



CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for November 2021

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.

November 4 John F. Kennedy – 9th Floor
November 16 Grande View – Apts. 102,325,327,329,330,333

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

November 4th Queen City Towers – Morning
November 4th John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
November 17th Grande View – Apts. 218-335

Medicare’s Open Enrollment Begins October 15th

You can enroll in Medicare health and drug plans from October 15 – December 7. Make sure to check your mail because you may get important notices from Medicare or Social Security. If you are in a Medicare plan, you’ll get an Annual Notice of Changes telling you of any changes in coverage, costs, or service area. **(Be careful about giving any information out over the phone because this is the time when insurance companies and others start calling. You need to protect yourself from Medicare fraud).** Think about your Medicare coverage needs for 2022. Review your current Medicare coverage and note any upcoming changes to benefits or costs. If your current coverage meets your needs, you do not need to take any action to keep what you currently have. Make sure you review your 2022 “Medicare and You” handbook because it has information about Medicare coverage and Medicare plans in your area. Preview 2022 health and prescription drug plans by logging into [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov). You can do a personalized search and create a Medicare account. You can compare your current Medicare plan to others, and see prices based on any help you get with drug costs. You can also call Medicare for assistance by calling 1 (800) 633-4227. You can get personalized help in your community by calling your State Health Insurance Assistance Program at HRDC, phone 301-783-1710.

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.

COLA Increase 2022 for Social Security and SSI Recipients

The federal government announced on October 13, 2021, that the Social Security Cost of Live Adjustment (COLA) for 2022 will be 5.9%. Social Security recipients will receive a notice in the mail in early December showing their new benefit amount. Recipients will see an increase in their January 2022 payment. Those receiving SSI will see the increase on December 31, 2021.

Please **report** your **increase** to your property managers as soon as you get your statement of increase.



Attention Residents - Bible Study

Cumberland Community Church

The Bible Study at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy are open to all residents and guests and will be held in the community rooms. You must wear a face mask and practice social distancing. If for any reason the Bible Study is canceled it will be posted on the first-floor bulletin board at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy.

The Bible Study for November is as follows:

Queen City Tower – Saturday, November 6th at 6:30 pm

John F Kennedy – Saturday, November 13th at 6:30 pm

Queen City Tower – Saturday, November 20th at 6:30pm

John F Kennedy – Saturday, November 27th at 6:30 pm.

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!**

Residents must wear a face mask and practice social distancing at all Resident Council Meetings. If for some reason the Resident Council Meeting should be canceled, it will be posted on the first-floor bulletin board.

Resident Councils will be held as following:

Queen City Tower - Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 3 pm in the Community Room. (Not the 11th because it is Veteran's Day.)

John F. Kennedy – Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 3 pm in the community room.

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.

My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the “My Groceries to Go” program need to be home on Thursday, November 4, 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 November 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

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-mineralcountycrimesolvers.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.

The Cumberland Housing Group will be **closed** on Thursday, November 11th for **Veterans Day**. We would like to thank all of our Veterans for your service to our Country. We will also be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the **Thanksgiving Holiday**.

Happy Thanksgiving

