- lose weight
- reduce heart disease risk
- boost energy
- develop healthy habits.

Participants will join the coach and group for 1 hour weekly lessons for the first 4 months, followed by 1 hour monthly lessons for the remainder of the program.

Fill out the interest form to enroll in one of our upcoming virtual classes!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 @ 6:30PM

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 @ 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 @7PM

Visit washcohealth.org or Scan the QR code to fill out the interest form



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
- Lifestyle aids to support healthy exercise & nutrition










You're Cordially Invited!



The Western Maryland Consortium in partnership with The Hagerstown Housing Authority cordially invite you to participate in the 2026 Job Fair

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2026

Time: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location:

Elgin Station Community Center
40 Elgin Blvd, Hagerstown, MD 21740

Job Fair Registration

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfa_oZ7pb2XJaCPz44j_0PVVw/viewform?usp=header



Please Contact with Questions or Concerns:

Misty Cubbage
Western MD Consortium
mcubbage@westmdcon.org
301-791-3076 ext 112

The total of all WIOA grant funding available for Fiscal Year 2026 is \$2,315,861. WIOA grants are fully funded by the U.S. Department of Labor through a combination of multi-year budgets.

Numbers to Know

Hagerstown Housing Main - 301.733.6911

Security	301.730.2096
Maintenance (24 hrs)	301.733.6916
Maintenance - Pest Control	301.733.6911 ext. 124
BROOKS SALON	301.733.6911 x 1000 or 240.310.3154 (call or text)

Resident Services Department

Dianne Rudisill	301.733.6911 ext 125
Deena Holder	301.733.6911 ext 163
Kimberly Miller	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
<u>Gateway Crossing</u>	<u>Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)</u>
301.766.7968	301.733.6911

Great Things Are Happening at HHA! Join Us!

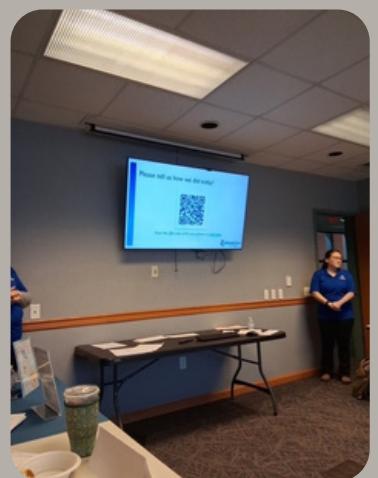
Family Self-Sufficiency Program Community Partner Meeting



The Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program recently hosted their monthly Program Coordinating Committee (PCC) meeting. This is a chance to gather with community partners to discuss and exchange resources, ideas, and opportunities that can be shared with FSS participants. These meetings allow staff to stay connected with local organizations and ensure that they are providing accurate and helpful information to support individuals and families as they work toward greater stability and self sufficiency.



The Parent's Place of Maryland presented at the PCC Meeting



McCleary Hill Community Goals

Get Together

Wednesday, February 25th

5PM

Do you have activities and programs you would like to see in your community? Come join your neighbors to brain storm and plan things to do at McCleary Hill for youth and adults.

Light refreshments will be served.



Potomac Towers

Super Bowl

Viewing Party

February 8, 2026

Kick off: 8 PM

Hotdogs, Sloppy Joes, Meatballs, Potato Salad, Cupcakes and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a side to share

 Come and enjoy the Super Bowl on the BIG screen with you neighbors. 

CABLE TRIPPERS

If you have TV or telephone cable 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 baseboard and door frames by use of cable tacks ("U" shaped tacks). Cables are to be run up and around door frames and NOT across walkways. If you could trip over it, then it is improperly installed.

Improperly installed cable will be removed by maintenance and the cost charged to the tenant. New or existing cable will not be re-installed causing you the loss of use of the TV or telephone served by the cable. Avoid this major inconvenience by properly installing your cable now.

Staying Connected with the Hagerstown Housing Authority

Community Building Reservation Process For HHA Residents Only!

All **HHA resident** 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.

Report a Concern

www.hagerstownha.com/reportaconcern
or you can also scan the QR code



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"

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

