



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**

Monthly Newsletter

For February 2023



Exterminator Schedule

- February 9th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
- February 10th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6
& Banneker Gardens
- February 16th River Bend Court

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

- February 1st Jane Frazier Village, Bldg 1
- February 2nd 1034 Frederick Street
- February 6th River Bend Court, Bldg 4
- February 7th Jane Frazier Village, Bldg 2
- February 8th Jane Frazier Village, Bldg 13

*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.*

*All Cumberland Housing Group Offices
will be closed on Monday,
February 20th, in celebration of
Presidents' Day!*

Internet Work Order Requests

When using the internet to submit work order requests, please be sure to include your name, a working telephone number, the property where you live and the apartment number. It is becoming increasingly difficult to complete a work order by using the information in your email address only. This has resulted in several work items being missed as your apartment could not be identified. A working telephone number is needed as there could be questions regarding the work that you are requesting.

Extreme Temperatures

With the recent extreme temperatures, here are some important reminders in case of another artic blast:

- In the family developments, leave kitchen cabinet doors open so that the pipes have some heat exposure to keep from freezing.
- Do not block heaters with furniture, curtains, boxes or clothes. Keep several feet of distance from the heater so heat can flow freely.
- Especially in negative temperatures with wind chill factors, if there is heat coming into your apartment, but it is not as much as you prefer, understand that the boilers are doing what they can to keep up. If the heaters are still warm/hot to the touch, there is no need to call Maintenance. Most of our properties operate on a boiler system, which makes both heat and hot water. At some parts of the day, it may seem cooler as the system makes hot water and then switches back to heat.
- If you live at Banneker Gardens, your heating system could run constantly to keep up. The temperature on the thermostat versus what you set it on, may never get to the temperature you desire. Again, the system will do what it can to supply the demand. If the air is warm coming from the vents, the system is working.
- NEVER HEAT YOUR APARTMENT WITH AN OVEN! This can cause severe injury and possible death.
- If you feel you need some added warmth on extremely cold days, you may want to consider purchasing an approved space heater. Your lease addresses the correct type of heater that you can purchase. Make sure there is enough clearance around a space heater when in use, and do not leave it unattended.



Feeding Bodies, Healing Hearts, Souls and Minds



Join us for a free
community luncheon.

Friday, February 10th 11am-2 pm

Allegany County Department of Social Services

1 Frederick Street, Cumberland, MD 21502

Come join us for a chat and chew luncheon with Maryland Wellness, Horizon Goodwill Industries, HRDC, Union Rescue Mission, DSS, ADAC, AHEC-West, Friendship Haven Church, Grace Community Church, and many other vital community service organizations working together to assist those most in need in our community. If you have a need, come join us for free lunch to talk and see how we can help!!

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 301-759-5093 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.



Put your Tax Refund to Good Use

Join many other residents and pay your rent ahead by one month to avoid late charges and court costs and pay off any repayment agreements for maintenance charges or back rent that you owe to the Cumberland Housing Group. This will save you money in the future.

Attention Tenants

Do you like stepping in other people's TRASH? Do you want your child playing on the playground where there is trash/food left from other kids. Probably Not! Next time pick up your trash that falls out of your car on to the ground. Clean up after your child when you are ready to leave the playground. There are trash cans near by and one on each of the playgrounds. (Parents are to always be with their children on the small playground at all times.)

Furthermore, it is your responsibility to keep your yard clean of trash too.



Happy
Groundhog Day!

Pet Policy

1. Policy states that tenants are not allowed to bring an animal on the property until it has been registered through housing.
2. Any tenants that have unregistered animals on our property will receive a lease violation.
3. All tenants **MUST** follow our pet and assistance animal policies.
4. Tenants **MUST** clean up after their pet or assistance animal when they go to the bathroom. This is part of the lease agreement and not following the policy **will result** in a lease violation.

If you have any questions about pets or assistance animals, you may contact our Compliance Coordinator, Shayla Yaeger, at (301) 724-6606, ext. 111.





BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Do you want to sign your child up to be involved in the Boys & Girls Club

After School Program

**It's Free
No Fee to Participate**

Just stop in the Housing Office or Community Center to pick up an application.

All participants MUST have completed application to participate.

River Bend Court

Tuesday & Thursday
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Banneker Gardens

Monday thru Friday
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM

Literacy Night

Next Literacy Night
Jane Frazier

February 13th
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

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

Y Family Center Playgroup

****Birth to 4 years old****

JFV Community Room

February 1st & February 15th
11:00 AM - Noon

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

FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Thursday of every month in the parking lot.
(Next one will be on February 16, 2023)
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, February 24, 2023
10 am until supplies last
632 N. Centre Street
For more information call
240-362-7168

(Fresh Produce, bring your own bag)



George Washington

Presidents' Day – Feb. 20th

Facts:

George Washington is known as the "father of his country." He led the Continental Army to



victory over Britain in the Revolutionary War, allowing America to gain its independence. In 1789, he was elected as the first president of the newly formed United States. Most people know Washington was the first president and recognize his face from the one-dollar bill.

There are some misconceptions about Washington's appearance. He did not have wooden teeth, although he did lose most of his teeth and only had one left when he became President. He wore an uncomfortable and ill-fitting set of dentures made of cow's teeth and hippopotamus ivory.

Washington also never wore a wig, as many think he did. Many men of the day wore wigs, but Washington powdered his own long hair and wore it in a ponytail.



Do Not Expose Others

If you experience any of the symptoms related to COVID (see list below), which presents the same symptoms as a cold/sinus infection, please take a home test to avoid any exposure before leaving your apartment and exposing others. You can take a free covid test (see below) or be tested at the Allegany County Fairgrounds on Mondays from 2 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no out-of-pocket cost to get a test at the site, and appointments and doctors' orders are not required.

Free COVID tests are available by following the website: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>

Symptoms of COVID-19

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported – ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms.

Possible symptoms include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

This list does not include all possible symptoms. Symptoms may change with new COVID-19 variants and can vary depending on vaccination status. CDC will continue to update this list as we learn more about COVID-19. [Older adults](#) and people who have underlying [medical conditions](#) like heart or lung disease or diabetes are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

The listing above was taken from the following website:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

You may be eligible for an *EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT (EITC)* if you worked in 2022 and earned up to the amounts listed for your household type in the chart below:

Children claimed:	Single or HoH Filers:	Married Filing Jointly:	Earned Income Credit up to:
3 or more children	\$53,057	\$59,187	\$6,935
2 children	\$49,399	\$55,529	\$6,164
1 child	\$43,492	\$49,622	\$3,733
No children in household	\$16,480	\$22,610	\$560

If you claim one or more children as part of your earned income credit, each must pass certain tests to qualify:

- *The child can be your son, daughter, adopted child, stepchild, foster child or grandchild. The child also can be your brother, sister, half-brother or half-sister, stepbrother, or stepsister or any of their children (your niece or nephew).*
- *The child must be under 19 at the end of the year and younger than you or your spouse if you're filing jointly, OR the child must be under 24 if he or she was a full-time student. There's no age limit for kids who are permanently and totally disabled.*
- *The child must have lived with you or your spouse in the United States for more than half the year.*

Workers who are not claiming children must be at least 24 years of age to be eligible for the EITC. Investment income of less than \$10,300 for the year.

HRDC trained tax prep staff will also ensure you receive all credits you may be eligible for.

Save your money and let HRDC prepare your taxes for FREE.

Let HRDC's IRS trained staff prepare and e-file your taxes for FREE! CALL 301-783-1800 for more information or to make an appointment.
Cumberland Office – 125 Virginia Avenue
Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturdays – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Masks are optional.

