



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for July 2022

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Preventive Maintenance Inspections

July 1st John F. Kennedy – 5th Floor
July 7th Queen City Tower – 4th Floor

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. Entry is **MANDATORY** in order to do Inspections as well as repairs. Please continue to call the Maintenance Department (301) 724-2055 with any deficiencies even if your inspection is scheduled in the near future.

JFK Residents

The Cumberland Housing Group was scheduled to begin renovation activities of the building in August. However, the effects of COVID and the related struggles with getting staff back in the office at the State Housing agency has been grueling. At this point we do not know when the renovations will begin but we are pretty sure it will not be August 2022. As soon as we have a firm date, we will advise you and will have a final meeting to discuss the overall planned activities.

It's the Law!

With the warmer weather and longer days, please remember that Cumberland has an open container law, which means no open alcoholic beverages can be consumed outdoors, on our properties or in the common areas of our buildings.

July Quote

No one can take away my freedom to choose how I will react. – Victor Frank

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (Speak positive words today! Encourage your neighbor! Encourage yourself!)

Exterminator Schedule

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



All offices of the Cumberland Housing Group will be closed on Monday, July 4th in celebration of Independence Day.

Parking @ JFK and Queen City Tower

John F Kennedy

Parking at JFK is designated. If you have a vehicle, please see Lorri Wharton, Property Manager, to get an assigned parking space, and numbered tag. Please make sure that your family members, visitors, and guests do not park in any numbered spaces. They will risk being towed. There are 4 spaces marked for guest parking on the lot, as well as short term parking in the front of JFK. Parking out front is not for overnight parking. Remember all guests need to sign in on the guest sheet by the elevators.

Queen City Tower

Parking at QCT is not designated, and is on a first come first available basis.

Copy of Registration Cards

If you are a tenant and own a vehicle, you must give a copy of your registration card and proof of insurance to the main office at your development.



COVID – 19 Information

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

The Allegany County Health Department continues to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations for individuals ages 12 and older at the Allegany County Fairgrounds from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointment is needed for first and second doses of Moderna vaccine (ages 18+) and first, second, and booster doses of Pfizer vaccine (ages 12+). Appointments are recommended for the Moderna booster vaccine and individuals may schedule an appointment by visiting <http://health.maryland.gov/allegany> and clicking on the preferred clinic date.

For assistance registering for an appointment, county residents can call the COVID-19 call center at 240-650-3999. COVID-19 vaccines and boosters are also widely available at local pharmacies, urgent care clinics, and some primary care providers.

Free drive-thru COVID-19 testing is still being offered at the Allegany County Fairgrounds (11400 Moss Ave, Cumberland) on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Queen City Tower Prayer Group and Game Night

The QCT Prayer Group will be held on Tuesday, July 5th and Tuesday, July 19th from 2 pm to 3 pm in the community room. All residents and guests are invited to attend. Patricia Bane is in charge of the group.

Game Night at QCT will be held on Sunday, July 3rd, Sunday, July 17th and Sunday, July 31st from 6 pm to 8 pm. In the community room. All residents and guests are invited. Patricia Bane and Jeff Steele are in charge of Game Night.

Attention Residents - Bible Study Cumberland Community Church

Bible Study will **not** be held in July and August of 2022. We will be starting the Bible Study back up in September at both John F Kennedy and Queen City Tower. It will be posted in the newsletter.

Resident Council Meetings

Resident Councils at both Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy will **not** be meeting during July and August. The next scheduled Resident Council meeting will be held at John F. Kennedy on Wednesday, September 21st at 3 pm. The next scheduled Resident Council Meeting for Queen City Tower will be held on Thursday, September 8th at 3 pm. The Resident Councils hope that all the tenants have a wonderful summer.

My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the “My Groceries to Go” program need to be home on Thursday, July 14, 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 Thursday of every month
in the parking lot.

(Next one will be on July 21, 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-](http://www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com)

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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. Simply follow the instructions. 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.

50/50 Tickets for Sale

Margaret Petruccy from JFK and Joe Miller from Queen City Tower will be selling 50/50 tickets in July and August. The drawing will be done at the September Resident Council Meetings. 50% goes to the winner and 50% goes to Resident Council Events.



Risk Control Policy

The Cumberland Housing Group considers the safety of its residents, its staffers, and other members of the public who come in contact with its facilities or services to be of utmost importance. The Cumberland Housing Group will not tolerate unsafe acts or conditions created by its staffers or tenants. It is a positive responsibility of the Cumberland Housing Group staffers and tenants to bring any and all unsafe conditions promptly to the attention of management. All concerned are expected to adhere to the safety rules and procedures relevant to their employment or residency responsibilities, including such matters as safe driving, proper use of equipment and appliances, and adequate supervision of and concern for small children. Fulfillment of safety responsibilities should be considered in the performance evaluation of each Cumberland Housing Group staffer. The Cumberland Housing Group commits to make every effort to comply with all local, state and federal safety and health regulations and to enforce the policies and procedures set forth in its own Risk Control Guide and related health and safety plans.

Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price. The Affordable Connectivity Program is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

Who Is Eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program?

A household is eligible for the Affordable Connectivity Program if the household income is at or below 200% of the [Federal Poverty Guidelines](#), or if a member of the household meets at least *one* of the criteria below:

Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;

- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing low-income internet program;
- Participates in one of these assistance programs:
 - The National School Lunch Program or the School Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - WIC
 - Veterans Pension or Survivor Benefits
 - or [Lifeline](#);
- Participates in one of these assistance programs and lives on [Qualifying Tribal lands](#):
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - Tribal TANF
 - Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations
 - Tribal Head Start (income based)

Apply Now

1. Go to [AffordableConnectivity.gov](#) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
2. Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must **both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.**

How Does the ACP Protect Consumers?

FCC rules protect Affordable Connectivity Program recipients by:

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- Empowering consumers to choose the service plan that best meets their needs (including a plan they may already be on);
- Ensuring consumers have access to supported broadband services regardless of their credit status;
- Prohibiting providers from excluding consumers with past due balances or prior debt from enrolling in the program;
- Preventing consumers from being forced into more expensive or lower quality plans in order to receive the ACP;
- Ensuring that consumers are not liable for early termination fees;
- Reducing the potential for bill shock or other financial harms;
- Allowing ACP recipients to switch providers or broadband service offerings; and
- Providing [a dedicated FCC process for ACP complaints](#).
- **Get More Consumer Information**

Check out the Affordable Connectivity Program online by going to [Consumer FAQ for more information about the benefit](#).

Which Internet Service Providers Are Participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program?

Various internet providers, including those offering landline and wireless internet service, are participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program. [Find internet service providers](#) offering the benefit in your state or territory.

Need Help With the ACP?

If you need to talk to someone about your eligibility or application status, call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575.

The above information is taken directly from the following website:

<https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers>

Please see below some of the Maryland Service Providers participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program:

Assurance Wireless

AT&T

Breezeline

Boost Mobile

Cintex Wireless

Cricket Wireless

Metro by T-Mobile

Q Link Wireless

US Connect Wireless

A full list of the Maryland Service Providers will be posted for a short time on the bulletin boards at Queen City Tower and John F. Kennedy.

REAC Inspections

We are happy to announce that we passed the REAC Inspections. Thank You for your cooperation, for any tenants that were home when the Inspector came to your apartment,

8th National Night Out Against Crime

Kick-Off Event

Monday, August 1st Constitution Park

6:00 - 8:00 pm - Free Swim

With a Live Band

Movie begins at dusk.

Tuesday, August 2nd

5:00 - 8:00 pm

Somerville Avenue

Street Activities and Vendors

Need a Laugh!

What did the baby corn say to its mom? *“Where is popcorn?”*

Why did the teddy bear say no to dessert? *Because she was stuffed.*

Do fish go on vacation? *No, because they’re always in school.*

What do you call a snowman in July? *A puddle.*

What has four wheels and flies? *A garbage truck.*

Why can’t you tell a joke to an egg? *It might crack up!*

