

Monthly Newsletter

For September 2022





Exterminator Schedule

September 8 th	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
September 9 th	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6 &
	Banneker Gardens
September 15 th	River Bend Court
September 20 th	1034 Frederick Street

Jane Frazier Village Residents

We are having a problem with cars parking on the street and blocking access to the handicap ramps. These are colored yellow and are the only places for walking assistance devices to access the sidewalks. Please do not block these areas!

Furthermore, as reminder, you are NOT ALLOWED to park along Second Street by the sidewalk where buildings 1 thru 6 are located.

Violators will be towed at their expense.

Playgrounds

The Office has received complaints of kids still being on the playgrounds at 10:00 pm or even later. They are loud and those tenants nearby are trying to sleep.

Cumberland Housing Group maintains a playground at each family development for the use of residents in the leased premises. **All playgrounds close at dark**. Residents, children and guests are not permitted to occupy these areas after dark.

Expungement Clinic

Do you have a criminal record in Maryland? You may be eligible for an expungement. Expungement Clinic, September 30th, 1 to 3:30 pm American Job Center 138 Baltimore Street Cumberland, Maryland 21502 Refreshments provided! For non-legal questions about the event, please call the Job Center at 301-777-1221.

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

September 7thJane Frazier Village Bldg. 9September 12thRiver Bend Court Bldg. 12September 13thJane Frazier Village Bldg. 12

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.

Notice of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland is required to annually hold a public hearing regarding any <u>changes</u> to the goals, objectives, and policies of the public housing agency 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 during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, (except Holidays) or at <u>www.cumberlandhousing.org</u>. A public hearing will be held on November 3, 2022 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.

> The Cumberland Housing Group Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5, 2022 in observance of Labor Day!

Paying your rent online is EASY!

Go to <u>cumberlandhousing.org</u> 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



Literacy Night is Back Ages 0 – 5 years old & parents must be present.

Jane Frazier Office across from the Community Center

September 12th 4:30 – 5:30

Story Time Activity Snack & You get to take home a FREE book.



Boys and Girls Club After School Program

Jane Frazier Community Room Monday thru Friday 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Help with homework, games, crafts and snacks are provided.

Y Family Center Playgroup **Birth to 4 years old**

JFV Community Room Wednesday, September 7th 11-12 Wednesday, September 21st 11-12

Enjoy a craft, a free book, snack and monthly giveaways!

Courage is not the towering oak that sees storms come & go; it is the fragile blossom that opens in the snow. *Alice Mackenzie Swain*



Front Row: Nancy Bridges, Tammy Marlin, and Brenda Sears. **Back Row:** Amanda Brown, and Kyra Barger, Property Manager

River Bend Court participated in a summer lunch program provided by the Emmanuel Parish Church in Cumberland Md.

Volunteer Tenants from River Bend Court passed out the lunches to families at the property all summer. This was a great chance for the remaining RAD conversion tenants to meet the newer tenants at River Bend Court.

These women also made a plan to put the remaining lunches to great use! Every day after they passed out the lunches, the remaining lunches were taken to the local mission.

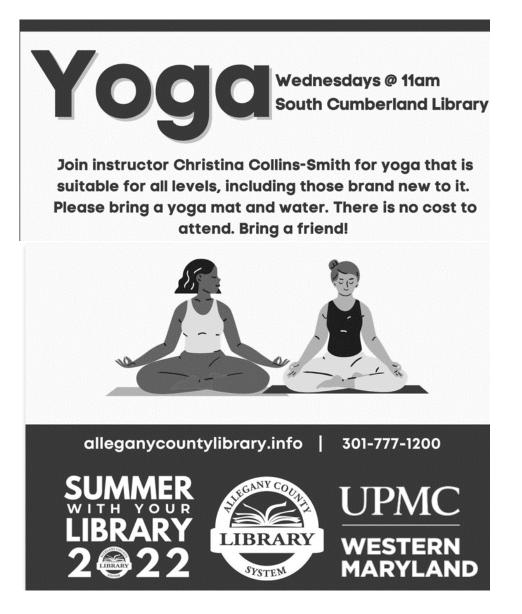
The kids have benefited extremely, and because of this

the kids who once tormented the residents has decrease dramatically. As we all know, it takes a village to raise a child.

These ladies have had discussions about building the resident council and they want to reach out to all the tenants to begin building a stronger community.

This small gesture gave tenants a reason to speak to one another and build trust with each other. Since then, they have also built a wonderful contacting tree to inform each other of issues or other fun events such as walking together.

We are super proud of these women and have encouraged them to continue building their community!



FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Thursday of every month in the parking lot. (Next one will be on September 15, 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



Hope Station Wellness & Recovery Fresh Produce Friday, September 23rd 11 am – until supplies last. Sponsored by The Western Maryland Food Bank 632 N. Center Street Cumberland Maryland For more information call 240-362-3152 (Fresh Produce /Bring a bag!)

Go Slow Fentanyl is here. Have a plan. Fentanyl acts fast. Be careful.

Most fatal overdoses in Maryland involve fentanyl. For help with substance use or mental health, call 211 and press 1. If an emergency call 911.

The Go Slow campaign was created by Bmore POWER with support from Behavioral Health System Baltimore, the John Hopkins Center for Communication Programs and Mission Media. To learn more about the process for creating Go Slow, read – *Go Slow: Baltimore's Peer-Led harm Reduction Campaign.*

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.

Crime Solvers Tip Line 301-722-4300 www.allegany-mineralcountycrimeslovers.com

To report **suspected drug activity**, leave an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660.



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 <u>Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>, 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 <u>Lifeline;</u>
 - 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) wo Steps to Enroll

Apply Now

- 1. Go to <u>AffordableConnectivity.gov</u> 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:

- 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 <u>a</u> dedicated FCC process for ACP complaints.
 Continued on Next Page



More Consumer Information

Check out the Affordable Connectivity Program online by going to <u>Consumer FAQ for more information</u> <u>about the benefit</u>.

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. <u>Find internet service providers</u> 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: <u>https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers</u>

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

Kids Jokes

Why did the cell phone get glasses? Because she lost all her contacts.

How did the mobile phone propose to his girlfriend? He gave her a ring.

What's the most popular video game at the bread bakery? Knead for Speed.

Why is Santa good at karate? He has a black belt.

Where do werewolves buy Christmas gifts? Beast Buy.

What's a math teacher's favorite winter sport? Figure skating.

UPMC Western Maryland – STRESS LESS FOR BETTER HEALTH

"The natural healing force within us is the greatest force in staying well." Hippocrates Learn ways to stay calm amidst chaos by applying breath work, meditation, guided imagery, visualization and movement skills.

8 -Week Journey Mondays / September 12 – October 31

IN-PERSON: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Willowbrook Office Complex Material Management Conference Room, 2nd Floor Registration is Required Call 240-964-8417 This group is hosted by the UPMC Western Maryland Community Health and Wellness



