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## From the Senior Manager, Joan Campbell, CPM

Dear Residents,

We wanted to reach out to everyone regarding the latest news from Governor Hogan. As you are aware, he has now issued a Stay in Place Executive Order. In order to protect our building we are now requiring each and everyone of you to follow these new guidelines to keep everyone safe in our building, and to attempt to keep the virus out of our building:

- We are lifting the curfew for our **residents only**. The curfew may have been lifted, but keep in mind that each time you leave the building and visit somewhere, you are risking bringing back germs to the building. **Trips in and out of the building should be for essential purposes only.**
- Visitors are no longer allowed to enter the building. All deliveries: food, medicine, personal items etc., will only be allowed to enter the vestibule area, not the building. The front desk will call you to come down to the vestibule area to retrieve your delivery. Please make sure your friends and family know about the new rules.
  - If you are not in the building when it arrives, the delivery person will need to take the package back with them.
  - If you are unable to retrieve the package due to illness, mobility, etc. ask one of your neighbors to come pick it up for you.
- We have removed the sofa and chairs by the front desk area. If you are waiting for a ride, we have placed chairs in the vestibule area for use while you wait.
- Before coming downstairs to do your laundry, please call the front desk and ask them if there are other residents in there. We need to make sure everyone is practicing safe distancing in that area. We are only allowing 4 people in there at a time for now to ensure safe distancing is being followed.
- No residents should be hanging by the front desk for any reason. We need to keep our front desk staff safe and distance themselves from everyone as much as possible.
- If you are expecting a large package, please make the front desk aware of the estimate time it will be delivered, so you can come get it immediately. We will be calling you to come get it immediately as not to take up extra space in our storage room.
- The eating together program is continuing. Food is distributed on Monday for the week (It is no longer Monday-Thursday)
- For Balti-Market Deliveries see Sheila's section for additional information
- No one is allowed to bring in any visitors through the garage area. PERIOD. We will see on the camera that you are letting someone in through this entrance, and you will be immediately required to have them vacate the building.

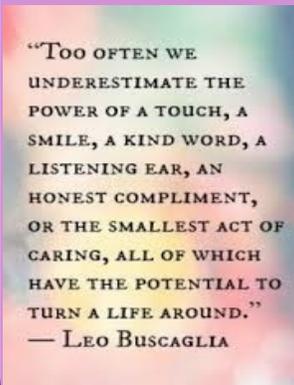
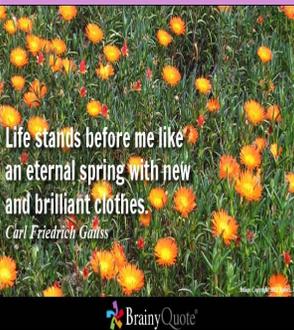
We are taking these steps to ensure that we are doing everything possible to make our building safe. We expect everyone to adhere to these guidelines so we can get through this epidemic alive and well.

We will get through this together.

Joan



REMEMBRANCE



**Will You Get a Stimulus Check If You Receive Social Security or Disability**

According to [Fortune Magazine](#), as of right now, social security benefit recipients and social security disability, as well as supplemental social security recipients, are entitled to the stimulus payment. Some people did not file tax returns for 2018 or 2019 because their income did not reach the filing requirement threshold. According to [Kiplinger Magazine](#), the IRS can pull information from a 2019 Social Security Benefit Statement or Social Security Equivalent Benefit Statement if it does not have

your tax returns from these years to calculate your stimulus check amount. But what does this mean for those who did not receive Social Security or other retirement benefits in 2019? Kiplinger reports that it is unclear right now what will happen in the situation but, at this point, there is a chance that you could receive a stimulus check.

Kiplinger does recommend, though, that people in this position may want to file their 2019 tax returns quickly. You can still file a return even if you will not get a refund and do not owe any tax.

There is no information available yet with IRS.

**BALTIMORE CITY FOOD PANTY**

For your convenience is a list of some food panty around Baltimore City:

- ⇒ Enon Baptist Church, Food Pantry  
Main: 410-728-1490
- ⇒ Ark Food Pantry, Food  
Main: 410-539-1591

⇒ Maryland Access Point, Baltimore City, Aging and Disability Resource Center  
410-396-2273

⇒ St. Vincent Emergency Service, Food Pantry  
410-962-5078

⇒ Waters Church Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry  
410-675-2640

Bread of Life Ministry, Food Pantry  
410-669-6083

Provides non-perishable and perishable food. Call for time.

**Maintenance News Jeffrey D. Knox, Supervisor**

Due to the current Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, and the health and safety of you and our Maintenance staff, we will not be performing work orders unless it is an emergency. Still put in a work order if needed and they will be resolved when safe. If it is an emergency, and maintenance have to enter your unit, we will practice social distancing and we expect you to do the same for your safety and ours.

On April 1st Wilson Service will be here to clean our trash shoot and laundry dryer vents. On this day, please refrain from

throwing any trash down the trash chute. The laundry room will be closed. Signs are posted with the date and time.

Spring is here and Summer is fast approaching. We are preplanning the transition for the Air Conditioning switch in-order to minimize your discomfort. Please remember, as always to keep a fan available for the transition.



Let's be safe during these trying and uncertain times, and be conscious of each others personal space. Stay 6ft apart and please, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. If sick, shelter in place and follow the protocol that was put in place. Do not touch your face. Help us to fight this horrible virus.

Thanks  
J.D.Knox

**Resident Services, Sheila P. Alderman, Resident Services Coordinator**

Although I'm not physically at Westminster House, I am still here for you to help you. If you need any assistance, leave your name, number and message in my voicemail and I will get back to you. I will still be able to help you with your Renters' Tax, Census, MTA, QMB applications, etc. There are a few changes in how we will be operate to maintain your safety as well as ours.

There are many changes taking place to the Services we provide.

Maryland Food Bank Delivery. This month delivery is April 8th. Instead of lining up in the hallway near the library, each person who wants to receive food must call me and schedule a time to pick up their food. It will still be first come, first serve. To practice safe social distancing and gathering, we will not allow more than 5 residents at one time in the library to pick their food up. We will complete all paper work.

Per the Bureau of Recreation and Parks, there will be no monthly trips until further notice.

Wal-mart trips will still occur on Tuesdays at 12 noon, but we will still practice social distancing and gathering with 7. First come first serve.



**Balti-Market**

During this period of the COVID-19 fight, we will practice safe social distancing and gathering. There will be no more than 2 residents at one time to pick there orders up. Each residents will stand the recommended distance away from each other.

Circulars will not be available due to the fact that they are prepared months in advance. Because of the current heavy instore shopping, they are unable to keep supplies in the store enough to offer the sale prices.

The Balti-Market program is still going strong. Residents are enjoying the idea of being able to purchase groceries without leaving home. Particular during the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) fight. Keep in mind that orders are due on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. **We are unable to place any orders after this time.**

The Baltimore City Health Dept. is working diligently to resolve some issues we have been having with Shoprite. (lateness and lack of supplies). We appreciate you completing a complaint form whenever you have a concern about your order.

We appreciate you continued cooperation and participation.

2020 Renter's Tax Credit Refund

*Applications for the Renter's Tax Credit Refund are now available. If you have applied before, you should have received an application automatically in the mail unless you have move. If you have moved to a different unit, see me. If you are eligible, you have until September 1, 2020 to file. Eligible participants will need the following documents to file for a refund:*

1. **2019** Award letter, 1099, W2, or Income Statements
2. 2019 Lease Agreement
3. Social Security Card
4. Picture ID

*Individuals who need assistance with completing their applications can schedule an appointment with me. I will obtain whatever paper-work you may need from Jennifer in advance.*



**Sheila**

**RSC UPCOMING EVENTS**

4/8	Md. Food Bank Distribution	3:00 pm
Tuesdays-	Walmart Trip	12:00 am
Tuesdays-	Balti-Market Orders due	4:00 pm
Thursdays-	Shoprite Delivery	3:00 pm





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**APRIL'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

<i>Anthony Armstrong</i>	<i>Novella Felipa</i>
<i>Jacqueline Gomes</i>	<i>Todd Pearthree</i>
<i>Richard Stanley</i>	<i>Wallace Roberts</i>
<i>Regina Barksdale</i>	<i>Deborah Brown</i>
<i>Jonathan Jones</i>	<i>Lynnell Powell</i>
<i>Toni Simmons</i>	<i>Jean Renalds</i>
<i>Quinten Jackson</i>	<i>Michael Epps</i>
<i>Abdulmatin Muntaqueen</i>	<i>Louis Hope</i>
<i>Syvonne Reese</i>	<i>George Cookson</i>



**If your name is not listed above, please forgive us as we try to update our listing....we sincerely wish you have a very Happy Birthday. Also!!!, please advise us if you do not want your name included in future newsletters.**

**SICK AND SHUT Ins**

**Please make sure you appeal to these individuals. For we are all members of Westminster House and we are family.**

**COMPLIANCE UPDATE, JENNIFER COCO**

**Annual Recertification- Temporary Process Adjustment**

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone for being very patient during our COVID-19 quarantine. The Compliance Office continues to be open.



In order to stay in-line with CDC guidelines and social distancing suggestions; annual recertifications that are due during this period, we will be conducted via telephone interview. I will be scheduling appointments as usual, but residents do not need to come into the office. Once your appointment has been completed a packet will be delivered with required signatures highlighted and a list of detailed information that will need to be returned to the Compliance Office.

We continue to remain in line with our deadlines; and your patience and understanding throughout this process are greatly appreciated. Please call me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your lease renewal or annual paperwork.

**-Jen Coco-**