



# Monthly Newsletter for February 2021

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING  
GROUP**



## Exterminator Schedule

February 11<sup>th</sup> Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17

February 12<sup>th</sup> Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6 & Banneker Gardens

February 18<sup>th</sup> River Bend Court

*All Cumberland Housing Group  
Offices Will Be Closed **February 15th**  
for President's Day!*

## Rent and Utility Allowance Rate Schedule Effective April 1, 2021

The Housing Authority is required by HUD to annually review and adjust the flat rents and ceiling rents. Flat rents are designed to mirror the HUD Fair Market Rents (FMR's) for this area which are established annually by HUD based upon local rental amounts charged. HUD does provide us an exemption which allows us to set our rates at 80% of HUD's FMR's for this area.

The Rent and Utility Allowance Rate Schedule was approved by the Board on January 20, 2021. The Rate Schedule is posted in each development and on the website for review.

You will be advised at your next Annual Re-Certification of what your new rent will be.



## Jane Frazier Residents

Yes, it's cold outside. But you must still maintain the outside area of your unit. Please remove all items from the top of your sheds. The top of your shed cannot be used to store items.

## Crime Solvers Tip Line

301-722-4300

[www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com](http://www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com)

## 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.



**IMPORTANT!!**

Update your phone number and email address with our office. It is very important that we are able to contact you. There are many reasons that we may need to talk to you. It could be rent related, lease related or even an emergency situation.

Our offices are still currently closed. However, we are here to assist you via phone, email, drop box, USPS, etc.

Main Office: 301-724-6606  
housing@cumberlandhousing.org  
Maintenance: 301-724-2055  
Security: 301-724-2764

**News Concerning Coronavirus Vaccinations**

Coronavirus vaccinations have begun rolling out to the Marylanders who need them the most. Both coronavirus vaccines approved for use — one made by Pfizer and the other by Moderna — require two doses, with the second dose due a couple of weeks after the first. Maryland is rolling out the vaccine in phases. Maryland is giving vaccines to people in Phase 1A, a group that includes health care workers, nursing home residents and first responders.

Phase 1B will include all Marylanders over 75, educators, special needs group homes, high-risk inmates, individuals with developmental disabilities, individuals needed for the continuity of government. Vaccines are expected to be available for these 860,000 individuals beginning now.

Phase 1C will include Marylanders 65 to 74 years of age and workers in additional critical sectors. Phase 2 will include essential utility workers and Marylanders 16 to 64 years old who are at an increased risk of severe illness.

However, officials have warned that at the current pace of production and distribution, it may be several months before the vaccines are available to the general public.



**COVID19**

There is a phone line that anyone is free to call to talk to a nurse and understand what they should do if they have concerns about the virus. That number is **301-759-5000**. They can help evaluate if someone needs testing, where to go for that testing, give information about the virus, and give guidelines for what to do at home to stay safe/healthy. Feel free to refer folks to this phone line. COVID19 is still active in our community, so continue to take all precautions.

**FREE COVID TESTING**

The Allegany County Health Department offers ongoing COVID-19 testing at the **Allegany County Fairgrounds**. The hours for this free drive-thru testing are 2 to 7 p.m. on Mondays and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Other COVID Testing**

Advanced Medical Care on 1050 E. Industrial Blvd. is offering COVID testing on the days not covered above — Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturday and Sunday from 8 am to 6 pm. They do bill your insurance. For addition information you can call 240-964-9300. It is best to give them a call before you go.

**FOOD GIVEAWAY!**

Third Wednesday of every month in the parking lot.

(Next one will be on February 17, 2021).

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](mailto:stjohnscumberland@gmail.com)

[www.stjohnscumberland.com](http://www.stjohnscumberland.com)

All Maryland Residents are Eligible!

**Paying your rent online is EASY!**

Go to [cumberlandhousing.org](http://cumberlandhousing.org) and click on the "Click here to make an online payment" tab. No need to leave home, go to the bank or get a ride to one of our offices. And no need for the hassle of buying money orders, envelopes or stamps.



# HELP!



Does tax time **STRESS** you out?  
KEEP YOUR ENTIRE REFUND FOR YOURSELF and let the trained staff at  
HRDC prepare your taxes for FREE!

If you worked in 2020 and earned up to the amounts listed below for your household type,  
you are eligible for an **EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT**.

Children raised by worker:	Earned up to:	Married Filing Jointly:	Earned Income Credit up to:
3 or more children	\$50,594	\$56,844	\$6,660
2 children	\$47,440	\$53,330	\$5,920
1 child	\$41,756	\$47,646	\$3,584
No children in household*	\$15,820	\$21,710	\$538

\*Workers who are not raising children must be between the ages of 25 and 64 to be eligible for the EITC.

\*Investment income of less than \$3,650 for the year

**HRDC's** trained staff will ensure all eligible households receive this credit  
while preparing their tax returns for **FREE!!!**

To ensure the safety of our staff and clients during the 2021 tax season, **ALL** of our tax  
sites will operate on an **APPOINTMENT ONLY** basis and masks will be required;  
drop-off appointments will be available at HRDC's main office on 125 Virginia Ave,  
Cumberland.

*We will not be able to serve those without an appointment.*

**CALL 301-783-1800 for more information**



**Cumberland- 125 Virginia Avenue**

*Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6-9 pm*

*Saturdays: 10am-2pm*

### **Put your Tax Refund to Good Use**

Join many other residents and pay your rent ahead by one month to avoid late charges and court costs and pay off any repayment agreements for maintenance charges or back rent that you owe to the Housing Authority. This will save you money in the future.

### **Are You a Victim of Domestic Violence?**

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### **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.

