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Monthly Newsletter for June 2019

Effective 5/28/2019

Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland has determined that an amendment is necessary to our 5-year PHA Plan to add the Housing Authority of Allegany County properties and operations, which were transferred on April 1, 2019 by HUD, into our authority operations.

The amendment is available for review for the next 45 days at the Central Office located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland during normal business hours.

In addition, a Public Hearing will be held on July 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM, at the Jane Frazier Village Community Room connected to our main Office.

Exterminator Schedule

June 13th

Jane Frazier Village,
Buildings 7 – 17

June 14th

Jane Frazier Village,
Buildings 1 – 6 &
Banneker Gardens

June 20th

Fort Cumberland Homes

RAD UPDATE

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland was granted approval by HUD on January 10, 2017 to begin the conversion of our Public Housing program to a new HUD program called the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project. The new program continues to provide the same affordable housing qualifications but funded under the Project Based Rental Assistance which is more stable. Under the new program, the Housing Authority will become the owner of the property instead of HUD through a Limited Partnership and will continue to manage the property under HUD guidelines. The big advantage of the new program is that we would then be eligible to borrow funds (which we are not currently permitted to do) to be used to modernize and improve the appearance of our developments inside and out.

We experienced a delay in the process due to the necessity of reorganizing our development team to be more efficient. The team now includes: the Cumberland Housing Group as the sole developer; Belt Construction Group as the contractor; EADS Architects performing the design and East Hills Engineering as the engineering consultant. We have worked with this team for over 25 years and are very confident in all partners.

Fort Cumberland Homes was identified as the development most needing physical improvements and therefore has always been our starting point. On May 10th, we finally submitted our 1,494-page application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for review. It will take several months before we know anything further. If funded, we will be conducting a tenant meeting at Fort Cumberland to educate the residents there on what will be done, when it will occur and how it will proceed. At this time, we do not expect construction to begin for at least six months and then it would be on the current empty units. As we know more information, we will keep the residents of Fort Cumberland Homes advised and you will definitely be advised at least 90 days in advance of any direct impact to your unit.

Beginning May 31, 2019, our team will concentrate our efforts on John F. Kennedy Homes as it was determined to be the second development most needing rehabilitation. Some work was previously completed and we will be picking up from there. Since this work is still under design and based upon the requirements needed for submission, we are at least a year away from any construction.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Property Manager or Carole Moreland, Director of Property Management Services.



10 FREE LEARNING WEBSITES {FOR KIDS}

Here's a list of some fun, educational, and safe websites for your child to visit and explore on those hot summer days!

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| <p>Switcheroo Zoo www.switcheroozoo.com Watch, listen and play games to learn all about amazing animals!</p> | <p>Fun Brain www.funbrain.com Play games while practicing math and reading skills.</p> |
| <p>Nat Geo for Kids www.kids.nationalgeographic.com Learn all about geography and fascinating animals.</p> | <p>PBS Kids www.pbskids.org Hang out with your favorite characters all while learning!</p> |
| <p>Into the Book www.reading.ecb.org Go "into the book" to play games that practice reading strategies.</p> | <p>Star Fall www.starfall.com Practice your phonics skills with these read-along stories.</p> |
| <p>Seussville www.seussville.com Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss and his friends.</p> | <p>Storyline Online www.storylineonline.net Have some of your favorite stories read to you by movie stars!</p> |
| <p>ABC YA www.abcya.com Practice math and reading skills all while playing fun games!</p> | <p>Highlights Kids www.highlightskids.com Read, play games, and conduct cool science experiments!</p> |

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<http://www.achildwithneeds.com/.../learning->

Happy
Father's
Day ...June 16th

Need Help to Quit Smoking?

Are you or someone you know trying to quit smoking? Did you know there are 2 FREE ways to quit? Just call the Allegany County Health Department at 301-759-5050 or Maryland's Quit line at 1-800-784-8669.

Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?

If you or someone you know is in a Domestic Violence situation and needs help, please call the Family Crisis Resource Center Hotline 301-759-9244 for assistance.

Construction Work At Jane Frazier and Fort Cumberland Homes

During the next few months, contractors will be onsite at both developments replacing sidewalks and gas lines. Please see that your children stay away from the areas that the contractors are working in.



MOUNTAIN LIONS!!

Over the next few weeks, we'll be wrapping things up with Cub Scouts leading to an Outing.

- May 23 – The Essential Six and SAW skills
- May 30 – Square Foot Hike
- June 6 – Weeny Roast & Water Games
- June 13 – No Cub Scouts
- June 20 – First Aid Kits
- June 27 – Flag Craft
- July 4 – No Cub Scouts
- July 11 – Meet your new Cub Master
- July 18 – Outing & Awards

Cub Scouts meet Thursdays from 5:30 to about 7:00 pm in the Community Room at Jane Frazier Village. These are interactive activities designed for child AND parent teams. Brought to you in partnership with Scouts BSA and Cumberland Housing Authority with funding from The Judy Center.

Class of
2019

Congratulations



SCHOOLS OUT PARTY

Hosted by the Banneker Gardens Resident Council on June 11 starting when school lets out. There will be food and games for all ages of children.

The Banneker Gardens Resident Council invites you to **BINGO NIGHT** on Tuesday June 11th from 6-8. Fun for all ages.

CHANGES TO USE OF BANNEKER COMMUNITY ROOM

Due to some ongoing confusion with the scheduling/reserving the Banneker Gardens Community Room, please note the following:

There will no longer be a Resident Council Sponsored \$50 deposit held at the main office. You will be responsible for providing your own \$50 when you request the room.

As always, we do NOT hold the room for any person/date or time. The room is not on the calendar until you have completed the form (with 2 weeks' notice), submitted your deposit and it has been approved by Property Management. You will be notified if the room is unavailable for the date and time you requested.



Fort Cumberland Homes Resident Council Meeting

Join us for the next meeting on June 27th at 1:30 to welcome our new officers. Your voice is important to us.

Banneker Resident Council Meeting

Join us for the next meeting of the Resident Council on Tuesday June 4 at 1:30 in the Community Room. Your voice is important to us.

Free Summer Lunch Program

FORT CUMBERLAND HOMES
WILL BEGIN ON **JUNE 17TH** ON THE
PLAYGROUND AT NOON. YOU MUST BE SIGNED
UP TO RECEIVE A LUNCH.

As a Reminder....



Swimming pools or any other water based entertainment item of any size are NOT ALLOWED.



GETTING AHEAD

In A
Just-Getting-By World Class

**Ready to make a change?
Trying and nothing happens?
Think no one cares?**

Part 1: 4 Weeks

Day/Time: Tuesdays/9:00-11:00 AM

Dates: July 2nd - July 23rd, 2019

Location: Gateway Church, 401 West Industrial Blvd.,
Cumberland, MD

- OR -

Part 1: 4 Weeks

Day/Time: Tuesdays/9:00-11:00

Dates: September 3rd - 23rd, 2019

Location: Wesley Chapel, Ridgeley, WV

- OR -

Part 1: 4 Weeks

Day/Time: Wednesdays/9:00-11:00

Dates: October 2nd - 23rd, 2019

Location: Downtown YMCA



Transportation & Childcare Available

To register call Pam at (240) 964-8417

SHARE
Your experiences

BUILD
Your resources

CREATE
Your new future



Notice to Cumberland Housing Residents

Public Awareness Program Message Natural Gas Safety Instructions

Natural gas for your appliances is delivered through a jurisdictional natural gas pipeline system. The system is a safe, reliable and efficient way to deliver natural gas for your heating, water heating, cooking, and clothes drying needs. Although safe, tested and regulated, the system's most common hazard is from 3rd party damage from excavation. Before digging or excavations are done, contact Miss Utility at 1-800-257-7777 or 811 and call Cumberland Housing at 301-724-2055. Please read the following safety information:

*Natural gas, like all forms of energy and like many other products found in the home, is capable of doing damage and **MUST** be used properly. Here are some facts everyone should know about gas and gas operated equipment:*

Gas Accidents can be avoided when you follow these safety rules:

1. Teach children that they are not to turn on or light appliances
2. Keep combustibles (curtains, paper, and fluids) away from any open flames.
3. If lighting is required - always light match first and hold it at point of lighting before you turn on gas.
4. Keep burning surface clean of dirt, match ends, grease, etc.
5. Repair and installation is a job for experts. Never attempt to do it yourself.
6. Use equipment for the job it was intended to do - for example, an oven should NOT be used to heat a room.

Your senses can help you to discover a gas leak.....

>SMELL: A distinctive odor has been added to natural gas so that less than 1% of gas in the air can be detected.

>SIGHT: In some appliances you can see the flame so you know it is working.

>TOUCH: With some appliances you can feel overheating or cold in the burner area which would indicate trouble.

> HEARING: If the flame sounds unusually noisy, it may not be burning properly.


If you smell gas:

1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS! – Immediately put out all smoking materials and pre-existing open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or fire.
2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY – Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
3. REPORT THE LEAK – From a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call your natural gas supplier right away. If you are unable to reach your natural gas supplier, call 911 or your local fire department.
4. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA - Until your natural gas supplier determines that it is safe to do so.
5. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED - Before you attempt to use any of your natural gas appliances, your natural gas supplier or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak free.



Activities and Events Calendar

June 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 | 3 | 4 <i>Inspect BG 310 to 316</i> | 5 <i>Inspect JFV Bldg 11</i> | 6 JFV Cub Scouts @ 5:30 | 7 Rent Due | 8 |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 <i>Inspect FCH Bldg 6</i> | 13 Exterminator JFV - Bldgs 7-17 JFV Cub Scouts @ 5:30 | 14 Exterminator JFV 1-6 & BG | 15 |
| 16  | 17 Unpaid Rents to be Filed in Court | 18 | 19 | 20 Exterminator - FCH JFV Cub Scouts @ 5:30 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 JFV Cub Scouts @ 5:30 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 | | Notes | | | | |

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<https://www.vertex42.com/calendars/>

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.

JFV - Jane Frazier Village FCH - Fort Cumberland Homes JFK - John F. Kennedy QCT - Queen City Towers Inspect - Preventive Maintenance Insp