



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for February 2026

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Exterminator Schedule

Queen City Tower (a.m.) JFK (p.m.)
Thursday February 5, 2026

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

February 11th GV Apt. 103, 215, 216, 221, 322, 324,
332, 334, 335

February 12th JFK 203, 303, 403, 503, 603, 703,
803, 903, 1003 and 1103

*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.*

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.



New JFK Office Hours
Tuesday, Thursday & Every Other Monday

Our offices will be closed Monday,
February 16, 2026
In observance of Presidents Day

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

No Shopping Carts Allowed Per Housed Rules – Page 6

Shopping carts are not permitted on the CHG grounds and are considered stolen property. Tenants in possession of these carts or seen bringing them onto CHG property will be reported to the police department and a lease violation will be issued.

If you want a shopping cart to transport your laundry or groceries, you can have the small size that fold up.

Example:



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



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

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



**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 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.

Crime Solvers Tip Line 301-722-4300
www.allegany-mineralcountycrimesolvers.com
To report **suspected Drug Activity**, leave an anonymous tip at 301-759-4660.

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.

Resident Council Meetings

JFK Residents – Resident Council is on break due to construction. 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 Multi-Family and 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!**

MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN EARLY 2026-JFK

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

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 – Dates to be announced.

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

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.



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.)



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A-I Today (Artificial Intelligence)

February 25 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)



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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.



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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