



NEWSLETTER

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SPRING CLEANING

Tips & Tricks



Spring is almost here! It's time to get rid of a winter's worth of dust and grime. Unfortunately, it's also the time of year when we all want to be outside enjoying the fresh air. The last thing on our minds is cleaning. YUCK! But the good news is that with a thorough spring-cleaning, all of the fragrant crispness of springtime can be felt throughout the house. And with the following game plan to guide you, you'll be able to clean up quickly and efficiently, with plenty of time left over to stop and smell the newly budding roses.

BEFORE YOU CLEAN

There are a few precautions you should take.

- Wear comfortable, old clothes that you don't mind getting dirty

- Take stock of your cleaning needs and supplies. Don't wait until you're about to clean.

- Prepare a bucket of supplies to bring with you to every room DURING CLEANING

- Play some fun, lively music. Before you know it, your adrenaline will start pumping and you'll be dancing your way through the house.

- Toss away everything you don't use. Less clutter makes future dusting easier.

- Gather extra items and either give them away to charity.

- Work around the room in one direction, either left or right. This way, there won't be any time wasted in criss-crossing the room, or vacuuming the same spot twice.

- Clear it off and put it away. This is really the first step to cleaning any room. Put away books and magazines. Throw away old newspapers. Remove items from kitchen counters. Empty wastebaskets. Take down shower curtains and liners for laundering. File away or throw out papers and bills.

AFTER CLEANING

Make sure you keep up with your fresh house. Mark your calendar to complete certain chores. Maybe every Saturday, you can wipe down the bathroom. And on Tuesdays, you can dust. Regardless of how you schedule your chores, just make sure you do them and your house will always be fresh and clean like springtime.

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Community Safety Spotlight



Toni Jordon,

Community Safety Assistant

Freetown Village, Pinewood Village,
Pinewood East & Glen Square

THE BUSINESS OF SECURITY

When staff says, "security is everybody's concern," we mean it. We want all our residents to take an active interest in helping to keep our communities safe and enjoyable places to live. And although we need your support and appreci-

ate your good intentions, we aren't looking for you to try and assist Community Safety or the police by acting as a "security guard," "building monitor" or "community patrol agent." Despite any training or experience you might have acquired in a former position, NO ONE is authorized to act in an enforcement capacity on our properties without specific authorization from the Commission.

If you see a door propped open - close it. If you see a suspicious person or circumstance - report it to Community Safety or the police. Remember: if you think a crime is in progress or has just occurred, call 9-1-1 BEFORE you call me to respond (I like to know help is on the way in...just in case! Security is every resident's concern, but your safety is OUR business.

Maurice Price

Community Safety Assistant

Meade Village, Stoney Hill, and
Burwood Gardens

IT'S NOT THE MONEY, IT'S THE LOVE OF MONEY!!

I recently received a notice in the mail stating "You have won a lottery in the amount of \$160,000.00!" Accompanying this notice was a check for \$2832.27 and that notice read the "ADMINISTRATIVE FEE" is in the exact amount of the check. However before you deposit this check call the number. I think the number was 1-800-STU-PIDD! Before contacting the Check and Fraud unit of the States Attorney's office I called information and got the

number to this bank which was located just up the road in Delaware and in speaking with the Branch Manager he reported "You're about the fiftieth person to call but the first from the east coast!" It turned out though the Bank was credible, the checks were phony. This is the latest scam to acquire your bank account information in an attempt to drain your monies from your account. The key ingredient to the success of this scam is not the diabolical planning and execution on the part of the criminal. It is the greed on the part of the recipient! BOY WOULD I HAVE LOVED TO HAVE WON THAT MONEY!

Though seniors are targeted more than any other demographic, we are all targeted. This has been said a million times so one more won't hurt! IF IT'S TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE IT PROBABLY ISN'T!! Be careful of these new and improved scams; don't let your desire for instant wealth lure you into the trap. At the very least always make the call first; Bank, Check and Fraud unit in your area, States Attorney's office or even contact your Manager or Community Safety representative.

Money is good, but the foolish love for it is what keeps us in trouble!!! MAYBE NEXT TIME!



HCAAC TIPS: HELPING US HELPS YOU!

When writing a check or money order for rent or other charges. **PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME CLEARLY AND ALWAYS INCLUDE YOUR UNIT NUMBER.**

PINEWOOD VILLAGE & PINEWOOD EAST

**Jaycie Bramlett,
Property Manager**

Warmer weather is on its way and nice days are soon to come! Please be mindful of the noise disturbance from you or your guests as you sit outside your building or in the park area. Keep grounds clean of trash and food. Also, be advised that open container alcoholic beverages are prohibited on the property grounds and/or benches.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING
Wouldn't you like to be a part of

the action and excitement in your community? Come hear all about it in our Resident Council meetings, which are held every second Thursday of each month. The meetings for the month of May are on Thursday, May 10, 2007 at 2:30 PM for Pinewood Village and 2:00 PM for Pinewood East.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE, READ ALL ABOUT IT!

There is a new information channel to tune into. We no longer use channel #66 to get important information out to the residents. We are now utilizing channel #82, so tune in and see what's going on in your community.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS
Please be courteous to your

- neighbors and share –
1. Do not use more than 2 washers and 2 dryers at a time
 2. Family members and friends are not permitted to use laundry room
 3. Do not leave your laundry unattended
 4. Return red carts when you are done using them
 5. Register your vehicle with the management office
 6. Tell your visitors to park their cars across the street from the building
 7. Remove your pet's waste from the community grounds
 8. Throw your cigarette butts in the posts provided at each entrance
 9. Pick up your trash!
 10. Be courteous to your neighbors.

**Lashonda Godwin,
Human Services Caseworker**

We Need Your Feedback!
Multicultural Day Luncheon
Hello Pinewood Village, Crilley Road, and Pinewood East Community! In celebration of the diversity of ethnicities in our community, the Human

Services Department located at Pinewood Village would like to host a "Multicultural Day Luncheon". We recognize the great wealth of culture in our midst and would like to dedicate some time to come together and enjoy the vastness of diversity. What better way to do this, than by sharing a meal

in honor of many diverse cultural backgrounds. We will be forming a small committee to plan and prepare for this day. If you would like to join the committee, please contact LaShonda Godwin at 410-222-6347 or Stephanie Hnida at 410-222-6304.

STONEY HILL

**Valerie Robinette,
Property Manager**

We would like to welcome all new residents to Stoney Hill.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS:

•Please remember to report ANY changes in your income. Whether your income goes up or down, you must report the

change to Management within 10 days.

- Keep your Emergency Contact Information up to date with the Management Office and a neighbor.
- Please keep a list of the medications you are taking on your refrigerator, this is necessary information should you ever require emergency assistance.
- Please keep your front porches clean of debris.

- The Resident Council is always looking for new ideas and volunteers to plan fun activities for the community.
- The Community Room is for everyone, please remember to clean up after yourselves.
- When using the laundry room, remember there are limited machines. Please do not use all of them at one time.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING
May 2nd

FREETOWN VILLAGE

Stacie Ringgold,
Property Manager

CONNECT WITH YOUR TEEN

As your child approaches the teen years and becomes more independent, staying connected may seem like more of a challenge. But it's important - maybe even more so now.

While activities at school, new interests, and a burgeoning social life become more important to your growing child, you are still home base, providing love, guidance, and support.

And that connection to you will provide a sense of security and build the resilience your child

needs to roll with life's ups and downs.

Your preteen may act as if your guidance isn't needed, and even seem embarrassed by you at times. This is when kids start to confide more in peers and request their space and privacy - expect the bedroom door to be shut more often.

As difficult as it may be to deal with all these changes, try not to take them personally. They're all signs of your child's growing independence. You're going to have to loosen the ties and allow some growing room. But you don't have to let go entirely. You're still a powerful influence - it's just that your preteen may be more responsive to the example you set rather

than the instructions you give. So practice what you'd like to preach, just preach it a little less for now.

Modeling the qualities that you want your preteen to learn and practice - respectful communication, kindness, healthy eating, and fulfilling everyday responsibilities without complaining - makes it more likely that your son or daughter will comply

Small, simple things can reinforce connection. Make room in your schedule for special times, take advantage of the routines you already share, and show that you care.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING
May 14th

Lashonda Godwin
Human Services Caseworker

With the first day of spring behind us, we begin to anticipate the shedding of winter coats, hats, and scarves. We look forward to taking advantage of warm days by spending more time outdoors with family and friends. As these spring days become increasingly available,

I encourage everyone to take safety precautions while enjoying the outdoors in the community., Parents please be attentive to your children while they are enjoying the outdoors. Take notice of cars that are speeding within the community, and ask drivers to reduce their speed for the safety of children who are riding bikes *or* toy vehicles.

Take the time to talk with your children about safety while playing outdoors. Establish a "checking in" system with your children if they are mature and responsible enough to require less line of sight supervision. Most of all as parents, lead your children by the examples you want to modify. Have a great spring and summer.

CASEWORKERS CORNER

Tina Sellman
Human Services Caseworker
Burwood Gardens, Stoney Hill,
Meade Village

How do you start your day? Here are some tips for a healthy and productive day. Before your feet hit the floor ask your higher power for strength to endure your new day ,take a

shower ,turn on your favorite radio or T.V. show fix a healthy breakfast, tidy up your home, if it's a nice day take a walk (take a neighbor) go to the community center and participate in the daily activities, invite a friend(s) over for lunch, after lunch call a friend or write a letter to someone who is shut in, read a good book (start a book

club) you can go to your local library and request a tape of your favorite books so that you can listen to your story being read to you. Now it's dinner time don't forget your vegetables , after dinner call a friend and tell them What a productive day you've had and would they like to join you tomorrow.

GLEN SQUARE

Lisa Hahn,
Property Manager

CHANNEL CHANGE

Tune into channel 82. Millennium has changed channel 66 to a sports channel. Due to this change the information channel has been changed to 82. The slide show will keep you posted on upcoming events and other information. You must have cable to tune in.

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING:
Glen Square Resident Council Meeting Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting.

GOT A GRIPE WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR?
Please work it out as and adult

without bringing the office staff into your "issue". Anything not affecting your lease is not the staff's business.

CIGARETTE BUTTS

The entrance to the building is the first thing residents and guests see when they enter the building. DO NOT throw cigarette butts outside the building, there are cigarette posts provided. Do your part to make the building clean and attractive.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Remember the birthday celebration will be the 1st Sunday of every month. Everyone is invited to attend the party and celebrate with the Resident's who have a Birthday in May.

RENT REMINDER

With summer approaching the time comes to plan for fun vacations, cookouts and family reunions. When you are planning

activities and trips, please don't forget to "sock aside" that rent money first! You don't want to come home to a court notice and extra fees.

DR. ANITA KHANDELWAL, board certified in Internal Medicine and affiliated with Harbor Hospital, is seeing patients in the Doctor's Suite located off the dining room, one Thursday per month. Call (410) 355-2244 for an appointment. Also, Dr. Bober, DPM for Podiatrist Treatment is available by calling (410) 761-9606 to schedule an appointment.

SALON SERVICES

Tange Bowie will be available at Salon Services right in your building on Tuesdays & Wednesdays. Walk ins are welcome or call (410) 768-7891 to make your appointment.

 **BONNIE'S BEACON**
Health Guidance


Bonnie Woodall,
CHSP Manager

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES - Consider making a **Living Will and/or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.** It's easy and every hospital has free forms for the asking. If you have a Living Will or Durable Power of attorney dated

before 1993 you might consider re-doing a new one as these forms have been updated this year. Get it done, give copies to your family members so that they can speak for you when you can't. Need legal services such as a simple will? The cost is \$50 for individuals and \$70 for a couple with similar distribution plans.

Contact AARP Legal Services Network.

For a list of participating attorneys in your area, just look in your Yellow Pages in the "Associations", "Attorneys", or "Lawyers" section and then under the heading "AARP"-Legal Services Network. As an AARP member, you can get a free initial consultation of up to 30 minutes with an attorney in your area.

 **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**
We wish all of the Mom's out there a Happy Mother's Day and hope that you all have a safe, healthy and happy Memorial Day.

All HCAAC Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

MEADE VILLAGE

Valerie Robinette, Property Manager

Welcome to all of the new families that have joined the Meade Village Community!

RESIDENT COUNCIL MEETING

Find out what is going on in your Community at the Resident Council Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th, 2007. Please plan to attend we need

your ideas and input. We have a lot to talk about including some upcoming community events and crime in the community..... we need to hear from YOU!

CAUTION TO KIDS

Also, as it gets warmer outside there will be more and more people outside. If your children are playing with the air conditioner units they could get seriously hurt, there are blades in those vents.

TRASH

Trash left in your yard is your responsibility to pick up. Failure to keep your yard clean will result in a charge. When removing trash/garbage from your apartment or townhome, please place it in the dumpster. Do not leave it in the hallways or on porches.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to say congratulations to all of the Residents who will be graduating this month. We are proud of you!

BURWOOD GARDENS

Lanita Hopkins Property Manager

DON'T FORGET

May 5th – Resident Bake Sale
May 10th – Resident Council Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the Community Room

June 12th – Bus trip to the Air & Space Museum in Washington, D.C. (Seats are still available. Cost is \$12.00 and includes admission to the IMAX theatre. Contact Angela Weddle, Resident Council President, if you are interested.

DUMPSTERS

Please take the time to place trash bags to the rear of the inside of the dumpster whenever possible so as to avoid trash falling out of the side doors when the dumpsters are getting full. In order to avoid getting any unwanted guests (rodents,

stray cats, raccoons, etc.) inside of the dumpsters make sure that you close the side doors once you have placed your trash in the dumpster. Remember if you have bulk items, such as furniture and televisions, to place them next to the dumpster and not inside of the dumpster.

BUILDING CAPTAINS

In the few months that I have been at Burwood Gardens, I have noticed a growing trend of Building Captains being assigned in name only. By that I mean that the assigned Building Captains are not performing the duties of the position. The hallway bulletin boards are not being cleared of expired notices, newsletters and other notices are not being picked up and delivered or posted. As a result of the neglected duties of some of the current Building Captains, a flyer will be posted in each hallway for volunteers and nominations for new Building Captains. If you are inter-

ested in applying or nominating someone for your Building Captain, make sure that they are able-bodied, and dedicated to making sure that the residents in your building stay informed.

REPORTING INCOME

Have you reported all of your income changes for the year? Everyone usually reports changes of income during recertification, but forget to report income changes as they occur throughout the year. Income changes are to be reported to the Management Office, **IN WRITING**, within ten (10) days. When income changes are not reported, it constitutes fraud. That means that not only will you owe retro rent for your unreported income, but also depending on the severity of the omission of income, a tenant could face possible prosecution for fraud. Just remember that even if you do not report changes of income, that management **ALWAYS** finds out.



BASEBALL



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May



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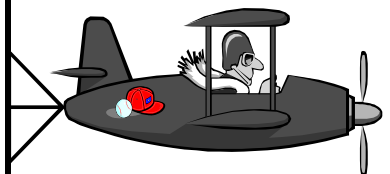


Turn in your completed KIDZ BIZ PUZZLE within the week and if you find all of the words, your name will be entered in a drawing to **WIN \$10!** Three winners will be selected from each family community.

CONGRATULATIONS!

April Winners

<p>Meade Village April Powell, Andrew & Taylor Dunton Kayla Kullman</p>	<p>Freetown Village Nikolas & Nakenya Bulter Demontae Reid Shai Weathers</p>
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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**Family Self-Sufficiency, Section 8,
Mainstream Housing, H.O.P.W.A.
& Caseworkers.
410-222-6205**

**Facilities Management Office
Work Orders
(Maintenance Request)
410-553-9675**

Burwood Gardens

Property Manager 410-222-6226x234
Fax 410-761-7944
Human Services Caseworker 410-760-6303x215

Freetown Village

Property Manager 410-222-6237x213
Fax 410-360-3225
Community Safety Office 410-222-6252x223
Human Services Caseworker 410-222-6253x217

Meade Village

Property Manager 410-222-6241x231
Fax 410-551-0430
Community Safety Office 410-222-6644x214
Human Services Caseworker 410-222-6645x215

Glen Square

Property Manager 410-222-6220x211
Fax 410-768-3889
Human Services Caseworker 410-222-6217x230

Pinewood Village/Pinewood East

Property Manager 410-222-6210x201
Fax 410-590-6723
Human Services Caseworker
(Pinewood East) 410-222-6304x204
(Pinewood Village) 410-222-6347x217

Stoney Hill

Property Manager 410-222 6232x231
Human Services Caseworker 410-222-6645x215

DEAR RESIDENTS: Please remember to call and schedule an appointment. Your time is valuable as is ours. It is our sincere desire to serve you well. Our daily schedule includes meetings with residents, completing inspections, re-certifications and general problems within units. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Workforce Development Center-Meade Village

1710 Circle Road, Severn, MD 21144
410-519-7575
9 am – 3 pm Monday to Friday
Located in the Meade Village Boys & Girls Club

Workforce Development Center-Freetown Village

7831 Huff Ct., Pasadena, MD 21122
410-360-9353/9354
9 am – 5 pm Monday to Friday

**IMPORTANT COUNTY TELEPHONE
NUMBERS FOR SENIORS**

County Information 410-222-7000
Department of Aging 410-222-4464
Weekday Nutrition 410-222-6240
Pascal Senior Center 410-222-6680
Taxi Program 410-222-4222
Transportation 410-222-4826
Trip Desk 410-222-6682
Meals on Wheels 410-431-5257



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

The following table is used as a guideline. Items and dates listed are subject to change by the Director of Modernization.



BURWOOD GARDENS	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>	PINEWOOD VILLAGE	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>
Refurbish Hallways	2005	2007	2007	Renovate Elevators 1 & 2	2005	Aug 2006	Under Construction
Renovate Entrances	2005	2007	2007	Interior Lighting			Under Construction
MEADE VILLAGE	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>	PINEWOOD EAST	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>
Renovate Kitchens	2006	July 2007	Dec 2007	Renovate Elevators 1 & 2	2005	Aug 2006	Complete
GLEN SQUARE	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>	STONEY HILL	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>
TBA				Install Water Heaters			Complete
FREETOWN VILLAGE	<i>PLAN</i>	<i>BID</i>	<i>START</i>	HVAC Replacement			On Hold
TBA							