



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING  
GROUP**

# Monthly Newsletter

## For March 2024



### Exterminator Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month	Jane Frazier Rows 7 through 17 and Central Office
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month	Jane Frazier Rows 1 through 6 and Banneker Gardens
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month	River Bend Court
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday – Every other Month	1034 Frederick Street Feb., April, June, August, October, December

Our offices will be closed  
Friday, March 29th for  
Good Friday.



### Preventive Maintenance Inspections

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Frazier Village – Buildings 14 & 17
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Banneker Gardens - 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, and 338 ½
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	River Bend Court – Building 8

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.

All Offices will be closed every  
Tuesday until 10:30 am for  
Staff Meetings.

### Important Reminder's... These are Lease Violations



With warmer months approaching, please keep in mind, **you must clean up** after your pet or Emotional Support Animal.

Be courteous to your neighbor and our maintenance department who cares for our grassy areas.

We are a federal property and there is to be **NO** marijuana on the property. By Federal standard, it is illegal to have on our properties whether you have a medical marijuana card or not.

### Added to the Barring List **Christopher Tabler and Jessica Hamilton**

If you see any person on the property that is barred, you can contact the Cumberland Police Dept. at 301-777-1600.

### HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Household trash is to be taken to and placed inside of the dumpsters provided on site. No loose bagged or boxed garbage or trash is to be left outside of the rental unit as this is a serious health violation. Household trash is not permitted to be placed in the common area trash cans which are located on the property. Do not send anyone to put garbage in the dumpster unless they can place it inside. Garbage is NOT to be left on the ground.

A lease violation will be issued, and a charge as listed on most recently approved Schedule of Tenant Charges will be charged per bag/box and will be posted to your rent statement for any garbage bag/box left outside of your unit (will be considered trash regardless of the content) or outside of the dumpster.





## Boys and Girls Club After School Program

**Banneker Gardens  
Community Room**

**Monday thru Friday 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Help with homework, games, crafts  
and snacks are provided.**

### **FOOD GIVEAWAY!**

March 20, 2024 Time: 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

**St. John's Lutheran Church.**

**Located in the church parking lot.**

400 Arch Street, Cumberland

### **Hope Station Wellness & Recovery**

Fresh Produce

March 15, 2024, at 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



### **CHA Scholarship Recipient**

Brandon Smith is also a recipient of the  
Cumberland Housing Authority Scholarship for the  
Spring Semester at Allegany Community College.  
Brandon was a prior recipient of the scholarship.  
Brandon will continue his schooling on Business,  
specifically Marketing and Sales.

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

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

### **YMCA Play Group**

**River Bend Court Community Room**

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Ages 5 and under!

Come have some fun.

### **Judy Center Activities at Jane Frazier Village**

**Toddler Playgroup  
Ages 3 – 4 years old**

10 – 11 am  
Every Tuesday

**Infant Playgroup  
Age 0 – 18 months**

10 – 11 am  
Every Thursday

Call to Register at 301-876-9022

### **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.**

### **Need help finding a JOB?**

Stop in and see Jennifer Ensor for a list of companies  
that are hiring. Jennifer can also help you out  
completing a job application and writing a resume. To  
make an appointment call Jennifer at 301-724-6606,  
ext. 106.



## My Child Just Turned 18, Now What Do I Do?

You will need to contact your Property Manager to sign a new lease. All adults 18 and older are required to sign the lease and other Housing documents. Please be sure to provide school/work information of the child that just turned 18 to the Property Manager.

### 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



### **Attention Tenants**

Any documents you receive from your Property Manager, need to be signed and returned to the office immediately.



# Free Children's Clothing Closet



**Every first Thursday of every month**

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Category: **Special Event**

## Free kids' clothes giveaway!

Stop by **Mountain City Church** at 19 Beall Street, Frostburg MD, the first Thursday of each month from 6-7:30 PM to pick out free clothing for your child. Use the side entrance across from our parking lot. Just look for the helpful signs to know where to go.

**Free Meal!** There will also be a free meal at the Clothing Closet. The menu changes each month. We look forward to spending time with you.

Our inventory varies from month to month, depending on the donations we receive. Don't forget to share this fantastic opportunity with your friends.

## Donations are accepted.

by calling 301-689-6332 or you can bring them the day of the event. Donations must be gently used children's clothes free from stains and tears.

### **CHANGES TO THE HOUSEHOLD**

Any additions to the household including Live-in Aides and foster children, but excluding natural births, adoptions, and court awarded custody require the advance written approval of the CHG. Such approval will be granted only if the new family members pass the CHG's screening criteria and a unit of the appropriate size is available. Permission to add Live-in Aides and foster children shall not be unreasonably refused. Tenant agrees to wait for CHG's approval before allowing additional persons to move into the premises. Failure on the part of tenant to comply with this provision is a serious violation of the material terms of the lease, for which the CHG may terminate the lease. Tenant shall report deletions from the household (for any reason) to the CHG in writing, within 10 days of the occurrence.

### **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.





Path2Help Monthly Program Highlight  
**Atticus**  
 Legal Referrals for Disability Benefits



Atticus provides free referral services to assist individuals in determining their eligibility for disability benefits, helps an individual apply, and connects them with legal representation if needed. All legal advice from Atticus is directly provided through certified lawyers on their staff.

Atticus does not charge for referrals or consultations with their in-house staff lawyers. Any further legal services may require additional fees. Call for more information.

**Programs Provided:**

- Legal advice for disability benefits
- One to One matching with legal representation

**Eligibility:**

- This program serves individuals who qualify for disability benefits.
- This program serves adults who cannot hold a job due to serious medical problems.

Website: [www.atticus.com/disability-benefits/home](http://www.atticus.com/disability-benefits/home)  
 Phone: (877)-621-5276

Please check out the Path2Help Resource Guide on the Allegany County Health Planning Coalition's Facebook page: [Get Healthy Allegany](#)

For questions or program suggestions, please email Carey Moffatt at [moffattcl@upmc.edu](mailto:moffattcl@upmc.edu).



**Now accepting applications!**

HAI Group's Resident Scholarship Program helps low-income students pay for higher education. To date, we have awarded more than \$1.6 million to nearly 500 students across the country—students who have gone on to careers in nursing, education, social work, and more.

This year, we'll be awarding scholarships worth \$6,000 each to 20 residents to continue their education. Students may enter—and be awarded—scholarships for up to four consecutive years.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

Enrollment

Is or will be enrolled in an accredited and/or licensed technical school or accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States for the fall 2024 semester.

Residency

Resides in a housing authority or in a property with a housing choice voucher (HCV) administered by a housing authority that is a member of Housing Authority Risk Retention Group (HARRG) or Housing Authority Property Insurance, A Mutual Company (HAPI) or resides in an affordable housing property insured by Housing Enterprise Insurance Company (HEIC).

Citizenship

Must be a United States citizen or a permanent resident (with a green card).

Other

Must follow all other rules outlined in the **official rules**.

Act now! Visit [hairgroup.com/scholarships](http://hairgroup.com/scholarships) to learn more about the program or access our online application. Applications are due by 3:30 pm ET on Friday, May 31, 2024.



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**THE LMB PRESENTS**

YOU WILL ENJOY ENTERTAINMENT, REFRESHMENTS & GOOD CONVERSATION

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

**TAKE CONTROL**

When: March 6 & 21  
 April 2 & 17  
 Where: YMCA Family Center  
 Time: 6PM-8PM

**ATTEND ONE OR ALL**

**Featured ITEMS**  
 March 6th  
 How to calm a crying, upset child \*  
 Decrease your child's whining \* How to teach your child about inappropriate touching

Watch it in action, talk with experts, and maybe join a parent cafe

Learn how to calm your screaming child, deal with tantrums, decrease whining, set limits, choose your words wisely and more....

Child Care & Transportation Available

**DOOR PRIZES**

**TO RESERVE A SPOT**  
 Call 301-724-5445 x110  
 Partners: YMCA Family Center, Apples For Children, ACSS & Jane's Place

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 Online Maryland's Strong Families, Connected Child Abuse Prevention

