



Tower Gazette

Monthly Newsletter for June 2026

**CUMBERLAND HOUSING
GROUP**



Exterminator Schedule

Queen City Tower (a.m.) JFK (p.m.)
Thursday, June 4, 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

June 10th JFK 510, 509, 508, 507, 607 & 605
June 11th JFK 410, 409, 408, 407, 405 & 505

Grande View – No PM Inspections

June 23rd, 24th, & 25th Queen City Towers – 3rd Floor

*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.*



JFK – New Office Hours

Monday through Friday
Office will be open from
12:30 – 4:00 pm

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.



Failure to Report Your Income is **FRAUD**, According to HUD

- Do you know that **not reporting a change in your income for yourself or family member** (Wages, TCA, TDAP, SS, SSI, etc.) is a lease violation?
- Do you know **not reporting an increase in hours or your rate of pay** will be found at your Annual Recertification?
- Do you know that Social Security Office reports SS, SSI, SSDI and Hire Date if you start a job to HUD through the Earned Income Verification System (EIV) that Housing Authorities access before your annual? This is another way to see if you have failed to report your income to the agency.
- Do you know that if you **owe back rent in an amount over a \$1,000**, that you **will receive a Final Lease Violation notice followed by an Eviction Notice?**

How to **Prevent Owing Back Rent or Receiving a Notice to Vacate** for Failure to Report an Income Change

- You are to **report any change in income for yourself or any family member within 10 (ten) days.**



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, June 20th from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Thank you to all the volunteers! It is greatly appreciated!

Resident Council Meetings

JFK Residents – Resident Council meetings will tentatively **resume in September**. More information to come at a later date. 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!**

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.

QCT - Bible Study

Roy Bible will be conducting the Bible Studies.

Dates will be posted.

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



June 21st

 HAI Group

\$6,000 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS

Apply for the HAI Group Resident Scholarship Program



Looking to continue your education? HAI Group—an insurance provider dedicated to public and affordable housing organizations—is awarding **20 scholarships worth \$6,000** each to residents pursuing college, technical school, or other postsecondary education.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- Residents of a participating public or affordable housing community
- U.S. citizens or permanent residents
- Students enrolling in an accredited:
 - 2- or 4-year college/university
 - Technical or trade school

WHY APPLY?

- Up to **\$6,000 for tuition, books, and school expenses**
- Opportunity to receive the scholarship **for up to 4 years**

DEADLINE
JUNE 5
DEADLINE

ACT NOW!

Apply online today:
www.haigroup.com/scholarships

Questions? Email:
scholarship@haigroup.com



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

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

JUNE 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

June 2 (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

A-I Today

June 17 (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

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June 3 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)



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Job Searching Using Social Media

June 23 (10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)



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A-I for Beginners

June 4 (10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)



Take a walk through ways that AI can boost your resume and improve your career searching skills. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/2556ksvk>

Basic Interviewing Skills

June 23 (1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.)



Learn styles of interviews and tips for successful interviews. Register by emailing Katie.Marvin@maryland.gov

The Gig Economy

June 10 (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 26 (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



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.



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.



ALLEGANY HRDC

FINANCIAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP

DATE: Tuesday June 9 th 2026

TIME: 11AM – 2PM

SPEAKER: TERESA CLITES, HUD CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELOR



**LEARN HOW TO: BUDGET, MANAGE MONEY,
NAVIGATE CREDIT, ELIMINATE DEBT,
INCREASE SAVINGS, AND START INVESTING**

**THIS CLASS IS FREE TO ALL AND YOU'LL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF
COMPLETION. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 301-783-1704**

Juneteenth Festival

Canal Place, 13 Canal St.

Friday, June 19, 2026 · 1–7 pm

Free community festival with
live music, food vendors, local
businesses, and a Kid Zone.

***Don't forget to check out the Farmers
Market at the Canal Place.***

***Thursdays
from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.
&
Saturdays starting June 20th***

MEDICAID

Not sure if you qualify? Learn, update, or apply for Medicaid. Call 301-759-5076 for answers and help.



**LEARN.
UPDATE.
APPLY.**

MARYLAND MEDICAID 301-759-5076

**Allegany County Health Department
301-759-5076**

Every family's journey looks different, but support should always be available. Healthy Families offers personalized support for pregnant moms and families with young children at no cost.

<https://myalleganyhealth.org/children-families/#pregnantwomen>

**Because Every Family
Deserves Support**

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Maryland Department of Health.

***Have a Great Summer
And Stay Safe!
Oh, yeah...Do not forget to use sunscreen.***

