



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for May 2023

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Exterminator Schedule

May 4 th	Queen City Towers – Morning
May 4 th	John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
May 17 th	Grande View 218 - 335

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

May 3 rd	John F. Kennedy – 3 rd Floor
May 4 th	Queen City Tower – 2 nd Floor
May 9 th	Grande View – 107, 323, 326 & 331

*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.*

It's the 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.

Complaints

Residents need to put any complaints that you have in **writing**, so the complaint can be addressed by your property manager. You can get a complaint form from the office in your apartment building.

Queen City Tower and John F Kennedy Residents

Do you need help cleaning your apartment? Chanda, a resident at Queen City Tower, will be willing to do laundry and other housekeeping services. Prices are negotiable. Please call 301-338-4824 if you would like to inquire about her services.

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.

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.

QCT Residents

Please do not sit on the retaining wall in the parking lot. There is a table and benches on the back side of the building for socializing with friends and neighbors.

QCT and JFK tenants - We are noticing more shopping carts being left in hallways, elevators, and in stairwells. If you use one, bring it back where you got it from. Otherwise, they will **ALL** be removed.



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

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, May 6th & May 20th
2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room
All Residents Welcome!

JFK – Saturday, May 13th & May 27th
2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room
All Residents Welcome!

Resident Council Meetings

Queen City Tower Thursday, May 11th at 3 pm
John F Kennedy Wednesday, May 17th at 3 pm

All residents are encouraged to attend!

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!**

Queen City Tower Resident Council Elections

The Queen City Tower Resident Council elections were held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 2 pm to 2:30 pm.

Congratulations to the following officers:

Joseph Miller – President Justin Miller- Vice President
Ruth Northcraft – Treasurer Jeffrey Steele – Secretary
Chuck Kifer – Sergeant-at-Arms

JFK Residents

Everyone needs to **take** their Social Security Statement that was sent to you for 2023 (SS or SSI income) that has no date on it and was perforated (you had to fold the edges and tear off the ends) **to the office**. If you do not have that copy, you can call the local SSA office at 1-866-964-7409, #2 and request one be sent to you. The statement has to have a current date.

Happy
Mother's
Day!



My Groceries to Go

Those who participate in the “My Groceries to Go” program need to be home on Thursday, May 11, 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 May 18, 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.

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.

Hope Station

Wellness & Recovery

Fresh Produce

Friday, May 26, 2023

11 am until supplies last

632 N. Centre Street

For more information call

240-362-7168

(Fresh Produce, bring your own bag)

Paying your rent online is EASY!

Go to cumberlandhousing.org and click on the “Click here to make an online payment” tab. No need to leave home, go to the bank, or get a ride to one of our offices. And no need for the hassle of buying money orders, envelopes, or stamps. Remember that you rent is due on the 1st but we give you a grace period until the 7th to pay your rent.

PRAYER

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