



CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for October 2020



Exterminator Schedule

October 1st Queen City Towers – Morning
 John F. Kennedy – Afternoon

October 21st Grande View – Apts. 101- 217

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

Tenants **must wear a mask** when a housing staff member is in your unit, or you may choose to step outside.

October 6th John F. Kennedy – 8th floor
 October 7th Queen City Tower – 7th floor
 October 20th Grande View - 101,104,105
 106, 211, 212, 213, 214, 217,
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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.

Unemployment Benefits

Have you or are you receiving Unemployment Benefits? If you have not reported this income to your property manager, you need to do so by October 10th. If you have not reported this income, it will result in you paying back rent.

This income will also show up on the Earned Income Verification report provided by HUD when it is ran for preparation of your Annual Recertification.

It is best to report it sooner than later. This goes for any increase of income you may receive.

Grande View Tenants

Rent Payments

Instead of mailing your rent payment into the office, are you aware that you can sign up to have your rent payment taken out of your checking or savings account each month. You can get the form from Kelly Beeman to sign up for this option.

Once you are signed up, all you have to do is leave your rent money in your account and on the 5th of each month, your rent payment will electronically be taken out of your account thru the ACH process.

OR

You can pay your rent online with a Credit Card/Debit Card.

Go to our website: www.cumberlandhousing.org and simply click on the "PAY HERE" button. You must have your account number which is found on your rent statement.

A lot of tenants at our other sites have taken advantage of these options. They like not having to go out and get a money order or writing out a check each month.

Exercise Room

As of this time, the Exercise Room will not be opening up anytime soon. If you have any exercise equipment in the room that belongs to you and you want to put it in your apartment, contact Kelly Beeman.

Handicapped Parking

There are limited handicapped parking spaces available and these spaces are not to be reserved.



Disposing of Bulk Items

As a reminder, do not put any bulk items in the dumpster and when placing bulk items for pick up by the dumpsters, please do not block the front of the dumpsters. This prevents the truck from emptying our dumpsters on normal trash removal days, which are Tuesdays and Fridays. Bulk pick up is scheduled every Monday in the very early morning hours. Please make sure your bulk items are by the dumpsters on Sunday nights to avoid having debris in public areas during the week.

Attention JFK & QCT Residents Free Fruit & Veggie Box From the Western Maryland Food Bank

The Ministry of Encouragement of Maryland Church is willing to drop off **five** food boxes at John F. Kennedy and Queen City Tower each week on Thursdays between 10:30 AM and 11:30 AM. This will take place each week as long as they receive the boxes from the food bank. (Some weeks will be missed if they do not have the food boxes at the food bank.) This food is supplied by the farmers, so when their food stops the boxes will stop. There will be a limit of one food box per household. JFK's will be on the first-floor lobby. Queen City Tower's will be on the table in the community room. You will be responsible to pick up your food box on Thursdays on a first come, first take basis. (Note: if you still have fresh produce, please let someone else take the food box. We do not want the same person taking it each week. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.)

Face Masks

Face Masks still **need to be worn** (over your mouth and nose) in all common areas by everyone.

Packages/Mail Delivered

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland is not responsible for any mail/packages delivered to you by any postal carrier. If packages are left downstairs and taken, it is up to you to take action. If the wrong mail is put in your box, mark it as "person does not live here" and put it in out going mail, not the office! Thank you.



***The Cumberland Housing Group will be closed
on Monday, October 12th in celebration of
Columbus Day!***

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.

Do you need help in getting your **Stimulus Check** (Also known as Economic Impact Payment/EIP)?

You can contact the following:

- United Way's 211 Economic Impact Payment Helpline (844) 322-3639
- Operates 24/7 with live agents available 10:00 AM–6:00 PM ET M-F through October 15, 2020. GetYourRefund.org
- A mobile-friendly website that helps individuals decide whether they would benefit from filing a full tax return or just signing up for the stimulus payment.
- Clients can chat with a VITA-certified tax preparer to discuss their options and help them complete the process.
- The website will be available through October 15, 2020.

Eligible individuals have until October 15, 2020 to file for their EIP to receive the payment **this year**.

FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Wednesday of every month
(Next one will be on
October 21, 2020).
Time: 2 pm to 4 pm.

St. John's Lutheran Church.
Located in the church parking lot.
400 Arch Street, Cumberland
Questions: call 301-724-7250
stjohnscumberland@gmail.com
www.stjohnscumberland.com
All Maryland Residents Eligible!

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.



UPMC Western Maryland Financial Assistance Information for Patients

UPMC Western Maryland appreciates the opportunity to serve your health care needs. The following information will help you understand what financial assistance options may be available to you.

UPMC Western Maryland is committed to providing outstanding patient care through clinical innovation, research, and education. UPMC Western Maryland is a not-for-profit tax-exempt entity with a charitable mission of providing medically necessary health care services to residents of the communities we serve, regardless of their financial status and ability to pay.

Financial assistance is available for patients with limited or no health insurance who cannot afford to pay their hospital or medical bills. To be considered for financial assistance, patients must:

1. Provide all necessary financial information.
2. Apply for all available federal government programs (example: Medicare/Medical Assistance).

If you have a financial reason why you cannot pay for services, please apply to the UPMC Western Maryland Financial Assistance Program for help. We will look into all available programs to help you pay for the services you receive.

To apply, go to <https://www.wmhs.com/patients-and-visitors/patients/financial-assistance> or call us at: **1-240-964-8435**. Financial counselors are available to help you with any questions and walk you through the application process.

Thank you for choosing UPMC Western Maryland.



My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the "My Groceries to Go" program need to be home on Thursday, October 8, 2020. John F. Kennedy's food box will arrive to your door around 9 AM and Queen City Tower's food box will arrive to your door around 2 pm. You must sign for your food box. If you have any questions you can call 301-783-1752.

National Night Out Against Crime Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Meet with the Cumberland Police Department
South Penn Elementary 5:00 – 6:00 pm
Braddock Middle School 6:45 – 8:00 pm

Get to know the City Police Officers. Bike Patrol, Police Car, K-9 Unit, CERT Vehicle, Ambulance and Fire Truck will be on site for you to look at and ask questions. Refreshments provided by the Salvation Army and others. Face Mask are Required.

Crime Solvers Tip Line

301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com