



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**

Monthly Newsletter

For April 2023



Exterminator Schedule

- April 13th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
- April 14th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6
& Banneker Gardens
- April 20th River Bend Court

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

- April 3rd River Bend Court, Bldg. 6
- April 4th Jane Frazier Village, Bldg. 6
- April 12th Banneker Gardens, 302 to 308

*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.*

Free Wi-Fi at Jane Frazier Village

The contract for the Free Wi-Fi expired January 1st and the program did not receive any additional funding to keep it up and running.

Transportation Assistance Grant

If you need a ride to healthcare appointments, agency appointments, out of town specialists, work, job interviews, markets, stores, pharmacy, or any other place to assist you in remaining independent and you can't afford to pay for the ride, please feel free to contact your property manager or contact Jennifer Ensor at the main office at 301-724-6606 ext. 106.

We will see if we can help you with your transportation needs. This will be done on a first come/first serve basis until the grant expires or we run out of money to assist.

*All Housing Authority Offices
Will Be Closed April 7th for Good Friday.
Happy Easter Everyone!*

Pets and Emotional Support Animals

When an animal is not inside the tenant's apartment, the animal must always remain on a leash, including when in a fenced yard. All Tenants must also comply with the City of Cumberland's leash laws and any other ordinances or laws of the City of Cumberland, Allegany County and the State of Maryland that pertain to the keeping and treatment of pets.

Animals shall not be left outside unattended, even when on a leash. Animals shall not be chained or tethered outside unless a Tenant of the unit accompanies the animal.

Additional Rules & Regulations/House Rules

A reminder to all tenants that you have until April 10th to make comments in writing for the changes to replace Addendum #A – Additional Rules and Regulations with House Rules for all Public Housing units. For River Bend Court residents, the House Rules have been revised. This notice was distributed to all tenants on or before March 8th. Public comments can be submitted in writing to any Property Management office by April 10, 2023.

30 Day Tenant Comment Period has started for Changes to our Pet Ownership Policy

The Housing Authority is holding a thirty-day comment period for changes to Pet Ownership Policy, Schedule of Tenant Charges and the wording change from Addendums to Attachments on Public Housing lease (name change only).

The information referenced above is available for review at the Central Office of the Cumberland Housing Group located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland or any of our staffed site offices during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, (except Holidays) or at www.cumberlandhousing.org. Go to Newsroom and go to News Releases and you will find it there – it says in **blue** to click here. Public comments can be submitted in writing to any Property Management office by April 30, 2023.



EASTER EGG HUNT ... APRIL 7TH

Constitution Park 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
For children ages 12 years and younger.

There will be numerous activities including arts & crafts, a petting zoo sponsored by the 4H "Hare Raiser" Club and a visit by the Easter Bunny. You can take your child's picture with the Easter Bunny using your own phone or camera to record the special moment.



Spring Fling ... April 8th

Canal Place Festival Grounds
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Family-friendly event with food, games and music and visit the Easter Bunny. The first 300 kids will receive a goodie bag.

Crime Solvers Tip Line 301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimeslovers.com

To report **suspected Drug Activity**, leave an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660.

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.

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.

Installing Air Conditioners at Jane Frazier Village

As a reminder, when you install your air conditioner this summer it must be properly installed, secured and proper side panels used. Pillows, blankets, bags, cardboard, etc. is not permitted. Also, per the lease, *"bedrooms with only one window at these developments cannot have a window air conditioner at any time due to the fire marshal requirements of that window being used for an emergency exit"*. If you have any questions, please contact your Property Manager.

South Cumberland Library

Check out their website for monthly activities.

www.alleganycountylibrary.info



2023 Playground Safety Poster and
Essay Contest

Sponsored By: Housing Authority
Insurance Group

Each age group will have a
1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner.

- 6 – 8 years old
- 9 – 11 years old
- 12 – 14 years old

All 1st place winners will be submitted to
HAI Group for national judging.

Watch for the flyer that will have the dates and times for the kids to come to the Community Center at their development to make a poster or to write an essay.



**Mini-Market with Western Maryland Food Bank
LaVale Library on National Highway
Tuesday, April 4th - 4:00 pm -6:00 pm**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR YOUR TIME
SLOT: www.alleganycountylibrary.info/myminimarket**

For children ages 5 – 17 years of age. Children will get a unique shopping experience, will receive help choosing foods that are right for them, and leave with foods they enjoy.

FOOD GIVEAWAY!

Third Thursday of every month in the parking lot.

Next one will be on April 20, 2023.

Time: 2 pm to 4 pm.

St. John's Lutheran Church in the parking lot.

400 Arch Street, Cumberland

Questions: call 301-724-7250

All Maryland Residents are Eligible!



Family Literacy Night ... Jane Frazier Village

April 3rd 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Story Time, Activity, Snack &

Each child in attendance will receive a FREE book.



Hope Station Wellness & Recovery

Fresh Produce

Friday, April 23rd --- 10 am until supplies last

632 N. Centre Street

For more information call 240-362-7168.

(Fresh Produce, bring your own bag)

Spring Clean Up

The CHG Maintenance Department is responsible for the care of all common grounds used by the community as a whole. Keeping up the appearance of the development is a job that you and CHG share. Just like the inside of your unit, you are responsible for the care of the yard and walks around your unit. Remember you are renting your apartment with the government subsidizing your rent - therefore keeping your yard clean is a year-round job that is required by the lease in which you signed.

With Summer arriving, it is now time for a major cleanup! The majority of the yards is in pretty good shape and only requires minor care. However, there are several yards that are littered with leaves/trash/dead flowers, etc. and/or cluttered with excessive, non-essential items. These yards detract from the majority of the other resident's yards that are trying to maintain a clean and attractive place to live which is also our goal.

Over the past several years, we have been steadily increasing our efforts in the enforcement of the exteriors. This year will be no exception as we step up our efforts even more. We are going to enforce the lease which states that we "reserve the right to restrict **any** items that are left outside on your porch, patio and/or in your yard". We are going to require all yards to be cleaned up and to continually maintain our standards.

Horizon Goodwill Industries in partnership with the
Department of Social Services and Human Resources
Development Commission presents:

Cut | Cloth | Work!

April 27th from 9 am - 1 pm at

Allegany County DSS

1 Frederick Street, Cumberland, MD

CUT: Join us for free haircuts!

Haircuts will begin at 9 am

CLOTH: Horizon Goodwill provides clothes for the interviews!

Clothing selection will also begin at 9 am

WORK: Last year, 20+ companies were on hand to do on-the-spot interviews:

The Job Fair will be held from 10 am – 1 pm

Learn more by contacting:

Terri Foote at 240-580-5351 or

tfoote@goodwill-hgi.org

Community providers on-site to provide resources on childcare, transportation, education, legal services, and employment

