

# Neighborhood <sup>NEWS</sup>

Informative news for Military Members living at Offutt!

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## TOM'S TURN 2 TALK

Spring is just around the corner...are you ready to knock off 'Old Man Winter' and get out and about. Well let's all get out for a community Wellness Day. Everybody is invited to join AFC at the Leasing/Maintenance Office for a 2 mile journey around the neighborhood. It will be a great time to meet friends, get some exercise and maybe even win a door price.

As your Resident Relations Manager I strongly believe in our residents' feedback as often as possible. 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. Come out to the next Resident Relations Advisory Board (RRAB) Meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 at the Community Center to discuss upcoming activities, neighborhood watch program, and other RRAB initiatives. Please RSVP by May 14<sup>th</sup> if you plan on attending. Lunch will be served. Just call the AFC Leasing Office at 991-9840 to reserve your seat.

All residents are invited to attend our quarterly town hall meeting at the Capehart theatre on April 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 11am to discuss a number of community matters. U.S. Grounds will provide lawn care advice, an overview of the construction project will be provided and many other topics will be covered.

Don't forget to tell your friends and co-workers about all the benefits of America First Communities. We offer move-in discounts, free utilities, renter's insurance and so much more!

Please take a few minutes to read over the newsletter. Several events are planned over the next few months. All residents are invited to come out and take part in the scheduled events. Thank you for making the community a great place to live!



**Tom York**  
RESIDENT RELATIONS  
MANAGER

## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

### THE GALEA FAMILY!



Meet Jay and Susie and their children Sarah and Lola! Jay and Susie have been married for six years and arrived here at Offutt two years ago, PCSing from Robins AFB, GA. A year ago, they decided to become agency licensed foster parents and have added Nicky (17) and her sister Madison (5) to their family, the Galea's third foster placement since becoming foster parents!!

The Galea's do everything in moderation so family time can always come first!! They are a sports loving family with no time for T.V.!! Nicky is in fitness training and hopes to one day be accepted into the Army Academy at West Point.

When asked what they like about living in our community their response was "mature trees, sidewalks, and good neighbors". If there is anything we can change about Offutt AFB housing, the Galea's said "white, flat paint".

This wonderful family loves to eat vegetable lasagna and read Harry Potter. Their favorite sports team is the Detroit Red Wings.

"To live richly does not mean with money, but with love for oneself and others."

# COOK'S CORNER



## BUCATINI ALL'AMATRICIANA

(Hollow Pasta with Amatrice – Style Tomato Sauce)

By Chef Charles

Stop by on May 1<sup>st</sup> 12:00-1:30 pm to taste a sample!

### Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 12 oz. pancetta (you may substitute bacon) 1/4" thick, sliced into strips 1/2" wide and 1" long
- 2 cups yellow onion diced fine
- 3 1/2 cups small diced canned tomatoes with juice
- 1/2 tsp. hot red pepper flakes
- 3 garlic cloves chopped fine
- 1/3 cup grated parmigiano-reggiano cheese
- 1/2 cup grated romano cheese
- 1/4 cup rough chopped Italian flat leaf parsley
- 1 pound bucatini pasta (may substitute penne, rigatoni or conchiglie pasta)
- Kosher salt and fresh ground black pepper

### Directions:

Heat oil and butter in large skillet over medium heat, add pancetta and sauté till lightly browned and crispy. Remove pancetta and drain on paper towel lined plate. Sauté onions in the pancetta drippings in the same pan until onions are softened but not browned. Add red pepper flakes and garlic and stir for 30 seconds. Stir in tomatoes and simmer for about 10 minutes or until sauce starts to lightly thicken (the pasta will absorb some liquid, so leave the sauce a little thin or the finished dish may be too dry). Add the pancetta to the sauce and season with the kosher salt and black pepper to taste.

Cook the pasta while the sauce simmers, drain pasta and add it to the simmering sauce and toss over low heat to combine for about 30-60 seconds, add cheeses and parsley, toss again and serve.

Spring is just around the corner and soon everything will be in bloom.

The Self Help Desk is here for you. We have furnace filters available, but we don't stop there oh no. There are window insulation kits, light covers, touch up paint, toilet seats and a number of items that will help keep your home looking like new. We also carry seasonal items like ice melt, grass seed and when spring and summer arrive we will have lawn mowers to sign out so you can keep your yard in tip top shape for the "Yard of the Month".



Stop by the AFC Maintenance office on May 5th from 10am-2pm and US Ground will inspect your lawn mower.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to give us a call at 991-9820 or just visit us at the Maintenance Office at 3116 Lockbourne Dr. and we will be happy to answer your questions.



**Chuck Ketchum**  
MAINTENANCE MANAGER

## SPRING EVENTS CALENDAR

### Kids Count

April 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
(Awarded April 25<sup>th</sup>)

May 1<sup>st</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
(Awarded May 30<sup>th</sup>)

June 1<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
(Awarded June 27<sup>th</sup>)

### Popcorn Anyone?

Stop by the AFC Leasing Office every Tuesday & Thursday for some popcorn and conversation.

### Wellness Day

Join the AFC staff on April 21 & May 28th @ 9am for a two mile walk or run around the community. Refreshments provided and a few door prizes.

### June Yard Sales

Are you interested in participating in a community wide yard sale. Let AFC advertise for you. Give the Leasing Office a call and we will post the community yard sale on the web and in our June/July 2007 Newsletter. The yard sale will be Friday/Saturday June 1-2, 2007 from 8am -12pm

### Kids Special Event Day

- April 10 Write a story about your favorite food
- May 8th Write a story about the first thing you will do during your summer vacation

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE CONST

Residents are encouraged to visit our web site for updated information on the construction project.

Visit [www.afcommunities.com/offutt](http://www.afcommunities.com/offutt), click on CURRENT RESIDENTS type in the password and select CONSTRUCTION UPDATES for more information.