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"THE VIEW FROM 524"

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

Dear Residents,

As we step into March, we're embracing the promise of new beginnings and the arrival of spring! Whether you're ready to enjoy the blossoming flowers, the longer days, or simply the fresh energy this season brings, we're excited to share the latest updates, tips, and events with you in this month's newsletter.

FRONT DESK- RESIDENT CALLS

The front desk is not able to make personal phone calls for residents. Please do not ask the front desk to call other residents or to use the intercom to contact another resident. Please do NOT give out the main phone number as your contact number. We do not take messages for individual residents.

EMERGENCY PULL CORDS

The emergency pull cords in your bathroom and bedrooms should NEVER be taped or tied up. Your pull cord MUST be left hanging and should not be blocked by furniture or other items.

<u>KEY FOBS</u>

Please remember that all of our residents are required to use your key fob at the front door. Please remember to bring your key fob with you and have it out and available at the front door. Please do not stand at the door waiting for the Front Desk to open the door for you.

TRASH IN RAILINGS

Please refrain from using the hand railings as impromptu trash receptacles. We are finding candy wrappers, cigarette butts and small trash in the handrails. We understand that accidents happen, but we kindly request that you refrain from disposing of any trash in the hand railings.



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MARCH'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Delores Garrett Daniel Darago Belinda Guess Barry Leonard Eleanor Broadway Helen Wallace Scott Verzier Cynthia Pinder Sykes Patrick Hayes Arthur Lanier Renee Gross Martin Cumberland Ellen Nagle Larry Mack



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.



COMPIANCE UPDATE, SHALONDA BAILEY

How long should you keep documents?

It's often confusing to know how long to keep documents and when it's safe to get rid of them. Some things you'll need to hold on to for your whole life and others for just a few months.

Store permanently: tax returns, major financial records

Your lease (s), Housing Authority information and income statements (social security, veteran benefit statements, pension statements) should be kept in a separate folder or file. Your tax returns are also important documents to keep as part of your financial history. Additionally, it's a good idea to hold onto records of major financial events such as legal filings or inheritances.

Keep for 3–7 years: supporting tax documentation

Depending on your filing circumstances, the IRS may be able to ask you for supporting documentation for three to seven years after you file a return. Knowing that, a good rule of thumb is to save any document that verifies information on your tax return—including Forms W–2 and 1099, bank and brokerage statements, and charitable donation receipts—for three to seven years.

Store for 1 year: regular statements, pay stubs

Keep either a digital or hard copy of the past year's-worth of your monthly bank and credit card statements. You should also hold on to pay stubs so that you can use them to verify the accuracy of your Form W-2 when tax season arrives.

Keep for 1 month: utility bills, deposit and withdrawal records

Your utility, cable and cell phone bills can be disposed of soon as you verify your payment was processed



Resident Services, Lavelle Webb, Resident Services Coordinator

<u>2025 Renter's Tax Credit</u> <u>Refund</u>

Applications for Renter's Tax Credit Refund should be in the mail (They will NOT be available until the end of February) Eligible participants will need the following documents to file for a refund.

- 1. <u>2024</u> Award letter, 1099, W2, or Income Statement(s)
- 2. 2024 Lease Agreement (or ledger)
- 3. Social Security Card
- 4. Picture ID

Individuals who need assistance with completing their application can schedule an appointment with me in my office.

The deadline to apply is not until September– you have time.

TAX PREPARATION

Cash Campaign of Maryland will be at the Enoch Pratt Central Library again this year completing taxes. Please call 410-234-8008 M-F 9am-2pm to make an appointment. Resident Services DOES NOT assist with individual tax returns.

> Social Security You should have received a statement of 2024 income from Social Security last month. This statement is called a 1099. Also, you should receive a statement of your (2025) income. Please make sure you hold on to these statements because you will need it as proof of income for many future reasons.

BUS TRIP

Our monthly bus trip this month will be going to White Marsh Mall and The Shops at the Avenue. **March 28, 2025** We will be leaving at 10:00 AM and cost of the Trip is \$15 per person. Don't forget to sign up with me if you are interested in attending

MEDICARE C INFORMATION SESSION

March 21, 2025 Jim Reilley 1:00– 3:00 PM in the



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RSC UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/10 Md. Food Bank Distribution
- 3/17 Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/28 Bus Trip
- Tuesdays-Walmart Trip 10:30 meet in Library

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Maintenance News MAURICE ROBINSON, Supervisor

Please DO NOT put food or paper towels in the toilet. We are having a very large issue with clogged toilets from I things that are not supposed to be flushed. ONLY waste and toilet paper are to be flushed down the toilet.

Please do not put large items in the trash chute. ONLY bagged trash goes in chute. Do not leave on the the chute. Large items are clogging the chute and damaging the new

compactor. Please contact myself or Management if you need the phone number for our bulk trash contractor Zak.

We have noticed that a few residents are dragging trash bags down the hallway to the trash room. This is causing unsightly stains in the carpet. Please carry your trash bags to the trash floor in the trash rooms.

Please remember to turn on your exhaust fan when you

are cooking. This helps eliminate the smoke detector from going off.

Spring Filter changes and inspections will be scheduled to begin in March and will be conducted per floor. A separate notice will also be distributed.

-Maurice



