



## CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

# Monthly Newsletter For May 2023



### Exterminator Schedule

May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6 & Banneker Gardens
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	River Bend Court & 1034 Frederick Street

### Preventive Maintenance Inspections

May 1 <sup>st</sup>	River Bend Court, Bldg. 3
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jane Frazier Village, Bldg. 10
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Banneker Gardens, 101 to 103

*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.*

### Grass Cutting Season is Upon Us

As a reminder, the yard areas in front and behind the units at Jane Frazier Village and River Bend Court are now considered common space and not your own personal space. As a result of this modification, the common space will be maintained (mowed, trimmed, etc.) by our Maintenance Department. Any lawn furniture, grills, toys, etc., must be removed from the yard areas and stored either: 1) on the rear concrete patios at River Bend Court; or 2) within the storage shed at the rear of your unit or stacked close to the rear of the building with your storage shed at Jane Frazier Village.

**Staff will not be responsible for damage to any personal belongings in the yards or outside of the units. Since these areas are now common space, any toys, furniture, etc. which are in the yards at the time of mowing will be removed and disposed of in the dumpster.**

Any lawn areas that have been dug up for any reason must be returned to grass. Any bushes, shrubs or plants that are next to the building will need to be removed immediately or they will be removed by our Maintenance Department when the grass is mowed. Your lease does not permit you to plant anything on the property or make modifications.

Please take care of any items that may pertain to your household immediately to avoid plants, belongings, etc. from being removed from the area when the grass is cut.



### HUD Inspections

HUD is changing the type of inspections that occur at our properties. Inspectors are now required to inspect and score tenant's personal property for hazards. Some of those items include: personal appliances, busted tv screen, fans missing covers, electrical cords that are taped together, broken mirrors, sharp edges, blocked windows, poor housekeeping, etc. Depending on the nature of what the inspector finds, tenants could be issued lease violations and/or a notice to vacate, especially if the apartment fails for poor housekeeping, over cluttering the apartment, pet violations, or other health and safety situations.

The change will go into effect mid-2023 for all CHG managed properties. You will be notified once an inspection is scheduled.

### Medical Marijuana

**Any form of Marijuana, including gummies, pills, etc., is not allowed** on any Federally assisted property, as this is a **Schedule 1 controlled substance and illegal under Federal Law**. The use of Medical Marijuana is prohibited by Federal Law on all properties or in your unit.

If evidence is found that **any form of use or possession of Medical Marijuana**, on the property, violators will be issued a notice to vacate.

### Open Container Law

With the warmer weather and longer days, please remember that Cumberland has an open container law, which means **no open alcoholic beverages can be consumed outdoors, on our properties, or in the common areas of our buildings.**

### Attention Parents and Guardians

Please keep your children and pets off any areas where we are growing grass. Areas that have straw or barriers up should be avoided at all times.

Sidewalk chalk is not permitted to be used outside on any property and is considered graffiti. If your child is using the chalk and it can be traced back to your apartment, you will be charged the standard labor rate for maintenance to remove the chalk from the property.

## Banneker Garden Tenants

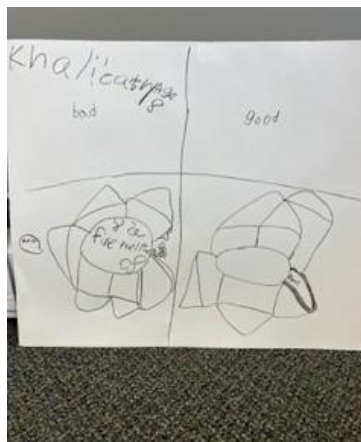
Maintenance Personnel recently stripped and waxed the floors in the Community Room and the hallways that lead to the apartments. They also cleaned and painted the walls. There has been noticeable activity in the hallways of unattended children who sit on the stairs and in the hallways with multiple food and drink items. Spills, trash and crayon marks are continually being cleaned up by staff. Please do not permit your children to use the hallways as a "play area."



### 2023 Playground Safety Poster Contest Winners



Marvella Keller-McKenzie  
1<sup>st</sup> place age 6-8



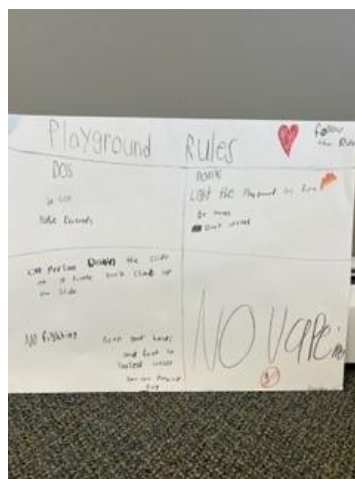
Khali Cash  
2<sup>nd</sup> place age 6-8



Zoey Pomeroy  
1<sup>st</sup> place age 9-11



Brycen Durbin  
2<sup>nd</sup> place age 9-11



Gracelynn Mundy  
1<sup>st</sup> place age 12-14



Emily Carlisle  
2<sup>nd</sup> place age 12-14



**Mini-Market with Western Maryland Food Bank  
South Cumberland Library  
Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 4:00 pm -6:00 pm**

**PLEASE REGISTER AT THE FOLLOWING LINK FOR YOUR TIME  
SLOT: [www.alleganycountylibrary.info/myminimarket](http://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 May 18, 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**

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> --- 11 am until supplies last  
632 N. Centre Street

For more information call 240-362-7168.

(Fresh Produce, bring your own bag)

**Family Literacy Night ... Jane Frazier Village**

May 8<sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Story Time, Activity, Snack &

Each child in attendance will receive a FREE book.

**Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Score**

CHG was recently scored on our physical appearance, financial, management, and the Capital Fund Program. The CHG received a score of 91%, which means we are still a High Performer.



**Crime Solvers Tip Line** 301-722-4300

[www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com](http://www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com)

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

**YMCA Play Group  
at River Bend Court Community Room**

**at 10:30 am**

May 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

(Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month)

Ages 5 and under! Come have some fun.

*All Housing Authority Offices  
Will Be Closed May 29<sup>th</sup> for  
Memorial Day Weekend.*

**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 a JOB?**

Stop in the Main Office and look thru the book at the front counter of places hiring in the area. Lots of opportunities out there.

**River Bend Court Tenants: New Utility Allowance Rate Effective August 1, 2023**

The Utility Allowance Rate Schedule was approved by the Board on November 16, 2022. The Rate Schedule is posted in each development and on the website for review. You will be advised of your new rent in writing by July 1, 2023.



## **AHEC Scholars recruiting Cohort 5!** *National program enhances knowledge and skills for practicing in rural and underserved communities*

AHEC West is currently recruiting for the 5<sup>th</sup> Cohort of AHEC Scholars, a national interprofessional program for health profession students. Designed to enhance students' knowledge and skills to practice effectively in rural or underserved urban settings, the two-year program features 40 hours each year of both interdisciplinary didactic training and community-based clinical or experiential training. Eligible disciplines include Dentistry, Medicine, Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacy, Physician Assistant, Psychology and Social Work.



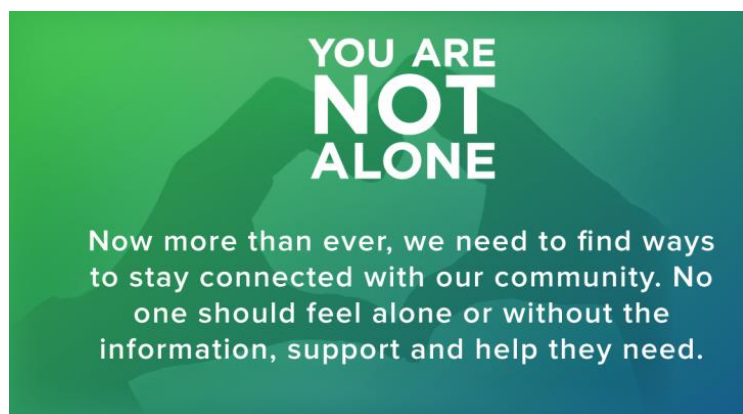
Recent AHEC Scholars clinical experiences have included an emergency rotation at UPMC Western Maryland, a general surgery rotation with Stasko Surgical Associations, pharmacy rotations at UPMC and Meritus Medical Center, and rotations with family medicine and pediatrics providers. The didactic component features live webinars and interactive training modules completed on the student's own time.

Students successfully completing the program earn a Maryland AHEC Scholar Certificate of Completion signifying their advanced training in interprofessional education and skills. Other benefits include working with other health professions disciplines, enhancing clinical knowledge about rural and underserved healthcare in Maryland, and professional networking with mentors and colleagues.

To be eligible to participate, students must be currently enrolled in a health profession or public health degree in Maryland and be two years from degree completion.

AHEC West is currently recruiting for its fifth cohort of AHEC Scholars, to be conducted over the 2023-2025 academic years. Apply online at [ahecwest.org](http://ahecwest.org), which also provides more information about the program as well as student testimonials on the value of AHEC Scholars.

For questions contact AHEC Scholars Program Coordinator Joy Taylor at [jtaylor@ahecwest.org](mailto:jtaylor@ahecwest.org).



Contact the Main Office to find the best way to connect with the help you need.

