



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**

Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for April 2020



Exterminator Schedule

April 2nd Queen City Towers – Morning
John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
April 15th Grande View – Apts.



**Rhonda Roy (JFK) New Resident
Commissioner**

The Mayor and City Council of Cumberland voted to appoint Ms Rhonda Roy (JFK), to the Resident Commissioner seat on The Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Her term will be effective February 4, 2020 through October 31, 2021. Congratulations to Rhonda Roy!



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.

**All Housing Authority Offices
Will Be Closed
Until Further Notice due to
the Coronavirus.**

Rent Payments and any income changes can be placed in the secured drop box if your facility has one. You can also pay your rent at 1st United Bank downtown or at White Oaks. However, you will have to go thru the drive thru as the bank lobbies are closed.

If you need to contact your Property Manager, you can give them a call if you have a question.

As for workorders, only those workorders called in that are considered emergencies, will be completed.

All tenants should remain in their apartment, unless they need to go to the grocery store/drug store or take their dog outside to use the bathroom.

All community rooms/sitting areas are closed until further notice as tenants are not to be congregating in groups.

Tenants are not allowed to let anyone in the building. Have your family members stay at home and have them to call to check on you.



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.

Cancellations of Activities

Everyone is familiar by now with the Coronavirus. We at the Cumberland Housing Group must take reasonable steps to protect the residents and staff from contracting and spreading the virus. Effective immediately:

1. All resident activities are cancelled, except for the food programs.
2. Community Rooms are closed.

A notice about the Coronavirus Disease is posted on each first floor bulletin board. Please take the time to read this posting. Please abide by the rules mandated by the Governor.

Note: The Easter Dinners at John F. Kennedy and Queen City Tower are cancelled.

Attention My Groceries to Go

Due to the Coronavirus, the food program will be handled different for the month of April.

Your April food boxes have already been delivered on Friday 3/20/20. This is for the protection of all the residents. There will be no congregating of residents. This is for the safety of all! We will provide updates as they become available to us.

Attention All Residents For the Protection of ALL

Please remind your visitors and guests that when they enter Queen City Tower or John F Kennedy apartments, they need to remove their hoods or anything covering their faces, so they can be seen. Thank you!

Note: Due to the Coronavirus, Housekeeping inspections have been postponed until further notice.

Resident Council Meetings

Please note that Resident Council Meetings at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy are cancelled until further notice.

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, April 3, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Monday, April 6, 2020, 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, **April 9, 2020**, at scheduled appointment times. Residents who donate the \$7 must be in the community room at your appointment time **on Thursday, April 9, 2020**, to pick up the PAF order or the items will be forfeited.

(Due to the Coronavirus, residents who sign up for PAF will be given appointment times to pick up your order. You are asked to come at the time of your appointment, no sooner. This is to protect all the residents at Queen City Tower. Thank you for your cooperation.)

TEFAP – Free Government Foods

The food will be available for pick up on Wednesday, April 8th after 12 pm. The sooner you pick the food up after 12 pm on the 8th 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. Pay attention to any signs posted where you pick up your food!**

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

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.

