JULY 2023 ISSUE



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"THE VIEW FROM 524"

From the Senior Manager, Joan Campbell, CPM

Dear Residents,

We hope that everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful summer weather. We had such a wonderful Spring. We were grateful that it took a little while for the summer heat to get here. The courtyard has been decorated and is a perfect please to enjoy the outdoors.

APARTMENT PULL CORDS

Please remember that the pull cords in your living area and your bathrooms should NEVER be tied up, taped, or blocked. It is a life and safety issue that the cords are accessible and easy for you to use.

FRONT ENTRANCE GARDEN AREA

Due to the heat, we are lifting the no drinking ban for the garden area. *This will be for nonalcoholic beverages only.* There is still no eating or drinking in the inside common areas.

RENT POLICY

Rent is due on the 1st of each month. We have a 10 day grace-period and after the 10th there is a 5% late fee charged to your account. (The late fee is 5% of the resident's portion of the rent). Anyone that doesn't pay their rent by the 11th will be filed in court, which is a \$30 fee. Please pay your rent on time. If you know you are going to have a problem paying you rent by the 10th , please come to the Compliance Office to speak with Jennifer Coco, otherwise, we will be filing in court on the 11th .

COMMUNITY CARTS

When you borrow a cart from the Front Desk, carts should not be left in your apartment, in the hallways or in the trash rooms. Please be courteous to your neighbors and our team by returning the carts PROMPTLY to the front desk.

GUEST CHECK-IN

Please remember that ALL guests need to sign in at the front desk. Guests are not permitted in the building without checking in first. If you come in through the garage, please make sure to stop at the front desk to sign in/out.

- Joan



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Maintenance News JEFFREY KNOX, SUPERVISOR

We are getting well into summer weather. Here are a few tips on keeping cool.

- 1. Try to keep your blinds closed to keep up out the sun.
- Keep your thermostat set to 74 and on "AUTO". This will help regulate your temperature and help regulate billing costs.
- Make sure that your AC unit is clear and not being blocked. Also make sure that the top of the AC unit is cleared.

We have had several recurring issues with residents leaving their sinks running, or left their stoves on unattended. Please remember that you are financially responsible for any damage that you cause to your apartment, or neighboring apartments, and it is a lease violation.

Please remember that it is a life and safety issue for your pull cords to remain hanging freely. Your pull cords are not tied up, taped or blocked by furniture. During our Preventative Maintenance Inspections, many were found blocked or taped up. The pull cords will not work if you can not reach them.

> -Thanks Jeff

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Resident Services, Lavelle Webb, Resident Services Coordinator

Staying Safe in Summer Heat

As we get into warmer summer temperatures, it is important to remember Summer Safety Tips

- Stay Hydrated and drink plenty of water
- Wear light weight, light colored clothing
- When outside, wear sunscreen, sunglasses and protect your skin from sunburn.
- If possible stay indoors, preferably somewhere with air conditioning.
- Watch for heat cramps, heat exhaustion or signs of heat stroke



Walmart Trips

Changes have been made for the Tuesday Walmart Trips. All participating members will no longer be able to bring their metal shopping carts on the bus and are delegated to having only two carry-on bags from the store due to limited space. If they have any questions please have them reach out to Mr. Street directly at 443-890-1011.

July Bus Trip

July 14, 2023 Bus Trip to Annapolis Harbour 10-4pm. We will be going to 2512 A Solomons Island Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Annapolis Harbour Visit, Kunte Kinte Memorial Visit and Light Shopping

Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

SNAP – Food Benefits

There has been a spike in stolen benefits on the EBT cards. The Department of Human Services (DHS) recommends customers take these steps to better protect their personal information and EBT cards: Change your PIN often; if your card has been used by someone other than you, call your local **Department of Social Services** to 'freeze" the use of your card. If your card is lost or stolen, call the Maryland EBT Customer Call Center at 1-800-997-2222 to order a replacement card. When you get your new card, be sure to create a unique PIN. Avoid using the old PIN. You can do that by calling the number on the back of your EBT card.

Lavelle



RSC UPCOMING

7/10	Md. Food Bank	
	Distribution	2:00 pm
7/14	Annapolis Harbour	Bus Trip
7/15	Amish Market Bus Trip	
Tuesda	ys-Walmart Trip	11:30 am
Tuesda	ys-Shoprite Order	2:00 pm
Thursday-Shoprite Delivery Time Varies		



JULY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION



Westminster House Apartments 524 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21201 Phone: 410-837-0180 Fax: 410-644-4575 Website: www.westminsterhouseapts.com Michael Owen Ann Barone Ishuai Karnatu-Bey Randy Garnes Edna Mach Jeanette Smith Martin Spriggs Deborah Bouie David Price Vernon Moore James Glover Malinda Turner Elaine Hopewell Connie Hill Derrick Jones Yvonne Carr Carl Abrams Vanceane Major Julia Steele Patricia Lockhart Laura Pratt Leonard Stem Odessa Woodland Ross Walker Patricia Edwards Lawrence Shifflett Eric Campbell Vanessa Thomas-Gray Monica Yorkman Karan Wright Barbara Keith James Ferrell Ella Williams Sylvia Jordan

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.

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



COMPLIANCE UPDATE, JENNIFER COCO

Renters Insurance Policy Reminder

This policy can be found in your Building Rules and Regulations Addendum Item # 13



"Resident agrees that Landlord shall not be liable for theft, damages or destruction of personal property or any bodily injury or death to Resident or any person whomsoever, unless the same is caused by the negligence or other misconduct of the Management. (It will be the responsibility of the Resident to obtain renters insurance to protect their personal property.)"

Renters insurance is one of the most valuable and overlooked pieces of financial protection available to renters. Residents at Westminster House Apartments are strongly encouraged to maintain individual Renters Insurance. A comprehensive policy could cover costs to replace your personal belongings; like your furniture, electronics, computer equipment, your clothes, jewelry and appliances. Basic renters insurance could reimburse you for the loss of property (up to your policy's coverage limit) if destroyed, damaged, lost or stolen in many different events (**Based on coverage of your specific policy). A few examples of Insurance Providers in our area are Allstate, Erie, Geico, Progressive and State Farm. Discounts are frequently offered if you already have an existing insurance policy with the carrier.

-Jennifer Coco

