



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**

Monthly Newsletter

For March 2023



Exterminator Schedule

- March 9th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
- March 10th Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6
& Banneker Gardens
- March 16th River Bend Court & 1034 Frederick St

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

- March 1st Jane Frazier Village, Bldg. 14
- March 6th River Bend Court, Bldg. 8
- March 7th Jane Frazier Village, Bldg. 17
- March 8th Banneker Gardens, 328 to 334
- March 15th Banneker Gardens, 336 to 338 1/2

*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.*

Renew Medicaid or CHIP Coverage!

Starting April 1, 2023, **states will restart yearly Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility reviews.**

This means states will use the information they have to decide if family members still qualify for Medicaid or CHIP coverage. **Most children can still be covered through CHIP.**

If a state needs more information to make a coverage decision, they’ll send a renewal letter in the mail, so it’s important for anyone who has moved that their contact information remains up-to-date.

If you need to report changes you can call the local Health Department Medicaid eligibility number at **301-759-5076.**



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**Tenants at Jane Frazier Village,
River Bend Court and
Banneker Gardens**

The trash cans that are scattered around the property are not for the use of your household garbage. Trash removed from your apartments are to be placed in the dumpsters. If you are putting an entire trash bag into the can, this pertains to you! If the items can be identified as coming from your apartment, you will be charged a removal fee. If your trash bags are left beside the dumpster and not in the actual container, you will be charged. If the dumpster is full, there are more than one option at each property for dumpster use.

Class of 2023

If anyone is graduating this year, submit your name to Jennifer Ensor, 301-724-6606 Ext. 106 Or email her at Jennifer.ENSOR@cumberlandhousing.org

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.

Crime Solvers Tip Line 301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com

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

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Fire Hazard and Prevention Tips for Electric Scooters and Bikes

Multifamily owners, management agents, and residents can do their part to help prevent electric scooter and bike related fires. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recommends following these guidelines:

- Always be present when charging devices using lithium-ion batteries.
- Only use the charger that came with your device.
- Only use an approved replacement battery pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper charging and unplug the device when done.
- Never charge while sleeping.
- Never use these devices with a battery pack that has been modified/reworked by unqualified personnel or with re-purposed or used cells.
- Never throw lithium batteries into the trash or general recycling. Instead, take them to your local battery recycler or hazardous waste collection center.

Youth Photo Boot Camp Self-Exploration through Photography

Allegany Arts Council, 9 N. Center Street
Saturday, March 25th Noon – 1:30 pm

Cost: FREE

Kids 17 and under are invited to attend.

To register, call 301-777-2787 or at
art@alleganyarts.org.

Student photographers will explore how light, and color can be manipulated to change atmosphere and mood of photographs. Participants will use these techniques to create both a traditional and non-traditional portrait using personal items arranged in a still life that represents how the pandemic has had a profound personal impact on them.

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.



Mini-Market with Western Maryland Food Bank South Cumberland Library on Seymour Street

Tuesday, March 28th - 4:00 pm -6:00 pm

PLEASE REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR YOUR TIME SLOT: <https://calendly.com/acls-ali/minimarket>

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 March 16, 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!

Hope Station Wellness & Recovery

Fresh Produce

Wednesday, March 22nd --- 10 am until supplies last
632 N. Centre Street

For more information call 240-362-7168.

(Fresh Produce, bring your own bag)



Need a Birth Certificate?

If you were born after 1940 in Maryland, go to the Allegany County Health Department, 12501 Willowbrook Road Cumberland.
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

- Cost \$20.00 payable by cash, local check, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.
- Certified birth certificates can be acquired within a half hour if all guidelines are met.
- Government issued ID required: valid driver's license, United States Passport, DMV photo ID card, military photo ID.
- NO side view photo ID's, ID's that are expired, cracked, chipped, broken or peeling will not be accepted.
- ID's must include an issue date and an expiration date. If the ID does not include a full middle name, an additional form of ID will be required, such as a Social Security Card.
- There is no fee for a copy of a birth certificate of a current or former armed forces member. Specific documentation is required for the military. Call 301-759-5119 for more information.
- Birth certificates for years prior to 1940 must be requested from the Division of Vital Records, 6550 Reisterstown Road, Baltimore, MD 21215. The fee is \$10.00 when applying to the Baltimore office.

Need a Photo ID?

- The MVA is located at 13300 Winchester Road SW Cumberland. Phone is 410-768-7000.
- Hours of operation are Monday-Wednesday and Friday: 8:30am – 4:30 pm, Thursday 8:30 am – 6:30 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. **You must make an appointment.**
- There are no age requirements to obtain a Maryland identification card.
- Bring proof of identity and date of birth such as a birth certificate or a valid United States Passport.
- Bring 2 documents proving your Maryland residency such as a utility, telephone, cable or satellite bill, property tax bill, MD vehicle registration, vehicle insurance card, checking or savings account statement, residential rental contract, deed or proof of home ownership, mail from a federal, state or local government agency, credit card statement, selective service card. The utility bill, etc. should be within the last 6 months.
- Bring proof of your social security number such as original social security card, recent W-2 or 1099 form or proof of ineligibility. All copies must be original, certified, or true test copies. Be certain that the 1099 contains your full Social Security number.
- Fee is \$15 for younger than 18 years old, \$24 for older than 18 years old. Duplicate cards are \$20. Older than 65 and disabled residents are free.

Need a Social Security Card?

- The Social Security office is located at 217 Glenn Street, Suite 100 in Cumberland close to the Downtown YMCA and the VA clinic. Phone number is 866-964-7409.
- Hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
- Call 1-866-964-7409 from 9 am to 4 pm or 1-800-772-1213 between 7 am and 7 pm, Monday through Friday if you have any questions.
- Documentation you should bring (if available): MVA ID card, Driver's license, medical assistance card, and/ or valid passport.



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Sign your child up to be involved!

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**

**Boys and Girls Club
will be coming back to
Jane Frazier Community Center
Soon!**

Family Literacy Night

Jane Frazier Village

March 13th
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Story Time, Activity, Snack
&

Each child in attendance
will receive a FREE book.



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Attention Residents: Health Right is no longer available.

Many of our residents have been assisted by Allegany Health Right with dental needs over many years. It has definitely helped residents immensely with dental needs. Please feel free to contact the agencies listed below highlighted in yellow if you have dental needs that you cannot afford to pay for. You can also contact your Service Coordinator if you need additional help with this. You may contact Pama Wilson at 301-722-7977 or 301-724-1544 (hi-rises residents) or Jennifer Ensor at 301-724-6606, extension 106 for the family developments.



Health Right

After two decades, low-income dental services program draws to a close.

Health Right has been assisting with dental treatment since 2003, first as part of the independent non-profit agency Allegany Health Right, and for the past 5 years as a program of AHEC West. This has been made possible by grants and donations from a variety of funders, and with the support of a number of practitioners who have generously provided discounted treatment for Health Right participants. The program has enabled hundreds of low-income adults to receive treatment each year, at no cost to the participant. In 2022, 421 individuals were served.



Unfortunately, without consistent or guaranteed funding, sustaining the program at the funding level needed has been enormously challenging. This factor, combined with Maryland's expansion of dental coverage under Medicaid effective January 2023, has led to the decision that it is time to bring the program to a close.

The community is fortunate to have other resources that may be able to assist with reduced cost dental care. Those needing assistance are encouraged to explore the available services and eligibility requirements of these resources: the [Health Department dental offices in Allegany](#) and Garrett counties, [Hyndman Area Health Center](#), Family Healthcare of Hagerstown, the [Dental Hygiene Clinic of Allegany College of Maryland](#), the E. A. Hawse Health Centers in West Virginia, and [Donated Dental Services of the Maryland Foundation of Dentistry](#).

The list of those who have supported Health Right is very long – much too long to list here. It includes public, private, and non-profit sources of grants and donations, and clinical support from practitioners in public health and private practice. We are enormously grateful to all for working with us, and for what their support has meant for those who have been helped with treatment. We have been blessed to work with these caring funders and dental partners, with the agency personnel and health care professionals in the community who have referred individuals to us, and with our wonderful program participants. We extend our gratitude to all who have been part of this effort.

Renters Insurance for Your Personal Property

Rental Insurance may be obtained through any insurance agent and is used to protect you from loss not covered by the CHG. This insurance is not required but the CHG strongly recommends that each household purchase this inexpensive protection for their personal property. In the event of a building fire, flood, break in, theft, roof leak, water or sewer overflows, vandalism or any other number of accidents or catastrophes, the buildings are insured by the CHG but not your personal property. Whether caused by the CHG, you or by another tenant or guest, **any damage incurred to your personal belongings is your sole responsibility not the CHG.**

