

# Neighborhood NEWS

Informative news for Military Members living at Offutt!

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## TOM'S TURN 2 TALK

As your Resident Relations Manager I strongly believe in resident feedback. If you have ideas or suggestions, please feel free to call the office at 991-9840 or send me an e-mail at tyork@afpmanagement.com.

Can you see the changes taking place in the community? Nearly 650 homes have been demolished with an additional 230 scheduled for 2007. To date, 170 homes have been renovated and another 120 will be completed by the end of the year. Roads have been removed and added, utility work is nearly complete, and the landscape is being prepared for new homes. We expect to have the first few homes ready for occupancy in the fall.

Revitalizing a community this size takes time. By partnering with the Air Force we've identified the order of areas to be demolished and rebuilt. Two areas in the community have already been emptied, homes demolished and new construction has begun. A third area is 95% vacant. The next neighborhoods to be moved are the families living on 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> St (12200-12459) parts of Vandenberg Ave (2721-2813) parts of Whiteman Dr (2552-2654) and parts of 25<sup>th</sup> Ave (12201-12237). Please refer to the construction web site for additional information about your neighborhood. To ease the stress and anxiety of moving AFC will continue several transition meetings to discuss moving into a renovated home. Families living at the addresses listed above will receive letters providing additional information on upcoming transition meetings. AFC will also hold several Resident Relations Advisory Board (RRAB) Meetings to discuss a variety of topics concerning your particular block.

**Mark your calendar for the "Fall Festival!" We'll have fun and games for the kids, prizes, candy, popcorn, hamburgers, hotdogs and much more! Join us on September 29th, 11am - 3pm at the AFC Leasing Office. See you there!**



**Tom York**  
RESIDENT RELATIONS  
MANAGER

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WEB SITE AT  
[WWW.AFCOMMUNITIES.COM](http://WWW.AFCOMMUNITIES.COM)

### COMMUNITY UPDATE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH RESIDENT RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

America First Communities will host three meetings in September and two in October to discuss the construction project, upcoming forced moves, neighborhood watch and other community concerns. Please check your address for the appropriate date and time. All meetings in September will be held at the Offutt Youth Center. Please refer to the October meetings and locations listed below.

- **September 12<sup>th</sup>, Offutt Youth Center  
6pm - 8pm**  
25<sup>th</sup> Ave (12201-12237), all of 26<sup>th</sup> St, 27<sup>th</sup> Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> Ave, 28<sup>th</sup> St (12200-12459)  
Vandenberg Ave (2721-2813) Whiteman Dr (2552-2654)
- **September 19<sup>th</sup>, Offutt Youth Center  
6pm - 8pm**  
Vandenberg Ave (2701 & 2703) Ellsworth, Forbes, Dow Dr, Carswell and 25<sup>th</sup> Ave (12303-12547); March Circle, 29<sup>th</sup> St, 31<sup>st</sup> St, 32<sup>nd</sup> St, 33<sup>rd</sup> St, (12300-12499)  
Whiteman Dr (2905-3220)
- **September 26<sup>th</sup>, Offutt Youth Center  
6pm - 8pm**  
Loring Dr, Castle Dr, and Vandenberg Ave (2901-3337) Albert Rains, McConnell Dr, Biggs Ln, Altus, Dyess, Griffiss Pl, Tinker, Schilling, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> St (12500+) Forbes Dr (2401-2422) Walker Dr, Turner Circle, 23<sup>rd</sup> St and 24<sup>th</sup> St.
- **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Community Center/  
Banquet Room 6pm - 8pm**  
Coffman Heights
- **October 10<sup>th</sup>, Offutt Youth Center  
6pm - 8pm**  
Pease Dr, Beale Circle, Holloway Ave, Ryan Ave, Dacey, Power Dr, 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, 29<sup>th</sup> St, 30<sup>th</sup> Ave, 30<sup>th</sup> St, 31<sup>st</sup> St, 32<sup>nd</sup> St (11800-12207), 28<sup>th</sup> Ave (11903-11957)

# MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE TEAM



# COOK'S CORNER



## Celia Taylor

Celia is from Iowa and happy to be back in the Midwest. She is married to an active duty Army service member stationed at Offutt. Celia has worked for privatized housing in Hawaii and is excited about being able to assist service members with their housing needs here at Offutt.



## Bettina Banks

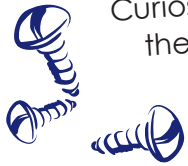
Bettina is a military brat and now married to an active duty Air Force service member. Her family has been here for seven years so she is familiar with the Bellevue/Offutt area. Since she has been part of the military her entire life she can understand the specific needs of the military family.

*Come see us! We are happy to assist you!*

We care about you and your needs. Please remember to take advantage of the AFC on-line service request feature.

areas. If you see a potential safety hazard give us a call immediately and we will promptly respond to make sure it is corrected or communicate it to the appropriate agency.

There are multiple constructions sites within the community. Curiosity sometimes gets the best of all us. Parents please make sure your children know to stay away from these



**Chuck Ketchum**  
MAINTENANCE MANAGER

## HEIRLOOM TOMATO & FRESH MOZZARELLA TOWER

By Chef Charles

### Ingredients:

- 4 medium sized heirloom or homegrown tomatoes sliced into 1/4 "thick slices\*
- 4 fresh mozzarella balls (preferably packed in water) sliced into 1/4 "thick slices
- 3/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup red onion diced fine
- 2 cloves garlic diced fine
- 1/4 cup Italian flat leaf parsley chopped
- 1/4 cup fresh basil chopped
- 2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp dry mustard
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp each kosher salt and fresh cracked black pepper (plus extra for seasoning tomatoes).

### Directions:

Whisk last nine ingredients in a bowl until mixed well, then slowly add the olive oil in a thin stream while whisking to incorporate.

To serve, season tomato slices lightly with salt and pepper. Layer starting with a tomato slice, drizzle with a little of the prepared vinaigrette, then add a slice of mozzarella and repeat for two or three layers.

# FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

## Kids Count

September 1<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>  
(Awarded September 28<sup>th</sup>)

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

November 1<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
(Awarded November 30<sup>th</sup>)

## Popcorn Anyone?

Stop by the Leasing Office every Tuesday & Thursday for some popcorn!

## Wellness Day (1-mile walk with neighbors)

October 13<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 am at the AFC Leasing Office.

## Kids Special Event Day

- September Write a story about your summer vacation.
- October Write a story and draw a picture about fall.
- November Write a story and draw a picture about Thanksgiving.

## Fall Decoration Contest

Residents! Get your yard ready for the fall decoration contest! Judges will be out the week of October 22-26; the winners will be notified on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## MODEL HOME!

Are you sponsoring a family or single unaccompanied military member into the Offutt Community? Did you know AFC has a model home for residents and potential residents to view? Just call or stop by the leasing office. Our pledge is to assist families with their transition into the community.