



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for June 2025

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Exterminator Schedule

1st Thursday of each month
Queen City Tower (a.m.) JFK (p.m.)

Grande View

3rd Wednesday of each month
101 – 217 Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct. and Dec.
218 – 335 Jan., March, May, July, Sept, Nov

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

June 25th & 26th Queen City Tower 3rd Floor
June Grandview - No PM Inspections
No Maintenance Inspections for JFK Apartments

*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 30 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.*

**Happy Father's Day
to all the Dads and
Step-Dads!**

*All Housing Authority
Offices
Will Be Closed June 19th for
Juneteenth Day.*

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



**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 contact Anita. Do not forget to bring your market list and debit card with you.

Attn: Tenants

Lease Addendum Signing Schedule

The Board of Directors at the May 21, 2025 meeting, approved the changes to the **Schedule of Maintenance Charges**. All tenants **must** stop in the office to see their property manager, to sign the Lease Addendum and receive copies of the new documents. Failure to sign the Lease Addendum by June 25, 2025, you will be issued a Notice to Vacate. As a reminder, all offices are closed for lunch from Noon to 12:30 PM.

Queen City Towers

June 10th, 11th & 12th

JFK Apartments

June 11th Floors 2 – 6
June 12th Floors 7 – 11

Grande View Apartments

June 18th 10 AM - Noon



*Have a Great Summer
And Stay Safe!*

Oh, yeah...Do not forget to use sunscreen.



FOOD GIVEAWAY!

The 3rd Thursday of every Month

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

The 4th Friday of every Month

Fresh Produce

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.

JFK and QCT Residents

Monthly meal provided by Christ Lutheran Church will be delivered on Saturday June 21st between 3 & 3:30 pm. Thank you to all the volunteers! It is greatly appreciated!

Please note that at this time we are full capacity for the meals and we are unable to add anymore tenants.

QCT Residents please meet in the community room at 3PM to pick up your meal.

JFK Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 am -12:00 pm
(12:30 pm - 4:00 pm by appointment only)

Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm
(8:00 am -12:00 pm by appointment only)

Please limit disruptions to the hours the office is open.

Crime Solvers Tip Line 301-722-4300

www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com

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

Resident Council Meetings

JFK Residents – Resident Council is on summer break. If you have any concerns please see Rhonda Roy, President. Watch for memos regarding voting and session start up.

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 Prayer Group

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 oversees the group.

Gospel Music

The second Tuesday of each month there is Gospel music with Paul Powers and Buster Jackson from 2pm to 3pm in the Community Room. Jeff Steele is in charge for **QCT**.

Game Night

Due to popular demand, Game Night at **QCT** will be held every Sunday now, from 5 pm to 8 pm in the community room. All residents are invited. Jeff Steele oversees Game Night. Join us for a game of corn hole beginning at 5 pm.

HOPE STATION

Come and join Hope Station for a **Craft Day** to be held every Thursday beginning at 11am. For more information call: 240-362-7168.

Bible Study

Roy Bible will be conducting the Bible Studies.

QCT – June 14th & 28th

2 pm to 3 pm in the Community Room
All Residents Welcome!



Queen City Tower Residents

Effective immediately

Do not place your unwanted or used items in the community room or by the elevators on each floor. This includes food, clothing, furniture, etc. When maintenance has to remove these items each tenant on that floor will be charged.

Please do not come to the 1st floor lobby in nightgowns, bath robes, socks, etc. Please be fully clothed with shoes on when in the common areas. Thank you for your cooperation.

A new vending machine company, BMV, will be filling and maintaining the vending machines in the upcoming weeks.



To Avoid Falls

Rugs – Do not use throw rugs in your apartment. The only exception to this is in the bathroom.

Nightlights – Have nightlights in the bathroom and bedroom to avoid falls.

Bathroom Tips – Have a mat in the tub or shower. Have a non-skid rug on the bathroom floor. Always keep the bathroom floor clean and dry.

Spills – Wipe up all spills as soon as they happen.

Reminder to All Residents

There is to be **No Smoking** in your apartment or anywhere on the property. This also includes the use of medical marijuana. If you are seen smoking or there is evidence of you smoking in your apartment or anywhere on the property, you will get a lease violation and or a notice to vacate.



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.

Freezer Use

When using the freezer in your refrigerator, please do not overpack it with items. The vent in the back needs to have space around it for it to work properly. If items are blocking the airflow, your food items will not stay frozen and water will begin to form inside.



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.



AVOID - WEAR - APPLY - REMOVE - EXAMINE

A

AVOID areas where ticks live. Ticks thrive in wood piles, long grass, leaf piles and beach grass.

W

WEAR light-colored clothing; long pants, sleeves, socks and close-toed shoes. Tuck long hair into hat.

A

APPLY EPA-approved tick repellent (such as picaridin or DEET) on skin and insecticide (such as permethrin) to clothing & shoes as directed.

R

REMOVE clothing upon entering the home; toss into dryer at HIGH temperature for 10-15 minutes.

E

EXAMINE yourself and your pets for ticks daily. Check everywhere--ticks love to hide!



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.



JUNE 2025

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.

Job Searching Using Social Media

June 3 (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

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June 17 (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

Basic Interviewing Skills

June 3 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)



Learn interview styles and tips about effective interviewing. Register by emailing BenjaminJ.Russell@maryland.gov

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June 17 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)



Learn interview styles and tips about effective interviewing. Register by emailing BenjaminJ.Russell@maryland.gov

A-I Today (Artificial Intelligence)

June 4 (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

A-I Today (Artificial Intelligence)

June 18 (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

Resume ABCs

June 11 (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

The Gig Economy

June 25 (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

LinkedIn for Job Seekers

June 27 (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



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