



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for February 2022

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Exterminator Schedule

February 3 rd	Queen City Towers – Morning
February 3 rd	John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
February 16 th	Grande View – 101 - 217

All Cumberland Housing Group offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2022, to celebrate Presidents' Day.



Happy Groundhog Day!
Hope he predicts that

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

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

February 3 rd	John F. Kennedy	11 th Floor
February 9 th	1034 Frederick Street	
February 15 th	Grande View	103, 215, 216, 221, 322, 324, 332, 334 and 335

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.

Grande View Residents

As a reminder, there is no assigned parking. If you have cleaned out a space to park your vehicle after it snows, unfortunately, you may not get that spot back. Parking is 1st come; 1st served.

John F. Kennedy Residents RAD Update

The renovations scheduled to begin in March has now been delayed until July or August.

Does tax time stress you out?

Let the trained staff at **HRDC** prepare your taxes for **FREE & KEEP YOUR ENTIRE REFUND FOR YOURSELF!**

HRDC's trained staff will ensure all eligible households receive eligible tax credit while preparing their tax returns for **FREE!!! CALL 301-783-1800 for more information.**

To ensure the safety of our staff and clients during the 2022 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. Call 301-783-1800 to schedule your appointment. **HRDC will not be able to serve those without an appointment.**

Rent and Utility Allowance Rate Schedule Effective April 1, 2022

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 19, 2022. 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.

Queen City Tower and JFK Residents

When it snows, please wait for maintenance to clear sidewalks and walkways before going out. Compacted snow turns to ice and causes injuries. **DO Not Go Out Until Maintenance Has Cleared and Plowed.** Thank you!



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Maintenance Department
24 Hour Emergency Service
301-724-2055
Will only reach the Maintenance Department

Reminder: For After Hours Emergency, call the Maintenance Dept. 301-724-2055.

Not the Management Office

www.cumberlandhousing.org



Attention Residents - Bible Study
Cumberland Community Church

The Bible Study at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy is open to all residents and guests. This will be held every other Saturday at 6:30 pm in the community room and will end at 7:30 pm. 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 schedule for January is as follows:

John F Kennedy – Saturday, February 5th
Queen City Tower – Saturday, February 12th
John F Kennedy – Saturday, February 19th
Queen City Tower – Saturday, February 26th
Time: 6:30 to 7:30 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 – It was voted in the December meeting to **stop** all Resident Council Meeting until the viruses are under control in our community.
John F. Kennedy – **Wednesday, February 16th**, 2022, 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.

Use this link to get free COVID tests delivered to your home: <https://covidtests.gov/>

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.

For the safety of all.....

Residents who have been diagnosed with COVID need to quarantine and follow the COVID guidelines. Please do not expose other residents and staff. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Free Test Kits Available Online

Go to <https://special.usps.com/testkits> and have them sent to you for free. (Can order up to 4.)



My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the "My Groceries to Go" program need to be home on Thursday, February 3, 2022. 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 February 16, 2022).
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.

Face Masks

This is a reminder that all staff, residents, and guests still have to wear face masks in all common areas. Please call and schedule any appointments you may need with the manager or service coordinator. Thank you for your cooperation.

