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# "THE VIEW FROM 524"

From the Senior Manager, Jennifer Coco, ARM, COS, BOS, TCS

Dear Residents,

As temperatures rise and the summer heat sets in, staying cool is as important as ever. Please see our Resident Service page for tips on staying safe in the summer heat. Let's make this month a breeze together.

#### 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 office to speak with me, otherwise, we will be filing in court on the 11th.

#### **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.

#### PETS IN THE COMMON AREAS

Please remember that you are responsible for cleaning up after your pets. If your pet has an accident in the common area, please make sure to clean up any mess. Not cleaning up is a violation of the Pet Policy and continued issues will result in a lease violation.

#### **GARDEN AREA & PARKING LOT**

Please do not feed the birds in the courtyard or in the parking lot next door. The food being left down attracts unwanted pests and leaves the





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#### **JULY'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Michael Owen
Ann Barone
Maurice Milligan
Randy Garnes
Jeanette Smith
Martin Spriggs
Deborah Bouie
James Glover
Malinda Turner
Elaine Hopewell
Karan Wright
Bobbie Ann Kennedy

Ross Walker
Connie Hill
Derrick Jones
Yvonne Carr
Carl Abrams
Vanceane Major
Julia Steele
Patricia Lockhart
Laura Pratt
Leonard Stem
Odessa Woodland
Sylvia Jordan

Patricia Edwards Lawrence Shifflett Eric Campbell Vanessa Thomas-Gray James Ferrell



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.

#### 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.



#### 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



#### **July Bus Trip**

July 12, 2024 - Bus trip to DC (African American History and Culture Museum) The National Museum of African American History and Culture is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. To date, the Museum has collected more than 40,000 artifacts and nearly 100,000 individuals have become members. Cost is \$15.00 Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

#### **ASAP Results-INFO SESSION**

July 5th 11am-3 pm Information session ASAP Results is a pharmacology and genetic screening company. Their screening can help reveal how genetics can influence certain medications and determine potential impacts medications can have on the body.

#### 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.

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#### **RSC UPCOMING**

7/8 Md. Food Bank

> Distribution 2:00 pm

7/12 Bus trip to DC

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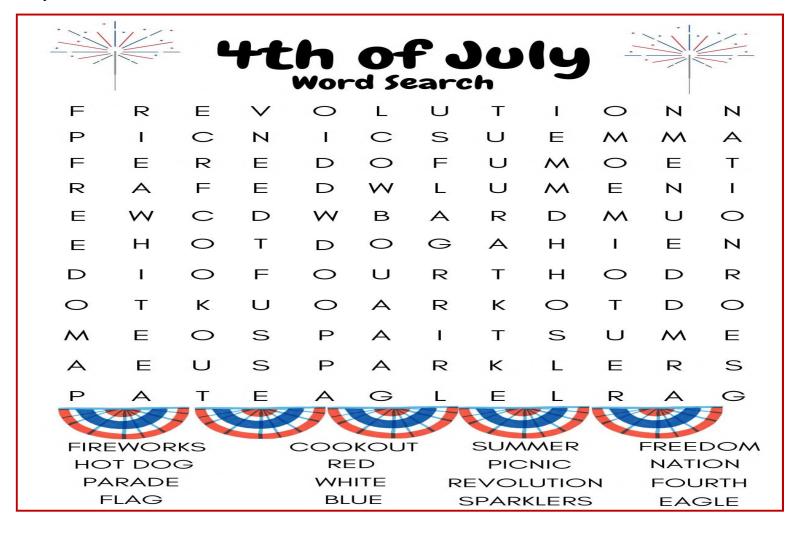
Culture Museum)

7/18 Covid Clinic (18th Floor)

1st and 3rd Tuesdays-

Walmart Trip 11:00 am





#### **Maintenance News**

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.
- 2. 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.

Please remember NOT to put loose needle or medical equipment in the trash chute. All needles and medical equipment needs to be SECURED in a container with a lid. It is a safety issue that these items are loose in the trash.

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



