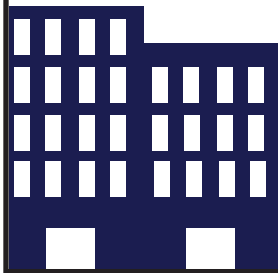


Seniors



The Hagerstown Housing Authority is committed to providing quality, affordable housing in a safe environment. Through partnership with our residents and other groups we will provide opportunities for those we serve to become self-sufficient.



Neighbors

To associate on neighborly terms ♦ To be friendly ♦ Persons who live near others



December 2018



Difficult Discussions Made Easy with Scott

There may come a time when you are no longer able to make medical decisions for yourself due to a disabling event or disease. Fortunately, you can create an advance directive that expresses your wishes and preferences regarding your medical care should you be unable to communicate them on your own.

- **Scott McDaniel, Esq.** will provide information about developing and communicating your wishes.

Join Us (IT'S FREE)

CW Brooks

35 W. Baltimore Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740

December 6, 2018

3:30 PM

RSVP is requested, please call
301-733-6911 ext. 171

Light Refreshments will be served

Location: CWB Library



The Hagerstown Housing Authority will be closed
December 24th & 25th
January 31st & 1st



How will your plan work in 2019?

Worried about whether Medicare Part D will cover all your medications in the upcoming year?

OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS DECEMBER 7th!

Resident Services will be assisting tenants with comparing plans and prices. Don't get stuck at the pharmacy in January with high medication costs. Contact either, Samantha Cohen x171, or Deena Holder, x163, to schedule an appointment.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

Hagerstown Housing Authority Central Office: (301) 733-6911

Maintenance

301-733-6916

Pest Control Coordinator

301-733-6911 ext 132

Non-Emergency Ambulance

301-733-1112

Resident Service Staff

Dianne Rudisill 301-733-6911 ext. 125

Deena Holder 301-733-6911 ext. 163

Samantha Cohen 301-733-6911 ext. 171

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Kelly Mills-Thompson 301-733-6911 ext. 158

Jill Moore 301-733-6911 ext. 167

Tacy Myers 301-733-6911 ext. 157

Security

301-730-2096

Office of Fair Housing 1-800-669-9777



Coping With Grief Around the Holidays

December 12th at 10:00 AM

Are you finding it hard to even imagine the holidays without your loved one? Join Hospice of Washington County to learn some ways to help cope with the demands of the Holiday Season.

Location: C.W. Brooks Library
Please RSVP to Samantha Cohen at
301.733.6911 ext 171

Potomac & Walnut Towers are welcome to attend!



Holiday Craft

Walnut Towers

Friday, December 7th at
1:30 PM

Potomac Towers

Monday, December 10th at
1:30 PM

**Please RSVP to
Samantha Cohen
301.733.6311 ext 171**

Are you a *Christmas* Carol Expert?

Each year as the holiday season rolls around, our ears are filled with the spirited sound of familiar holiday tunes. But how closely do you really pay attention to the lyrics? Take this quiz to test your skills and see if you can call yourself a Christmas Carol expert!



1. In "Do you Hear What I Hear" the main characters are the wind, a lamb, a shepherd boy and_____?
2. In the song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" I ask for snow, presents under the tree and this? _____
3. When we "Deck the Halls" what passes fast away? _____
4. When "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" we are told to be sure to do these three things. _____, _____ & _____
5. On a "Silent Night," how should one sleep? _____
6. In "Jingle Bells," where are the bells that make spirits so bright?

7. What was the magic item that brought "Frosty The Snowman" to life?

Complete the Carol Challenge and submit your answers to Resident Services to be entered to win a Holiday Basket. Please submit your answers by December 17th. Good Luck!

Potomac Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mon./Wed.	Stamps and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	12:00 PM
Tuesdays	Exercise with Lisa (Rooftop)	3:45 PM
Wednesdays	BINGO (<i>Food will be served at 4:00 PM- 5:45 PM</i>)	6:00 PM
December 10	Tenant Association Meeting	5:30 PM
December 13	Christmas Banquet (Tickets are \$10.00)	Doors open at 5:00 PM
December 14	Social Night	7:00-10:00 PM

Walnut Towers Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	8:00-10:00 AM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checks	1:15 PM
Tuesdays	XBox Bowling	6:00-8:00 PM
Thursdays	Stamps and Quarter Sales	4:00-5:00 PM
Thursdays	BINGO	5:30 PM
Daily	Coffee & Conversation	7:30-8:45 AM
December 3	Tenant Association Meeting	5:00 PM

C.W. Brooks Activities

Date	Daily Activities	Time
Daily	Computer Lab	8:00 AM- 11:00 PM
Daily	Community Room Open	8:00 AM -11:00 PM
Mondays	BINGO (Bring 3-4 prizes)	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Mondays	Blood Pressure Checks	2:45-4:00 PM
Mondays	Stamp and Quarter Sales	11:00 AM
Tuesdays	Blood Pressure Checksa	2:45-4:00 PM
Fridays	Playing Spades	6:30 PM
Wednesdays	Coloring Group	2:00-4:00 PM

December 7 Christmas Banquet 6:00 PM

The banquet is catered by Western Enterprise Fire Company \$10.00. Sign up and pay Phyllis or Ileen.

December 13 Tenant Association Meeting 5:00 PM

FROM MAINTENANCE

Slippery when “Cold”

Please use caution when traveling outside of the building during the extreme cold days of winter. Periods of sun cause the snow/ice to melt and then refreeze later creating instant patches of ice. Take the extra time to avoid such areas for your safety.

Heating Season

Before you call Maintenance for service on your heating season, make sure the room temperature is below 66 degrees. The room temperature must drop to 66 or below for the heat to come on. If the temperature in your unit is 66 degrees or above and you call for service, you will be charged for the call. Overtime callouts are very expensive, and you can avoid these charges (\$92.85) by checking the temperature before you call. Do not force the thermostat beyond the limit on the dial. Broken thermostats are charged to the resident. Keep your windows locked. This provides a much better seal & reduces air leakage at windows.

Remember, using your oven or stove as a heat source is dangerous and a lease violation. This not only poses a serious health risk to you but will also result in damage to your appliance (melted knobs) for which you will be charged.

Smoke Detectors

Your home is equipped with smoke detectors that are powered by electricity and battery back-up in the event of a power outage. If the detector “beeps” frequently this could indicate the need for a new battery. Call the Maintenance Department at 301-733-6916 to install this battery for you at no charge. Any other smoke detector problem is also a job for maintenance.

Please do not tamper with the smoke detector. If you break the smoke detector, you will be charged for both a replacement detector and a tampering fee of \$25.00. Tamper with smoke detectors is a lease violation and will be reported to Housing.

Maintenance Inspections

Thursday, January 3	11 S. Walnut St.	101-116
Friday, January 4	11 S. Walnut St.	201-216
Monday, January 7	11 S. Walnut St.	301-316
Thursday, January 10	12. S. Walnut St.	201-216
Friday, January 11	12 S. Walnut St.	301-316

A/C Units and Tape Residue

Now that all the air conditioning units have been removed from the windows, there is one more item that needs to be checked and corrected. When the A/C units are installed, it is common practice to use tape to seal up the opening around the A/C unit, unfortunately when the A/C unit is removed; there is tape and tape residue left on the windows and frames. The tape and the tape residue need to be removed when the A/C unit is removed. Please take some time to check the windows and frames and remove any tape or tape residue that may exist.

Pest Control Schedule

Potomac Towers	
December 5	PT: 401-424, 528-531
December 12	PT: 501-527
December 19	PT: 605-632
December 26	PT: 601-604, 709-731
Walnut Towers	
December 5	WTA: 505-516
December 12	WTA: 601-613
December 19	WTA: 614-616, 701-710
December 26	WTA: 711-716, 810-816

BEDBUGS: PLEASE BE AWARE

In the continuing effort to exterminate bedbugs, the Housing Authority Staff have been tracking data on the reasons we think bedbugs are accessing units.

The most common piece of information collected, after talking with residents, is the lack of knowledge they have about other residents who may have bedbugs. Because of this, residents tend to visit their neighbors along with accepting items without thinking ahead.

You are encouraged to use caution when visiting residents that may have bedbugs. Also, be aware that anything taken from another unit, common area, or even family could possibly **have bedbugs**. It would be wise to check anything you're given before you take it into your own unit. This is the most common way of spreading the bedbug infestation throughout the building.

If you have any questions, please call the Pest Control Coordinator, Wendy Leggett at 301-733-6911 Ext 132. If you need to have infested furniture removed from your unit, please call the Maintenance Department.