



## CUMBERLAND HOUSING GROUP

# Monthly Newsletter

## For April 2025



### Exterminator Schedule

2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month	Jane Frazier Rows 7 through 17 & Central Office
2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month	Jane Frazier Rows 1 through 6 & 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 and December

### Preventive Maintenance Inspections

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jane Frazier Village – Building 6
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	River Bend Court – Building 6
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	Banneker Gardens - 302, 304, 306, 308

*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.*

### Banneker Garden Residents

Part of the middle courtyard will be roped off until early Spring next year. Please do not let your children and visitors jump the rope and play in the area. No foot traffic, bicycles, football games, etc., can be in the contained area. If any child loses items that are in the contained area, whatever the item is will need to be left inside the roped off area. **Failure to keep your children and visitors out of this area, tenants will receive a lease violation for destruction of property and may be charged for any damage that is done.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

### **30 Day Comment Period Regarding Schedule of Standard Tenant Charges**

The Housing Authority is holding a thirty-day comment period for changes to Attachment 5 Schedule of Standard Tenant Charges. The information referenced above is available for review at the Central Office of the Cumberland Housing Group located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland or any of our staffed site offices during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, (except Holidays) or at [www.cumberlandhousing.org](http://www.cumberlandhousing.org). Public comments can be submitted in writing to any Property Management office by 4:00 P.M. on April 30, 2025.

### All Residents

**Yards and Common Areas** - Please do not allow your dog to eliminate in the same part of the yards and common areas every time you take them out. This will kill the grass now that the growing season has started. As we are under new requirements for HUD inspections, everyone needs to do their part to make sure our properties maintain high scores so that our funding level is the most we can receive. As a reminder, always clean up after your dog(s). As Maintenance begins lawn mowing season, dog feces that isn't cleaned up can be scattered by the equipment and kicked up onto personnel maintaining the grounds. No one wants to be covered in feces during the day!!!!

### **Installing Air Conditioners at Jane Frazier Village**

As a reminder, when you install your air conditioner this summer it must be properly installed, secured and proper side panels used. Pillows, blankets, bags, cardboard, etc. is not permitted. Also, per the lease, "bedrooms with only one window at these developments cannot have a window air conditioner at any time due to the fire marshal requirements of that window being used for an emergency exit". If you have any questions, please contact your Property Manager.





**FREE DELIVERY for  
ORDERS OVER \$35.00**

Free delivery to your apartment. The Housing Authority has a Walmart+ account for resident use. For an appointment to schedule a grocery pick up, contact Jennifer Ensor at the Main Office. Don't forget to bring your market list and debit card with you.

### **FOOD GIVEAWAY!**

#### **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday every Month**

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**

#### **The 4<sup>th</sup> Friday every Month**

Fresh Produce

10:00 am until supplies  
last

Located at 632 N. Centre  
Street

For more information call  
240-362-7168

### **Added to the Barring List**

Cheyenne Kuhlman  
Christie Gibson  
William McKnew  
Paul Kennedy  
Eric Marmaduke

Alan Young  
Denaru Green  
Collon Smith  
Courtney Winner  
Blair Rattenni

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

### **Lease Violation – WIRES – Tripping Hazard**

The presence of wires, extension cords, etc., across the floors, up the stairs, through windows/doors or their frames or other unapproved locations creates Health and Safety concerns and is not permitted. If a CHG employee or HUD inspector discovers a wire spread across the floor or up a stairway, the tenant will be assessed an amount as posted on the most recently approved Schedule of Tenant Charges per wire. Failure to correct the safety violation or for repeated violations, a notice to vacate will be issued



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

**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.**

**Judy Center Activities at  
Jane Frazier Village**

#### **Infant Playgroup**

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

#### **Toddler Playgroup**

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>  
10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Call to Register at 301-876-9022 or  
stop in the Center on day of activity.**

**Some Maryland State Troopers stopped by  
the Boys and Girls Club this month to have  
some fun with the kids.**



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## 2025 Resident Scholarship Program



### Now accepting applications!

HAI Group's Resident Scholarship Program helps low-income students pay for higher education. To date, we have awarded more than **\$1.8 million to over 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 2025 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 [haigroup.com/scholarships](http://haigroup.com/scholarships) to learn more about the program or access our online application.

Applications are due by 3:30 p.m. ET on Friday, May 30, 2025.

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South Cumberland Assembly of God's

## Clothing Closet



# FREE

April 9, 2025

11:00 AM-2:00 PM



27 East Elder Street

Cumberland, MD 21502

Men's, Women's, & Children's Sizes

Enter through the back door

# PROJECT CONNECT

HOSTED BY  
CUMBERLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

&  
MANY RESOURCES

WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 9, 2025

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

MCMULLEN BUILDING 138  
BALTIMORE STREET



All Offices will be closed April 18<sup>th</sup> in observance of Good Friday.

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

### 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.

**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.



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# Please join us for the 2025 Playground Safety Poster Contest



## Schedule

- Jane Frazier Community Room: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00-3:00pm
- River Bend Court Community Room: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
1:00-3:00pm
- Banneker Gardens Community Room: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
3:00-4:00pm

## AGE GROUPS

- 6-8
- 9-11
- 12-14

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>  
place prizes will  
be awarded in  
each age group





### **Calling All Brave Knights and Princesses!**

As National Playground Safety Week (April 21-25) approaches, we encourage our young residents (ages 6-14) to explore the importance of protecting their playground kingdom by promoting safety.

HAI Group's 2025 Playground Safety Poster Contest theme is **Safety in the Kingdom: Protecting Our Playground Castles**.

### **Quest Brief:**

During the week of April 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, our Resident Service Coordinator will be visiting Jane Frazier Village, Banneker Gardens, and River Bend Court community rooms to promote this latest poster contest. We encourage our young heroes to use their creativity to design a castle-themed poster about how to keep their playgrounds safe and secure. Remember, your creations should reflect the spirit of safety and fun, without showing weapons or violence.

- **Royal Decree Against Rough Play:** No running, pushing, or roughhousing in the kingdom. Keep the royal grounds safe for all.
- **Castle Guards:** Keep watch! Report any broken equipment, sharp objects, or hazards to the kingdom's caretakers.
- **Guard the Kingdom's Boundaries:** Keep each age group to their rightful play area, ensuring safe and fun adventures for all.

There will be three (3) age groups and each group will have a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will be submitted to HAI Group for national judging.





### 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.

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## Western Maryland Job Centers offer **FREE** online workshops!

Western Maryland American Job Centers offer **FREE** online, virtual workshops. Registration is required in advance. Please follow the registration directions and include in your communications, your name, phone number and the title of the workshop for which you plan to participate. Facilitators may ask for additional proof of identification, upon registration.

### Basic Interviewing Skills

**April 8 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)**



Learn interview styles and tips about effective interviewing. Register by emailing [BenjaminJ.Russell@maryland.gov](mailto:BenjaminJ.Russell@maryland.gov)

### LinkedIn for Job Seekers

**April 25 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**



Learn to build a successful LinkedIn profile for job seeking. Register by emailing [Karl.Kohler@maryland.gov](mailto:Karl.Kohler@maryland.gov)

### Resume ABCs

**April 9 (10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.)**



Learn the mechanics of how to write an attention-grabbing resume. Register by emailing [Cassandra.Baker@maryland.gov](mailto:Cassandra.Baker@maryland.gov)

### Job Searching Using Social Media

**April 29 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**



Learn how to use and find open jobs on social media. Register by emailing [Katie.Marvin@maryland.gov](mailto:Katie.Marvin@maryland.gov)

### A-I Today (Artificial Intelligence)

**April 16 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**



Learn about how artificial intelligence impacts the workplace and our world. Register by emailing [David.Levesque@maryland.gov](mailto:David.Levesque@maryland.gov)

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### The Gig Economy

**April 23 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)**



Learn about how to define the gig economy, how it has evolved, and how you might be able to take advantage of the gig economy.

Register by emailing [David.Levesque@maryland.gov](mailto:David.Levesque@maryland.gov)



Equal Opportunity Employer/Program: American Job Centers are committed to diversity in the workplace and do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, orientation, national origin or disability. Auxiliary aids and reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

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