



Neighborhood NEWS

Informative news for Military Members living at Offutt!

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SUMMER GOURMET GETAWAY

Come spend an afternoon with our own Chef Chaz and learn how to make an easy and delicious gourmet meal for your family and friends. You can transform an ordinary dinner into an exotic gourmet meal! With a take-home recipe packet provided by the fine-dining connoisseur himself, you will dine in style in no time. Join us on Saturday, July 22 at 11:00 a.m. in the Leasing Office. Call the Leasing Office at 991-9840 to register.

SPLISH-SPLASH SUMMER SUN EVENT

Plan on getting wet and take part in summer time fun! Join us on Saturday, August, 12th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for a "Splish-Splash Summer Fun Event." Across the street from the Leasing Office, we will have slip and slides, a watermelon eating contest, water-gun games, water balloon fights and much more! We can't wait to see you!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

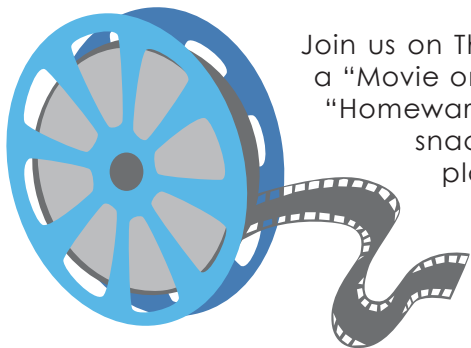
Our ribbon cutting ceremony for newly renovated homes was a huge success! Fifteen families moved into fully-renovated homes and the renovation of additional homes near LeMay Elementary school is currently underway. By mid-July we anticipate another 32 families will move into these homes. Renovations near Peter Sarpy Elementary, Fort Crook Elementary and the historic along "Chiefs Row" will begin shortly. Finally, demolition of homes continues in the old Wherry Housing area located on base.

AFC has partnered with AAFES to furnish a renovated home. The model will be opened once a week for current residents and all military personnel assigned to Offutt. Furthermore military organizations are encouraged to call the Leasing Office to set-up group tours of the model home.

Ongoing construction in the area can certainly be an adjustment; however, we will all see improvements in the community and military families will receive the homes they deserve. We appreciate your cooperation and welcome you to contact us at 991-9840 if you have questions or concerns.

MOVIES ON THE LAWN

Join us on Thursday, July 27 at 9:00 p.m. for a "Movie on the Lawn" event. We will show "Homeward Bound" and AFC will provide snacks and drinks! The event will take place behind the Leasing Office at 3213 "B" Barksdale Drive. The second "Movie on the Lawn" is scheduled for Friday, August 25th at 9:00 p.m. We will show "Flubber."



Summer Events

Ice Cream Day!

National Ice Cream Day is July 17th! Stop by the Leasing Office anytime that day and pick up a frozen treat!

Poet's Day

Kids - tell your parents to get out the memorabilia and dust off that poem you wrote or better yet-just make one up. America First Communities wants to reward young Frosts and Blakes with a "Young Poets Contest." We will award three winners within each age bracket (6-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds, 13-15 year olds). The talented poets will each receive a \$50 gift certificate to Toys-R-Us. Have your poems in by August 15th. Winners will be announced on August 21st at the Leasing Office. You do not have to be present to win. Good Luck!

Coloring Contest

Hey kids color your favorite summer time event and bring your art work to the AFC Leasing Office the week of 17 - 21 July. AFC will proudly display the drawings in the Leasing and Maintenance Office's. Mom's and Dad's please place the name, age, and phone number of the young artist on the drawing (1 per child). AFC will judge the entries on July 28th; 1st and 2nd place winners will be contacted to stop by and have their pictures taken and receive a small gift.



TOM'S TURN 2 TALK



America First Communities and US Grounds are teaming up to promote fabulous yards! and reward residents who take pride in beautiful yards. Every month starting in July until summer is over; we will reward one family per neighborhood with a "Best Yard Award." We designated seven neighborhoods throughout the Capehart area and Coffman Heights so a total of eight families per month will receive recognition for their pride in their yard. These families will receive a gift card to the commissary and entered into a Grand Prize Drawing for partial rent concessions (1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes to be awarded). Registration is not necessary.

We also offer yard service for \$25 per month. Contact us at 991-9820 to schedule dates. Finally, we have lawnmowers for rent! Give us a call to rent a mower!

This summer we have several activities to get our families together to enjoy the neighborhood. In the month of July and August, we will offer a "Movie on the Lawn" event! The event will take place directly behind the Leasing Office at 3213 "B" Barksdale Drive. Pack your blankets and pillows and we will provide snacks and drinks! On July 29th we will show, "Homeward Bound" and on August 26th join us for "Flubber." Movies will begin at

9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you at the movies!

As the Resident Relations Manager I strongly believe in our residents' feedback. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please feel free to call the office at 991-9840 or send me an e-mail at tyork@afpmanagement.com. I am working on the development of a Resident Relations Advisory Board that will include a panel of residents who are committed to making our community a great place to live. The board will help plan events and offer guidance to new families moving into the community. Our goal is to strengthen the bond of all military families. We know how difficult transitions, transfers and PCSing can be on a family. Together, we can help ease the burdens families feel during these events. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the board. Please contact me at the Leasing Office if you are interested.

As always, please don't hesitate to call the Leasing Office if there is anything we can do for you! We appreciate all of our residents!



Tom York
RESIDENT RELATIONS
MANAGER

4th Of July Word Scramble

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| 1. BRITYEL LEBL | 6. CAREFRERKSIC | 11. ROMEDFE | 16. ERD |
| 2. NEDCENNIPEED | 7. CRABEESUB | 12. LYUJ | 17. PRASSERLK |
| 3. SWREKIFOR | 8. LUBE | 13. TIRELYB | 18. STYBE SORS |
| 4. HEWIT | 9. GRECSONS | 14. DUENIT | 19. CLEANTRADIO |
| 5. DRAPESA | 10. GAFL | 15. TESSAT | 20. CLUNE MSA |

ANSWERS: 1-LIBERTY BELL, 2-INDEPENDENCE, 3-FIREWORKS, 4-WHITE, 5-PARADES, 6-FIRECRACKERS, 7-BARBECUES, 8-BLUE, 9-CONGRESS, 10-FLAG, 11-FREEDOM, 12-JULY, 13-LIBERTY, 14-UNITED, 15-STATES, 16-RED, 17-SPARKLERS, 18-BETSY ROSS, 19-DECLARATION, 20-UNCLE SAM

MAINTENANCE CORNER

Now is the time many people want to make improvements to their homes and many handy do-it-yourself folks look forward to tackling new projects and, although we certainly encourage "self help" projects, there are a few things to note before you make modifications to your home.

- Contact the Maintenance Office at 991-9820 or stop by the office at 3116 Lockbourne Drive and complete a Service Request. All projects must be approved by America First Communities which takes about 15 – 30 days for review.
- Self Help projects are allowed only if the project improves/enhances the living conditions and does not generate additional maintenance, repair or cost.
- Self Help projects should not interfere with neighbors or detract from the appearance of the housing community.
- Use of screws, nails, etc. on roofs, overhangs, exterior walls or windows is prohibited.
- Upon moving out of the house, Self Help projects will be removed or returned to their original condition before final inspection unless accepted, in writing, by the incoming resident or AFC Management.



EXAMPLES OF SELF HELP WORK USUALLY APPROVED:

- Applying wallpaper borders and/or stencils
- Changing interior wall colors
- Installing swing sets
- Constructing playhouses

SELF HELP WORK NOT ALLOWED:

- Tree houses
- Satellite dishes
- Window air conditions
- Home decks
- Electrical work

Please contact the Maintenance Office at 991-9820 if you have questions.

DIG IT!

We receive a number of requests from residents regarding the process for obtaining a digging permit. In accordance with Nebraska State Law anyone digging below 2" requires a digging permit. You may stop by our the AFC Service Call Desk located at 3116 Lockbourne Drive, to pick up a letter instructing you on the proper departments to contact for completing a digging permit. This must be accomplished before you start your work. If you have any questions, please contact us at 991-9820.



Rich Styles
MAINTENANCE MANAGER

COOK'S CORNER

GAZPACHO

By Chef Chaz

Ingredients:

1 large cucumber, peeled, halved lengthwise, seeded

1 1/4 cups canned vegetable broth or chicken stock

1 1/4 pounds homegrown or farmer's market tomatoes, quartered

1 7.25-ounce jar roasted red peppers, drained

3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

1 teaspoon minced canned chipotle chilies

1 tablespoon finely minced fresh garlic

2 large green onions, finely chopped

1 avocado, peeled, chopped

1/2 cup chopped homegrown or farmer's market tomatoes

1 green bell pepper chopped

Coarsely chop half of cucumber; place in blender, chop and reserve other half. Add 1/2 cup broth and next 5 ingredients; puree until smooth. Pour soup into large bowl. Mix in the rest of the broth. Season with salt and pepper. Cover; chill at least 2 hours.

Mix 1 rounded tablespoon each of cucumber, green onions, avocado, green bell pepper and tomatoes in small bowl; reserve for garnish. Mix remaining cucumber, green onions, avocado, bell pepper and tomatoes into soup. Ladle soup into bowls. Sprinkle with reserved garnish.

Serving: 4



JULY/AUGUST SUMMER 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Eat An Apple Day 1
Reptile Day 2	Fortune Cookie Day 3	Independence Day 4	Women's Friendship Day 5	Innergize Yourself Day 6	Hug a Teddy Bear Day 7	Wear Your Favorite Color Day 8
American Business Women's Day 9	Happy Smile Day 10	Drink Your Milk Day 11	Peppermint Candy Day 12	Video Game Day 13	Custodial Worker Day 14	Favorite Character Day 15
Check Your Smoke Alarm Day 16	Return Old Library Books Day 17	Read a Book Together Day 18	Recycle Day 19	Homemade Pretzel Day 20	Family Game Night 21	Candid Camera Day 22
Don't Worry be Happy 23	Leftovers Day 24	Play Cards Day 25	Cranky Co-Worker Day 26	Clean Out Your Fridge Day 27	Hollywood Magic Day 28	Family Volunteer Day 29
Let It Go Day 30	Sandwich Day 31	Play Day 1	Citizenship Day 2	Tourism Day 3	Water Your Flowers Day 4	Go Fishing Day 5
Walk A Dog Day 6	One Hit Wonder Day 7	Vanilla Ice Cream Day 8	Check Smoke Alarm Day 9	Swap Idea Day 10	Read a New Book Day 11	Go Swimming Day 12
Pancake Day 13	Back to School 14	Book Covering Party Day 15	Flashlight Day 16	Strawberry Cheesecake Day 17	Make A Difference Day 18	Nature Walk Day 19
Apple Cider Day 20	Bake Cookie Day 21	Bring Home Flower's Day 22	Make a Memory Day 23	Dessert Day 24	Family Game Night 25	Rent a Video Day 26
Square Dance Day 27	Happy Jell-O Day 28	Family Game Night 29	Marble Cupcake Day 30	Loosen Belt Buckle Day 31		



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