



## CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

# Tower Gazette

## Monthly Newsletter for February 2023



### Exterminator Schedule

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Queen City Towers – Morning  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> John F. Kennedy – Afternoon  
February 15<sup>th</sup> Grande View 101 - 217

### Preventive Maintenance Inspections

February 2<sup>nd</sup> John F. Kennedy 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
February 7<sup>th</sup> Grande View 103, 215, 261, 221  
February 14<sup>th</sup> Grande View 322, 324, 332, 334, 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. 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.
- 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.

### Grande View, Queen City Towers and John F. Kennedy 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!



## COVID – 19 Information

To get the latest on the COVID-19 Vaccine, call the COVID-19 call the Allegany County Health Department at 240-650-3999.

## Queen City Tower Prayer Group

The QCT **Prayer Group** will be held every Tuesday from 2 pm to 3 pm in the community room. All residents are invited to attend. Jeff Steele is in charge of the group.

## Game Night

Due to popular demand, **Game Night** at QCT will be held every Sunday from 6 pm to 8 pm in the community room. All residents are invited. Jeff Steele is in charge of Game Night.

## Bible Study

Roy Bible will be conducting the Bible Studies.

QCT – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room  
All Residents Welcome!

JFK – Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room  
All Residents Welcome!

## Resident Council Meetings

### Queen City Tower

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm

### John F Kennedy

There will not be a meeting until March 15<sup>th</sup>

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!**

## 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)**



## My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the “My Groceries to Go” program need to be home on Thursday, February 2, 2023. 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 301-783-1755.

## 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!*

## 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.

## 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.*



# 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!!

## 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.

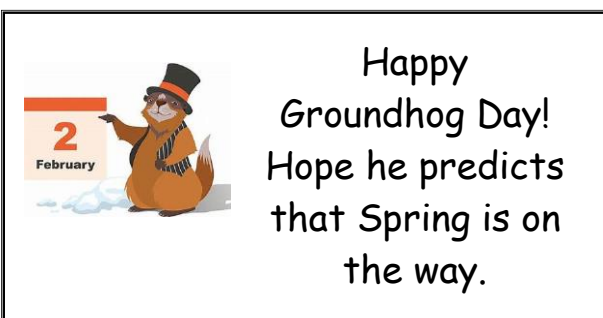
Possible symptoms include:

- 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:

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

## **FREE TAX PREPARATION AND E-FILING SERVICES**

**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.**

