



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for October 2021

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Preventive Maintenance “UNIT” Inspections

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

October 7 th	John F. Kennedy – 8 th Floor
October 14 th	Queen City Tower - 7 th Floor
October 29 th	Grande View – Apts. 101, 104, 105, 106, 211, 212, 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.

Exterminator Schedule

October 7 th	Queen City Towers – Morning
October 7 th	John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
October 20 th	Grande View – Apts. 101 - 217

Notice of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland is required to annually hold a public hearing regarding any changes to the goals, objectives, and policies of the public housing agency plan and its Capital Fund 5-Year Action Plan. Information related to any proposed changes as well as the Action Plan is available for review at the Central Office of the Cumberland Housing Group located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland or any of our staffed site offices during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, (except Holidays) or at <https://www.cumberlandhousing.org/about-public-housing>. A public hearing will be held on November 4, 2021 at 10:00 AM, at the Jane Frazier Village Community Room connected to the Central Office. Public comments can be submitted to our office prior to the hearing or voiced at the hearing.

Note: These plans are not applicable to River Bend Court or its tenants.

Fire Prevention Month

“Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen”

Did you know cooking is the No.1 cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

Tips:

- Keep cooking areas clear of clutter, especially those materials which can ignite - - such as oven mitts, dish towels, wooden utensils, and food packaging.
- Always keep a lid close by in case a grease fire starts when frying, so that you can slide the lid over the pan and smother the flame.
- Do not wear loose fitting clothing while cooking and do not cook if you are drowsy.
- Do not leave your food unattended when you are cooking.
- Use a timer when cooking.
- Teach your grandchildren or children how to properly handle pot handles, hot foods and liquids.
- Use oven mitts or pot holders to handle hot pans or dishes.
- Keep small kids and pets away from the stove when cooking.

The Cumberland Housing Group Offices will be closed on Monday, October 11 - Columbus Day!

Effective Immediately

All tenants and visitors must wear a face mask while in all common areas – vaccinated or unvaccinated. This includes the lobbies, hallways, elevators, community rooms, TV rooms, laundry rooms, trash rooms, balconies, and hallway by the mailboxes. You must have an appointment or make an appointment to come to the office. All residents and guests must wear a face mask while in the offices. If you have any COVID symptoms, please let us know prior to coming to your appointment. Call Queen City Tower at 301-722-7977 or call John F. Kennedy at 301-724-1544 to schedule an appointment.



Attention Residents - Bible Study
Cumberland Community Church

Due to the recent flare up of COVID in our community, the Bible Study may be cancelled in October. If the meetings are cancelled, we will post a sign on the first-floor bulletin board. As for right now, the Cumberland Community Church has decided to have a "Meet and Greet" meeting on Saturday, October 16th at 6:30 pm for the residents at John F. Kennedy. All residents are welcome to attend. (Queen City Tower already had their "Meet and Greet" on 9/4/21 at 6:30 pm.)

Tentative Bible Study Meetings for October are as follows:

Queen City Tower – Saturday, October 9th at 6:30 pm
John F Kennedy – Saturday, October 16th at 6:30 pm
Queen City Tower – Saturday, October 23rd at 6:30pm
John F Kennedy – Saturday, October 30th at 6:30 pm

All residents and guests are welcome to attend.

Resident Council Meetings

Due to the recent flare up of COVID in our community, the Resident Council Meetings at QCT and JFK were cancelled in September. We will post a sign on the first-floor bulletin board and let you know if the meetings will be cancelled in October. Please look for the sign.

Tentative Resident Council Meetings:

Queen City Tower – Thursday, October 14th at 3 pm
John F. Kennedy – Wednesday, October 20th at 3 pm

As many of you know, we have not had our Resident Council meetings since before the COVID-19 pandemic. We need to take a look at our Resident Council, see when we need to have elections, and get involved with our communities to make it better for all of us. Please be patient with us as we try to get back on track in the October Resident Council Meeting. Some of you are new residents. We hope you will attend your Resident Council meetings because we value your input and attendance. To all of you who have been here for some time...we encourage you to attend as well. We hope that this year and the new year will bring better days to all of us. We hope that all of you will be committed to attend your Resident Council Meetings.

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!**

COVID-19 Information

To get the latest on the COVID-19 Vaccine, call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999.

There is free drive through COVID-19 testing Mondays, from 2 pm to 7 pm, and Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 am to 2 pm at the Allegany County Fairgrounds, 11400 Moss Avenue, Cumberland, Maryland.

My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the "My Groceries to Go" program need to be home on Thursday, October 7, 2021. 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.

FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Wednesday of every month
in the parking lot.
(Next one will be on October 20, 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
All Maryland Residents are 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.

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.

Crime Solvers Tip Line

301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimeslovers.com

To report **suspected Drug Activity**, leave an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660.

Paying your rent online is EASY!

Go to 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.

MUST READ

The US national **moratorium on evictions ENDED on Aug. 26** after a 6-3 vote by the Supreme Court. Once the moratorium ends, **tenants are expected to pay back rent**. If you are in need of assistance, please

call:

HRDC:

301-783-1889

DSS-Resource Management Team:

301-784-7000

Or call the main office for an application for assistance.

In October, we will begin filing courts for the total amount due of unpaid tenant rent, as regulations allow.

