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# "THE VIEW FROM 524"



**From the Senior Manager, Joan Campbell, CPM**

Dear Residents,

Season's Greetings from the entire team at Westminster House Apartments. We wish you the best this Holiday Season, and for a New Year filled with good health and happiness.

We hope that everyone who participated in the Complimentary Thanksgiving Meal Pick up, enjoyed their dinner. We hope we were able to make Thanksgiving enjoyable.

While we will be are still unable to celebrate the Holidays in our "normal" way, we want to wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season.

## **HANGING ITEMS ON YOUR APARTMENT DOORS**

Please remember you can not put nails, tacks, staples, scotch tape or any other item on your doors to hang anything. The only thing you can use is a door hanger that goes over top of your door (or a Command Hook- Scotch Brand) to hang wreaths or holiday decorations. We will be monitoring the hallways to make sure that no one is violating this rule.

## **PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS**

Pets, or Service Animals, are not allowed in the common area (Which includes the Laundry Room, Library and Courtyard). Your Pet, or Service Animal, should always be on a leash, or in a carrier. Pets are permitted in the hallways only to enter and leave the building.

## **PACKAGES**

Please make sure your packages are picked up in a timely manner. With the Holiday Season approaching, we have seen a very large increase in packages. We do not have extra storage for your packages. Any packages not picked up within Three (3) days will be returned to sender.

## **LAUNDRY ROOM- WASHING MACHINES**

Please do not overfill the Detergent in the Washing Machines. Too much laundry detergent clogs the machine and causes them to malfunction. Please use the measuring top on the detergent container. Pouring the detergent directly into the washing machine is causing it to malfunction and is wasting your detergent.

## **WHEN CALLING 911**

If you have an emergency, please call 911. If you are unsure where to direct them, please call the front desk so they can direct them to the building.





## Winter Wordsearch



K N A M W O N S T N X O T F E  
 K O W I N T E R E C O C O A L  
 P I C I C L E I Z R R R B K G  
 C H M B W M I T T E N S M W I  
 H S G H W S Z I W D Y F E A L  
 T G H Q R A K E N E Z O R F A  
 O L X O D S S P R U C E I S U  
 B O J E V C A R D I N A L N A  
 O V R N L E B G O T A H I O R  
 G E T C H I L L Y G Z O M W D  
 G S P C D O K T Z G Q L K F B  
 A C T S K A T E X S C L D L S  
 N I Z M M Y W F E X D Y E A H  
 C W N L U T G Y N S O A L K B  
 S D O Q V L Q K H W M Q S E A

WINTER  
 SNOWFLAKE  
 SNOWMAN  
 ICICLE  
 SPRUCE  
 HOLLY  
 CARDINAL  
 FROZEN  
 BRRR  
 CHILLY  
 SLED  
 GLOVES  
 HAT  
 SKATE  
 SKI  
 TOBOGGAN  
 COCOA  
 SHOVEL  
 MITTENS



**WINTER** SNOW  
 Boots Baby Its Cold Outside  
 Sleigh Riding Scarfs  
 Jack Frost Nipping At Your Nose  
 Cold Snowmen  
 SNOWY Mittens  
 SNOW DAYS Slushy  
 Snowball Fights Windy  
 SNOW Slippery  
 Freezing December ICICLES  
 Let It Snow Sled JANUARY

### Maintenance News Jeffrey Knox, Supervisor

We're into winter and the night time temperatures will be below freezing. Our heating system is operating well. If you have any questions or concerns about the system in your apartment, ask Jeffrey.

There should NEVER be large bulk items left in the trash rooms. We will review the security cameras and charge for large items. Please contact the Maintenance Supervisor for bulk removal of any kind.

Pest Control Services are scheduled for every Friday (a notice will be sent if there is a schedule change) If you need pest services, please call no later than Noon on Thursdays.

Reed Pest Control charges for cancellations. If you will not be available for treatment, do not request service. If you request service, and refuse treatment the day of— you will be charged the \$8.00 pest control fee.

Please remember that all trash MUST be bagged and put into the chute. Please do not leave trash on the floor. This is increasing problems with pests. Do not put unbagged items into the chute. Boxes and larger items are getting stuck and causing the chute to clog.

Jeffrey





## Resident Services, Mimi Kelly, Resident Services Coordinator

### FIRE SAFETY MEETING

There will be a meeting on December 7 at 2:00 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor to discuss fire safety and procedures for the building. A representative from the Baltimore City will be presenting the session. We recently had a fire/smoke event which occurred due to resident's carelessness. Since winter is approaching and more people will be staying in and cooking, the Fire Department will review their recommendations to prevent fires and what to do in case the building alarm does go off. Information from this meeting will also be posted for all residents to review if you are unable to attend the meeting. All floor fire captains can call me to let me know who you are and what floor you live on. I will compile an updated list of the captains; floor by floor.

### EATING TOGETHER PROGRAM

We are attempting to begin the Eating Together program but do not have a start-up date yet. Some of the volunteers and I have met with the program director who recently came off of sick leave.

All forms for those involved with the program should be updated. I have them in my office if you have not already filled them out.

### MONUMENT HOLIDAY LIGHTING EVENT

50th Anniversary Celebration!!

Our beloved Washington monument will again usher in the holiday season with its' annual lights and fireworks. Westminster House will host a party to enjoy this festive event. We will provide light appetizers for all who attend on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor that evening. The party will be from 5-7pm Thursday, December 2. Volunteers appreciated; just let me know that you would like to help.

### DONATED VEGETABLES AND BAKED GOODS

Although these food items listed above are dropped off frequently, we rarely know in advance what the dates are. Generally, the bread and other baked goods are dropped off on Thursdays. If you know that your neighbor could use some of these items please deliver to them as a good neighbor. A special thanks to those who have helped carrying the food in on the carts and help with the fair distribution of the no cost items.

### MEDICARE SUBSCRIBERS

**Open enrollment for Medicare coverage ends December 7. This is the time you can switch Medicare Plan C or D, return to straight Medicare, or just Enroll. Effective date of coverage is January 1, 2022.**

Don't miss the deadline. FOR DETAILED INFO & ASSISTANCE CALL BALTIMORE CITY SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (SHIP) AT **(410) 396-2273**

### Social Security

You should receive a statement of 2021 income from Social Security this month. Please make sure you hold on to this statement because you will need it as proof of income for many reasons in the upcoming year.



*Mimi*

### Resident Service Events

12/7 Fire Safety Meeting  
2:00 PM 18th Fl. Community Room

12/14 Md. Food Bank  
Distribution

Walmart Trip-Every Tuesday 11:30 pm



*Happy Holidays!*



CRITICAL LAYOUTS

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am so thankful that so many of you do help. Let's keep it going over the winter! Help your neighbor who may not be able to come downstairs due to a health condition. Bring them something to stock their pantry. There are usually food items in my office which are for there for the taking but please make a call to make sure I am in my office.



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## DECEMBER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

*Claudia Johnson*  
*Patricia Mack*  
*Edward Adedeji*  
*Barbara Gault*  
*Larry Rice-Bey*  
*Ronald Merryman*  
*Lottie Booker*  
*William Newton*  
*Donald Wardell*  
*Clark Crane*  
*Bruce Moore, Sr*  
*Willie Lemon*  
*Margaret Lee*

*Raymond Bethel*  
*Barbee Barber*  
*Theresa Jones*  
*Elbert Major*  
*Herman Harried*  
*Clifton Wagstaff*  
*Gerald Allen*  
*Ellis Johnson*  
*Earldine Bagley*  
*Patricia Melton*  
*Stephanie Ambrose*  
*Arthur Johnson*  
*Michael Smith*



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. Please advise us if you do not want your name included in future newsletters.

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



## COMPLIANCE UPDATE, JENNIFER COCO

### **Recertification Status: Final Stage Update**

It is the beginning of the Holiday season. We now have most of our verifications back and most files are in process and almost complete. If you have not already, 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 in-line with your lease renewal with the Housing Authority of Baltimore City as applicable.

We will be completed on schedule for January 1, 2022. If you receive a notice that I need additional information, please follow up as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your prompt attention to the income certifications and lease renewals.

We would not have been successful without your help.

