



**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**

Monthly Newsletter

For February 2026



Exterminator Schedule

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

Preventive Maintenance Inspections

February 5 th	Jane Frazier Village – Building 1
February 6 th	Jane Frazier Village – Building 2
February 13 th	Jane Frazier Village – Building 13
February 4 th	River Bend Court – Building 4

*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.

Our offices will also be closed Monday, February 16th for President's Day



Did You Check Your Mail Today?

Reminder, it is very important that you go to your mail box at least 3 times a week to check your mail.

Do you know?



- Not reporting a change in your income within ten (10) days is a lease violation and can lead to you being evicted for owing a large amount of back rent?
- Not keeping your apartment up to our housekeeping standards is a lease violation and if not corrected can lead to you being evicted?
- Smoking anywhere on the property (unless there is a designated smoking area on the property) or having any form of marijuana or medical marijuana on the property is a lease violation and can lead to you being evicted?

Added to the Barring List

Kerri Bohrer	Kaitlyn Alexander
Javis Bohrer	Ron Lytle

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

"Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence." ~~ George Washington



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.

**Tax
Time**



Let's hope he predicts that Spring is on the way.

Join City Hall in downtown Cumberland on **February 2nd @ 7:00 AM** as the mascot Queen City Charlie determines if we will have an early spring or six more weeks of winter! Free coffee, hot chocolate, & goodies.

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. 100.

**River Bend Court
Office Hours
Monday - Friday
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

Judy Center Activities at Jane Frazier Village

Toddler Playgroup
February 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
10:00 am – 11:00 am

Infant Playgroup
February 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th
10:00 am – 11:00 am

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



**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.**



Facebook.com/cumberlandhousing

Cold Temperature Information

With the recent negative and single digit temperatures, please note the following items:

- Ice Melt (salt) does not work in low temperatures. Between 20 and 25 degrees, ice melt will not activate to melt snow or ice.
- Open your base cabinets in the kitchen/bathroom so that the heat can help aid in keeping the pipes from freezing.
- Do not block your heaters in the apartment with large furniture or curtains. Keep items away from heaters with at least a 3 feet distance. Otherwise, the heat won't circulate.
- Keep windows closed and locked to prevent air cracks.
- With consistent extreme temperatures, the building systems work as hard as they can to keep up. Most of our systems make heat and hot water. They cannot make both at the same time. If there is high demand for hot water, you may notice the heat decreasing by a few degrees. During extreme cold, it is more noticeable. Please keep that in mind, especially if you are in an apartment on the end or corners of the buildings. If the heaters are still warm/hot to the touch, there is no need to call Maintenance.
- If you live at Banneker Gardens, your heating system could run constantly to keep up. The temperature on the thermostat versus what you set it on, may never get to the temperature you desire. Again, the system will do what it can to supply the demand. If the air is warm coming from the vents, the system is working.
- NEVER HEAT YOUR APARTMENT WITH AN OVEN! This can cause severe injury and possible death.

If you feel you need some added warmth on extremely cold days, you may want to consider purchasing an approved space heater. Your lease addresses the correct type of heater that you can purchase. Make sure there is enough clearance around a space heater when in use, and do not leave it unattended.

GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE AT HRDC!



**HRDC has IRS trained staff
ready to prepare and e-file your taxes for FREE!**

**The tax program at HRDC is done in partnership with VITA/TCE
The VITA/TCE program has an income limit of \$67,000, and
there may be other more complex tax situations that limit service**

**CALL 301-783-1800 to schedule an appointment
HRDC prepares taxes at the following locations:**

Cumberland: 125 Virginia Avenue	Tuesdays & Thursdays: 6-9 pm	Saturdays: 10am-2pm
Lonaconing: Georges Creek Senior Center, 11 Hanekamp St	Tuesdays: 6-9pm	1 st & 3 rd Saturday of the month: 10am-2pm
Westernport: Westernport Senior Center, 33 Main St	Thursdays: 6-9pm	2 nd & 4 th Saturday of the month: 10am-2pm
Oldtown: Schoolhouse Kitchen, 19210 Opessa St	n/a	Saturdays: 10am-2pm
Frostburg: Frostburg Senior Center, 27 S Water St	Tuesdays: 10am-3pm	n/a

Our tax sites are operating by appointment only. However, walk-ins will be accepted on a limited basis at the Cumberland site, you must have all required documents with you. The documents list is available at www.alleganyhrdc.org/tax-preparation-program/
If an in-person appointment is not for you, call the tax line for drop off options 301-783-1800.



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GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE AT HRDC!

HRDC has IRS trained tax staff that will ensure you receive all the credits you may be eligible for this tax season.

For example, did you know that whether your child is a newborn, or even a college student, that you may have a tax credit waiting? It's called the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

If you earned less than or equal to the amounts listed for your household type in the chart below you may be eligible:

Number of Children Claimed:	Single, Head of Household, Widowed:	Married, Filing Jointly:	Earned Income Credit up to:
0	\$19,104	\$26,214	\$649
1	\$50,434	\$57,554	\$4,328
2	\$57,310	\$64,430	\$7,152
3 or more	\$61,555	\$68,675	\$8,046

If you claim one or more children as part of your earned income credit, each must pass certain tests to qualify:

- *The child can be your biological child, adopted child, stepchild, foster child or grandchild. The child also can be your sibling, half-sibling, step-sibling or any of their children.*
- *The child must be under 19 at the end of the year and younger than you or your spouse if you're filing jointly, OR the child must be under 24 if he or she was a full-time student. There's no age limit for children who are permanently and totally disabled.*
- *The child must have lived with you or your spouse in the United States for more than half the year.*
- *Workers who are not claiming children must be at least 25 years of age to be eligible for the EITC.*
- *Investment income of less than \$11,000 for the year*



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

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.

FEBRUARY 2026

Get better work search results with skills learned from the Job Center's no-cost, virtual sessions!

Register at least two days in advance by emailing the facilitator your name, the workshop title, and workshop date. Facilitators may request additional identification. Advanced registration in the Maryland Workforce Exchange (MWEjobs.Maryland.gov) is required.

Job Searching Using Social Media

February 10 (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

February 10 (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)

February 11 (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

The Gig Economy

February 18 (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

February 20 (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

Job Searching Using Social Media

February 24 (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

February 24 (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)

February 25 (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



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, with advanced notification.

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