



CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for December 2023



Exterminator Schedule

- December 7th Queen City Towers – Morning
- December 7th John F. Kennedy – Afternoon
- December 20th Grande View – 101-217

Allegany College Scholarship

If you are attending Allegany College, live in one of our communities and qualify for financial aid, the Housing Authority scholarship may be just for you.

The scholarship picks up transportation, lunches and expenses not covered by your Pell Grant.

Applications can be picked up at the Housing Authority Office. Deadline to apply for the Spring Semester is Friday, December 15, 2023.

Merry Christmas from the Cumberland Housing Group Board, Administration, Property Management, Maintenance & Security



The Cumberland Housing Group Offices Will be Closing at Noon on December 13th and will be closed December 25th in celebration of Christmas!

COLA Increase 2024

Award Letters Must Be Given to Managers

Please report your increase to your property managers as soon as you get your statement of increase.

Holiday Safety Tips

- Keep tree away from heating vents.
- Use only lights that have been tested for safety.
- Don't use more than 3 sets of lights per extension cord.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpet.

Holiday Decorations

1. No live Christmas trees on any CHG properties.
2. Holiday lights and decorations are permitted indoors provided that no damage is done to the unit. Taping lights and decorations to the walls and woodwork is not permitted as it leaves a sticky residue and can remove the finish.
3. No lights or holiday decorations are allowed on the outside of rental units. Due to health and safety violations, electrical cords are not permitted to be run through the windows and doors at any time.
4. No lights should be left burning during the daylight hours and should be turned off by 11:00 p.m.
5. Tenants of buildings with interior halls, elevators, railings, stair towers, etc. are not permitted to place any decorations in or on any of these areas except for the main entrance/lobby and community room areas of the building WITH prior approval of the Property Manager and adhering to all other rules contained herein.



FOOD GIVEAWAY!

December 21, 2023-Time: 2 pm to 4 pm.
St. John's Lutheran Church.
Located in the church parking lot.
400 Arch Street, Cumberland

Hope Station Wellness & Recovery

Fresh Produce
December 15, 2023 10:00 am until supplies last
Located at 632 N. Centre Street
For more information call
240-362-7168

Adult Daycare Program

HRDC is taking applications for adult daycare.
Please contact Rhonda Lowery at 301-783-1817
for information about their program.

COVID-19 Testing

PCR Testing is held on Tuesdays and Thursday
@ the Allegany County Health Department
from 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Drive up Only.
To Request testing please call
301-759-5015

COVID-19 Vaccines

Vaccines are held on Wednesdays @
the Allegany County Health Department
from 9:00 am-12:00 pm-Walk In.

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.

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.

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.

Resident Council Meetings

QCT-Wednesday December 6th @ 3:00pm
JFK-next meeting in January
JFK meetings will be held every other month.

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!**

Bible Study

Roy Bible will be conducting the Bible Studies.
QCT – Saturday, December 2nd & December 16th
2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room
All Residents Welcome!
JFK – No Bible Study due to lack of participation.

Trim A Tree/Pizza Party

John F Kenney
Trim A Tree – All Residents Welcome!

Sunday, December 10th @ 4:00 pm
In the Community Room
Sign-up sheet will be posted on December 4th.



Christmas Dinner

Sponsored by The Resident Council

JFK-Wednesday 13th @ 3:00pm
QCT-Thursday 14th
in the community room

In order to receive a meal, you need to sign up by
Thursday November 30th.

New Years Eve Celebration

Sponsored by The Resident Council
JFK-Sunday December 31st @ 6:00pm
Cake & Tea will be served



Notice to Cumberland Housing Residents

Public Awareness Program Message Natural Gas Safety Instructions

Natural gas for your appliances is delivered through a jurisdictional natural gas pipeline system. The system is a safe, reliable and efficient way to deliver natural gas for your heating, water heating, cooking, and clothes drying needs. Although safe, tested and regulated, the system's most common hazard is from 3rd party damage from excavation. Before digging or excavations are done, contact Miss Utility at 1-800-257-7777 or 811 and call Cumberland Housing at 301-724-2055. Please read the following safety information:

*Natural gas, like all forms of energy and like many other products found in the home, is capable of doing damage and **MUST** be used properly. Here are some facts everyone should know about gas and gas operated equipment:*

Gas Accidents can be avoided when you follow these safety rules:

1. Teach children that they are not to turn on or light appliances
2. Keep combustibles (curtains, paper, and fluids) away from any open flames.
3. If lighting is required - always light match first and hold it at point of lighting before you turn on gas.
4. Keep burning surface clean of dirt, match ends, grease, etc.
5. Repair and installation is a job for experts. Never attempt to do it yourself.
6. Use equipment for the job it was intended to do - for example, an oven should NOT be used to heat a room.

Your senses can help you to discover a gas leak....

- >SMELL: A distinctive odor has been added to natural gas so that less than 1% of gas in the air can be detected.
- >SIGHT: In some appliances you can see the flame so you know it is working.
- >TOUCH: With some appliances you can feel overheating or cold in the burner area which would indicate trouble.
- > HEARING: If the flame sounds unusually noisy, it may not be burning properly.

If you smell gas:

1. NO FLAMES OR SPARKS! – Immediately put out all smoking materials and pre-existing open flames. Do not operate lights, appliances, telephones or cell phones. Flames or sparks from these sources can trigger an explosion or fire.
2. LEAVE THE AREA IMMEDIATELY – Get everyone out of the building or area where you suspect gas is leaking.
3. REPORT THE LEAK – From a neighbor's home or other nearby building away from the gas leak, call your natural gas supplier right away. If you are unable to reach your natural gas supplier, call 911 or your local fire department.
4. DO NOT RETURN TO THE BUILDING OR AREA - Until your natural gas supplier determines that it is safe to do so.
5. GET YOUR SYSTEM CHECKED - Before you attempt to use any of your natural gas appliances, your natural gas supplier or a qualified service technician must check your entire system to ensure that it is leak free.

