

# "THE VIEW FROM 524"



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## From the Senior Manager, Joan Campbell, CPM



Dear Residents,

I hope everyone had a great Holiday and Happy New Year! We continue to be committed to the well-being of our residents. As with any public health concern, we need to be prepared and informed. Prevention is everyone's priority, especially during cold and flu season. Per the notice delivered December 30, 2020, there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the Community.

### Some things that you should know:

Residents should continue to Stay at Home as much as possible. Testing is pending with Baltimore City Health Department. Details will be distributed once they are finalized.

Please remember social distancing is still very important. If you are able to handle any business over the phone, please call. Please limit visits to any of the Community Staff Offices.

Disposable Masks are still available at the Compliance Office. Masks will continue to be required in **ALL** common areas.

Visitors will be allowed in the building **ONLY** with masks. Overnight passes will continue to be limited to 10 days per calendar quarter. If you do not follow the procedure of having your guest sign in at the front desk, you will be banned from having visitors during the pandemic.

Gatherings of 10 or more people are still restricted.

Common areas will be closed. This includes the Library and the Community Room on the 18th Floor. We will continue to partner with Eating Together and the normal monthly Food Distribution.

Maintenance will only be available for Emergency Work Orders. Please continue to call the front desk to put in any work orders; however, they are being scheduled only for emergencies.

**WE DO NEED TO KNOW IF YOU ARE SICK** – if you are suspected of having COVID-19, please contact us after you have alerted the local Health Department. This will enable us to practice appropriate procedures recommended by the local health department, CDC and World Health Organization if we need to enter your home for emergency maintenance.

Stay well. Thank you for your cooperation and support as we get through this uncertain time. We are looking forward to a much more peaceful and calmer new year!

Joan





# WINTER CROSSWORD

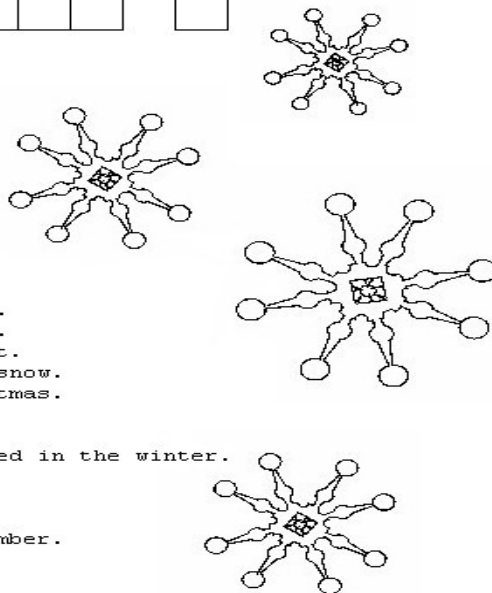


## Across

1. Time off from school or work.
5. Used to decorate a Christmas tree.
7. It's a season for giving \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Holiday celebrated on January 1st.
12. Strap them on an go downhill on snow.
13. I'm dreaming of a \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas.

## Down

2. Winter sport on frozen water.
3. African-American holiday celebrated in the winter.
4. Famous Snowman
6. Flakes that fall from the sky.
8. The month following January.
9. Jewish holiday celebrated in December.
11. Santa's Helpers



## Maintenance News Jeffrey Knox, Supervisor

January is here and the winter cold is upon us. The heat system is working well.

If you have any questions or concerns about the system in your apartment, ask Jeff.

Please **DO NOT** put needles directly into the trash. Needles should be disposed off in an old soda bottle, or can. It is a safety issue to place uncapped used needles into a trash bag.

Bags should not be left on the floor in the trash rooms.

Boxes or large items need to be broken down and put in the trash room. These large items are jamming the chute.

Please contact the front desk to put in a work order if your Thermostat gets hard to read. The batteries likely need to be replaced.

We'll do our best to take care of these issues as soon as possible.

Jeff



## Resident Services, Mimi Kelly, Resident Services Coordinator

**We are starting off the New Year with promise and hope; due to the Covid 19 vaccine in the not too distant future. I have been contacted by the City Health Department and a pharmacy about administering the Covid vaccine at Westminster House Apartments. We do not have a schedule yet for receiving the vaccine, but it should be sometime this year. If you can get the vaccine through the Veteran's Administration or your health care provider, please do so. In the meantime, we can protect ourselves and others by continuing to social distance, wearing our masks and washing our hands frequently.**

### PODIATRISTS

**Upon request, I have contacted several podiatrists about coming to Westminster House. A resident must call them and make an appointment. There will not be a time for a general appointment; only individual.**

**Please contact me for additional information**

### MARYLAND ACCESS POINT (MAP)

This is a very good City resource if you have questions about resources for seniors. The number is 410- 396-2273. They can offer referrals for community resources, long term services and support. A person actually answers the phone (at least every time I have called with a question).

Their service referrals include; health, mental health, utilities, grocery providers, health insurance and Medicare information. One of their programs provides groceries delivered through Amazon to the resident. The program is called the "Grocery Box". If you are qualified, your box would contain fresh fruits and vegetables among other items.

They offer a Senior Care Program but it is currently on hold due to the health situation. This program allows a qualified person to come into your home to help you with daily living activities. This could be very helpful after a surgery or illness when a person can't get out to go shopping or may need help with light house-keeping. When the program reopens, we will provide more information.



### VOLUNTEERS

Once again, the staff at Westminster House would like to thank all of the volunteers who do so much for so many here. I can call a few people when I need volunteers and in minutes, so many step up to the plate. The Christmas party, the weekly bread and food donations, reporting those who may be sick and need help, the Food Bank distribution, are just a few of the events in which those living at the Westminster House participate. This building would not be a community without all of you.

We would also like to thank Edna Davis and her church for the distribution of food baskets at Christmas. They were greatly appreciated.

### TRIPS

**Currently the only trips which are planned are the weekly Walmart trips. Seven (7) residents are allowed per trip. When the pandemic slows down will we once again consider planning trips**

Mimi

### RSC UP COMING EVENTS

Every Monday

Eating Together 12:00 pm

Every Tuesday

Walmart Trip 12:00 pm

BaltiMarket Orders Due

Every Thursday

Balti-Market Delivery  
(Times Vary)







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**JANUARY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

*Joyce Collier*

*Jesse Frazier*

*Monteresa Scales*

*Donald Bogart*

*Charles Sigafoose*

*Jenifer Lace*

*Peggy Wilkins*

*Joseph Simpson*

*Marion Crouse*

*Mimi Kelly*

*Audrey Curry*

*Nathan Penn*

*Jerry Storrs*

*Douglas Miller*

*Carlton Anderson*

*James McAteer*

*James Deibel*

*Maurice Robinson*

*Helen Burton*

*Charles Davis*



*Gertrude Noel*

**If your name is not listed above, please forgive us as we try to update our listing....we sincerely wish you 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 all of members of Westminster House and we are family.**

**Compassionate condolences are extended to all the family and friends of those we lost recently.**

**COMPLIANCE UPDATE, JENNIFER COCO**

**Lease Signings!!**

The final Stages of the recertifications are complete. You will get an additional notice from me when your paperwork is complete; and your lease and income certification are ready for your signatures. Your leases will run inline with your lease renewal with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City as applicable. Most residents have already signed. If you get a notice from me, please come see me as soon as possible.

There was only a few that need additional information. Please respond promptly if you receive a request for additional information.

Thank you again for your prompt attention to the income certifications and lease renewals. We would not have been successful without your help!



**We would like to welcome our newest residents to**

**Westminster House :**

**Francine Stinney**

**Calvery Harris**

**-Jen Coco-**