



CUMBERLAND HOUSING

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Monthly Newsletter for November 2018

**All Housing Authority Offices
Will Be Closed**

**Monday, November 12th, in
Observance of Columbus Day**

And

**November 22nd and 23rd
for the Thanksgiving Holiday**



Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Cumberland has updated its 5 Year Capital Fund Plan. It is available for review at the Central Office located at 635 E. First Street, Cumberland during the hours of 8:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, (except Holidays). A public hearing to cover the new work items proposed for the FFY 2018 grant will be held on December 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at the Jane Frazier Village Community Room connected to the Central Office.

Exterminator Schedule

Nov. 8 th	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 7 – 17
Nov. 9 th	Jane Frazier Village, Buildings 1 – 6 & Banneker Gardens
Nov. 15 th	Fort Cumberland Homes



**Reminder.....Residents of
Jane Frazier Village &
Fort Cumberland Homes**

**Don't forget to Thank those
men and women who
previously served and are
currently serving
and protecting our Country!**

**Window Air Conditioners – Must be
Removed by October 31st**

In accordance with your lease, all window air conditioners were to be removed from all windows by October 31st. Any tenant that does not comply will be tagged this week. If Maintenance Personnel is dispatched to remove any air conditioners from your unit, a charge of \$20.00 **per air conditioner** will be posted to your account. Please remember that in addition to removing the unit, all screens must be in good repair and re-installed. Please contact the Maintenance Department during normal business hours if you require assistance in re-installing any screen. If no repairs are needed, there is no charge for this service.

Great American Smoke Out

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, the "Great American Smoke Out" day will be November 15th. This event encourages smokers to use this day to make a plan to quit or to plan in advance and quit on that day.

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 301-759-5050 or Maryland's Quit line at 1-800-784-8669.



Banneker Gardens Resident Council
Your Voice Counts!

Please Join Us for the next meeting on
November 6, 2018 at 1:30 pm

Don't forget The Judy Center
Family Literacy Night

Jane Frazier Village 11/8/18 from 6-7
Banneker Gardens 11/15/18 from 6-7

Everyone is welcome for dinner,
story time, a craft and free books!
We hope to see you there!

Have you heard about the **AYEPS** (pronounced Apes)? Allegany Youth Enrichment Program Services is a nonprofit group comprised of off duty police officers who have devoted their free time to teaching youth values such as honor, integrity, respect and self esteem. Like them on Facebook to follow their activities and events.



November is -
Banana Pudding Lovers Month



1. Prepare **pudding** with milk as directed on package.
2. Spoon 1/2 cup **pudding** in bottom of 2-qt. serving bowl.
3. Top with 8 wafers, generous layer of sliced **bananas** and
4. 1 cup **pudding**. ...
5. Refrigerate 3 hours or overnight to soften cookies. To serve, spread whipped topping over **pudding**.

Join the Cumberland Housing Activities and Events Facebook group for local updates and happenings in our developments and the community.

Fall Clean Up Time

As winter approaches and the leaves begin to fall, it is the time to clean your yard and properly store all toys and lawn furniture. Please rake leaves and remove trash from your respective areas and dispose of properly. If you have any bushes, clean under and around them. If you are a pet owner, you are responsible for removing all pet waste.



All yards should be given a final mowing for the season, as well as trimming all fence lines and around storage bins. Any bushes, plants, or flowers should be trimmed away from all fences or buildings.

In addition to keeping your lawn areas in good condition, please do not throw food or cooking grease in your yard. Not only does it kill the grass, but it will also attract unwanted rodents. All storm and entry doors should be scrubbed and wiped clean, as well as window ledges.

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) Information for 2019

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for more than 67 million Americans will increase 2.8 percent in 2019.

The 2.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 62 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2019. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2018. (Note: some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits.)



Looking for quality child care? marylandexcels.org helps you find a program that matches your unique needs. You or your child may have specific requirements that are important to you.

The marylandexcels.org website and mobile app help families identify child care and early education programs that have attained one of five quality levels. By choosing a Maryland EXCELS participating program, families know that the program is committed to quality and continuous improvement by meeting standards that exceed the states licensing requirements.

You may also qualify for help with the cost of child care. The income limits have changed. See the chart below.

The Salvation Army's
Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 18th from 2-6PM
FREE and Open to the Public
Dine in or Carryout Available!
701 E. First St.,
Cumberland, MD 21502
301-777-7600
THE SALVATION ARMY
DOING THE MOST GOOD

Maryland Child Care Scholarship

Do you need help with the cost of child care?

You may be eligible for financial assistance if:

- You are a resident of Maryland;
- You are working; attending school, participating in an approved activity, or Receiving Temporary Cash Assistance;
- You are receiving or pursuing voluntary or court-ordered Child Support from an absent parent; and
- You meet all other program requirements.

HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR A CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP?

For More Information Contact
Child Care Central at
1-866-243-8796

Maryland Child Care Subsidy Program

A Child's First Scholarship

Family Size	Gross Countable Income
Family of 2	\$48,637
Family of 3	\$60,081
Family of 4	\$71,525
Family of 5	\$82,969
Family of 6	\$94,413
Family of 7	\$96,558
Family of 8	\$98,704
Family of 9	\$100,850
Family of 10	\$102,996

When is Medicare Open Enrollment?

The annual Medicare Open Enrollment period has started for 2019 coverage. Open enrollment will run from October 15, 2018, to December 7, 2018.

During the annual enrollment period (AEP) you can make changes to various aspects of your coverage.

- You can switch from [Original Medicare](#) to Medicare Advantage, or vice versa.
- You can also switch from one [Medicare Advantage](#) plan to another, or from one [Medicare Part D](#) (prescription drug) plan to another.
- And if you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during the general open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply.

If you want to enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan, you must meet some basic criteria.

- You must be enrolled in [Medicare Part A and B](#).
- You must live in the plan's service area.

You cannot have [End-Stage Renal Disease](#) (some exceptions apply).



Daylight Savings Time Ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 4th. Turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed.

Cumberland Housing Event and Activity Schedule

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 JFV Cub Scouts 3:30	2	3
4	5	6 BG RC 1:30 <i>Inspect FCH Bldg 8</i>	7 Rent Due <i>Inspect FCH Bldg 9</i>	8 JFV Literacy Night 6-7 Exterminator JFV - Bldgs 7-17 JFV Cub Scouts 3:30 <i>Inspect JFV Bldg 8</i>	9 Exterminator JFV 1-6 & BG	10
11 Veterans Day	12 Housing Office Closed	13	14	15 Exterminator - FCH JFV Cub Scouts 3:30 BG Literacy Night 6-7	16	17
18	19 Unpaid RENTS will be filed in Court	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Housing Office Closed	23 Housing Office Closed	24
25	26	27	28	29 JFV Cub Scouts 3:30	30	

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.

JFV - Jane Frazier Village FCH - Fort Cumberland Homes JFK - John F. Kennedy QCT - Queen City Towers Inspect - Preventive Maintenance Insp