



CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for October 2019



All Housing Authority Offices Will Be Closed Monday, October 14th, in Observance of



Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland has completed its 5-year PHA Plan for the period of 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2025 in accordance with HUD Regulations.

The 5-Year Plan and its associated documents are available for public review for the next 45 days at the Cumberland Housing Group Main Office located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland Monday thru Friday 8:00 – 4:00. It is also available on our website at www.cumberlandhousing.org.

In addition, a Public Hearing will be held on November 14, 2019 at 10:00 AM, at the Jane Frazier Village Community Room connected to our main Office.

Exterminator Schedule

October 3 rd	Queen City Towers – Morning John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
October 16 th	Grande View – Apts. 101 – 217
October 28 th	Willow Valley – Apts. 101 - 217

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

October 3 rd	John F. Kennedy – 8th Floor Queen City Towers – 7th Floor
October 8 th	Grande View Apartments 101, 104, 105, 106, 211, 213, 214, 217 and 219

As a reminder, a copy of the Inspection will be left in your unit for your information. If any repairs need to be done, maintenance will be returning within 20 days to complete the repairs.

Attention Grande View Tenants

Marilyn Gordon is no longer the Key Holder or the person to contact if you need a work order called in. So, if you are locked out of your apartment, or need something fixed in your apartment, you need to call the **Maintenance Department at 301-724-2055**.

Our maintenance staff works 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Only call the maintenance number after hours if you have an emergency, not the main office number. That phone line is not forwarded to an answering service and your call will not be heard until the next business day.

Items that are consider Emergency Repairs

1. Locked out of apartment
2. Natural Gas Leak
3. Clogged Commode (where there is only one)
4. No Heat in Apartment
5. Refrigerator Not Working
6. Elevator Not Working
7. No Electricity in Total Apartment
8. Fire (call 911 first)
9. Sewer Backup
10. Major Water Leak
11. Security System Call
12. No Hot or Cold Water
13. Smoke Detector Malfunction

Once a Key Holder is identified for the building, and you are locked out, you will still need to contact the maintenance department first, and the on-call person will contact the Key Holder to let you in. A record of lock outs needs to be maintained.

Any tenant that needs their apartment unlocked, a fee of \$5.00 will be charged and is to be immediately paid to the Key Holder.

If you have any questions, contact your Property Manager, Kelly Beeman at 301-759-2880.



Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Date: October 20, 2019

Time: 1pm to 3 pm

Location:

George's Creek Elementary School
15600 Lower Georges Creek Road,
Lonaconing 21539



Cost: \$5 per animal (cash or local checks only).

Note: Clinics are held rain or shine. According to Maryland Law, all dogs, cats, and ferrets 4 months old and older must have valid rabies vaccinations. Please ensure all animals are contained within a carrier or on a leash. For further information about the clinics, call the Environmental Health Division at (301) 759-5038 or (301) 759-5040.

ACH - Bank Generated Monthly Account Withdrawal

This is a reminder to all the residents who recently signed up for ACH. Please remember to leave the rent money that you owe to the Housing Authority (HACC) in your bank account until after the 5th of the month. The rent comes out on the 5th – unless the 5th is on a Saturday or Sunday. If the 5th is on a Saturday or Sunday, the rent will come out on the following Monday.

Anyone at Queen City Tower or John F Kennedy who is interested in signing up for ACH, please call Pama Wilson, Resident Service Coordinator. I can be reached by calling 301-722-7977 or by calling 301-724-1544.

Phone Numbers

Many residents have received new Cintex Govt. phones. If your phone number has been changed or you have a new phone, please provide your current phone number to the office. Thank you!

Attention Residents with Criss Cross

Please contact your local Security Office at 1-866-964-7409 and let them know that you need a designated payee. They can help you with this process. Criss Cross will no longer be in business after October 31, 2019.

Maryland raises legal tobacco purchasing age to 21 affective October 1, 2019.

Maryland's Tobacco 21 law covers e-cigarettes, taking the important step of defining them as tobacco products. ... Approximately 780,000 Marylanders use tobacco products, most of them starting before age 21. This new law aims to protect the 255,000 Marylanders between ages 18 to 20 from developing a nicotine addiction.

Extermination

Extermination service is provided on a regular basis at no cost to the Tenant. This is performed in all units and **cannot be refused**. Tenants are required to keep all living areas clean at all times. Bedrooms must be accessible and not locked. Tenants will be advised of the date that the exterminator will be visiting their unit through the monthly newsletter. Tenants will be advised of any special visits and what advance preparations to make, if any, through a notice that will be mailed or hand delivered. Failure to make preparations as may be requested by HACC or to allow entry to the exterminating company will be deemed to be a material breach of the lease that is signed by each tenant. If it is found that within 45 days of leasing the apartment that a tenant has an infestation of any kind, he/she will be responsible for any and all costs that arise in eliminating the infestation.

Window Air Conditioners

John F. Kennedy and Queen City Tower – Window air conditioners are supplied for each apartment, maintained and owned by HACC. Additional window air conditioners are not permitted. If the air conditioner is used during the winter due to medical reasons, it is not to be run constantly and not during below freezing outside temperatures to prevent the unit from freezing up and being destroyed. If the HACC owned window air conditioner and/or surrounding panels is missing upon a tenant moving out or inoperable due to freezing up, the current charge to replace the air conditioner will be imposed.

From Your Property Manager

Queen City Tower and John F Kennedy Residents

Smoking medical marijuana is a breach of the “No Smoking Policy”, even if you have a Dr. note. You can use the oil, or the gummies.

“Quiet time” is from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am !!!!!

Queen City Tower Residents

The Handicapped door is only for people who are Handicapped! Using it to bring in groceries, or laundry, or as a short cut to go to the smoking area **is not allowed**.



Flu Shot Clinic in October!
PharmaCare of South Cumberland

Monday, October 21, 2019 –

John F Kennedy

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 –

Queen City Tower

Time: 2 pm to 3 pm

Place: In the Community Room!

Malinda Darber, from PharmaCare of South Cumberland, will be at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy to give the flu shots to residents and guests. She will bill Medicare and Medical Assistance (including Maryland Physicians Care, Priority Partners, etc.). If you do not have Medicare or Medical Assistance, the cost will be \$45. Please bring a copy of your cards with you. If you need a pneumonia shot, she will arrange to come back and give you one. Please speak to her about this. Medicare usually pays for the pneumonia shot.

Resident Council Meetings

Queen City Tower – October 10th at 3 pm

John F. Kennedy – October 16th at 3 pm

Resident Councils serve as the voice of the residents at each public housing development. As a resident, you are automatically a member of your Resident Council. Your Resident Council needs your participation. The most important person in the Resident Council is you!

Partnership for Affordable Foods (PAF)

(A lot of food for a small price!)

Queen City Tower will be collecting for the PAF program on **Friday, October 4, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Monday, October 7, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** in the community room. There is a \$7 donation in order to receive the food and it must be paid on the dates above. Distribution will be on Thursday, **October 10, 2019**, at approximately 11:15 a.m. Residents who donate the \$7 must be in the community room by **11:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2019**, to pick up the PAF order or the items will be forfeited.

Queen City Tower and John F Kennedy
Guest Speaker for October
Register of Wills for Allegany County

Thursday, October 10, 2019
Queen City Tower

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
John F Kennedy

Time: 2 pm

Place: In the Community Room

The presentation is by Mary Beth Pirolozzi from the REGISTER OF WILLS for Allegany County. She will be discussing "The Estate Process – How It Relates to You!" Please come to the community room to attend this event. You can bring your workers or guests with you. Please feel free to present questions at the end of the presentation.

Message from Mail Carrier

The Post Office requests that all mail be gotten out of your mailboxes daily. Mail that accumulates for a week will be taken back to the Post Office.

Thoughts for today....

It is always wise to stop wishing for things long enough to enjoy the fragrance of those now flowering. – Patrice Gifford

The race is not always to the swift.... but to those who keep on running. - Unknown

TEFAP – Free Government Foods

The food will be available for pick up on Wednesday, October 2nd after 12 pm. The sooner you pick the food up after 12 pm on the 2nd the better chance you have of being able to get the food. This food is need based. You can pick up the TEFAP at the sites listed below. Call first before going to make sure they still have food available

Hope Station - Dan Snyder
632 N. Centre Street - Phone 240-362-7168
Monday through Friday, Noon - 5 pm

Interfaith Food Pantry
(HRDC Head Start Building)
301 Cumberland Street – Phone 301-777-7882
Monday through Friday, 10 am to 3 pm

Salvation Army - Karen Wells
701 East First Street – Phone 301-777-7600
Monday through Thursday, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm,
and on Fridays, 9:00 am to noon

(Note: Salvation Army will not be giving out food until Monday, October 7th.)

You need to take your photo identification card or driver's license with you. Please note you will be asked to sign a self-declaration verifying your income and stating you will only get the food once a month from one agency. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact, Pama Wilson, Resident Service Coordinator.



Queen City Tower Activities

Blood Pressure Check

Thursday, October 10 and Thursday, October 24 @ 2:30 pm.

Game Night – Every Monday at 6 pm

All residents are welcome to participate in game night that will be held every Monday at 6 pm in the community room. We look forward to an evening of fun, so please join us.

Bible Study provided by Cumberland Community Church

Saturday, October 12, 2019 and Saturday, October 26, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

Prayer Group

Every Tuesday at 2 pm

The prayer group, which is open to all residents, is an opportunity for people to share concerns, encourage each other, and to lift our needs to a higher power. We invite all residents to attend this group every Tuesday at 2 pm for fellowship and light refreshments. Bonnie Stott will facilitate the group. We hope to see you there.

Attention My Groceries to Go Participants Delivery: Thursday, October 3, 2019

Time 2:00 pm

Linda Conner and Pamela Sulser will be giving out the food boxes in the community room to those that are already on the program. Participating residents will need to be in the community room on the time posted above unless you receive a notice telling you different. Those receiving the box will sign for the box and take their own food box to their own apartments. Those who do not show up to receive the box will forfeit receiving the box.



Queen City Tower Autumn Party! Thursday, October 31st At 4 pm in the Community Room

Any resident who wishes to attend the Autumn Party needs to sign up on the sheet posted on the first-floor bulletin board by October 21st. The Resident Council will provide hot dogs, chips, dip and a drink. We hope all will sign up to attend.

John F. Kennedy Activities

Blood Pressure Check

Wednesday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 16 @ 2:30 pm.

Bible Study provided by Cumberland Community Church

Friday, October 11, 2019 and Friday, October 25, 2019 @ 6:30 pm.



Every Monday at 6 pm

All residents are welcome to join us for Bingo every Monday @ 6 pm in the community room. We are growing in participants and hope that you join us too. The Bingo Caller is John Evans and he is in charge of Bingo. Looking forward to a night of fun every Monday! Bring your pennies.

Game Night – Every Saturday at 6 pm

Community Room

All residents are welcome to participate in game night. We look forward to an evening of fun, so please join us! Bonnie Hoban or Rhonda Roy – Game Leaders.

Attention My Groceries to Go Participants Delivery: Thursday, October 3, 2019

Time: 9:15 am

Margaret Petruccy and Bonnie Hoban will be giving out the food boxes in the community room to those that are already on the program. Participating residents will need to be in the community room on the time posted above unless you receive a notice telling you different. Those receiving the box will sign for the box and take their own food box to their own apartments. Those who do not show up to receive the box will forfeit receiving the box.

John F Kennedy Snack Bar Hours

Yes, our snack bar is open again. You are welcome to come to the community room and purchase items to support your Resident Council!

Mondays – 6 pm to 6:30 pm
Tuesdays – 4 pm to 5 pm
Thursdays – 4 pm to 5 pm
Saturdays – 4 pm to 5 pm

