

## **NOV '22** NEWSLETTER



## **MILITARY SPOUSE EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP**

Hunt Military Communities announces a new partnership with the Defense Department.

On October 25, 2022, Hunt Military Communities will join the Defense Department Military Spouse Employment Partnership in an in-person induction ceremony and annual event in Arlington, Virginia. Hunt Military Communities joins more than 70 new partners to MSEP — bringing the number of employers to more than 615.

MSEP connects military spouses with hundreds of partner employers who commit to recruit, hire, promote, and retain military spouses. Since its inception in 2011, MSEP employers have hired more than 220,000 military spouses.

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION** 

## OUR CEO'S MESSAGE

#### Dear HMC Residents,

By now, you should have received your link to the Tenant Satisfaction Survey. I encourage you to complete this short survey as your feedback is incredibly valued. The collective feedback will help us understand areas of opportunity to improve your living experience, while also gaining feedback on the areas you enjoy so we can give that greater focus.

Recently, we completed focus groups in each of our communities. Thank you to the residents who participated and shared their candid feedback. We have identified areas of opportunity from your sentiment that are being prioritized for 2023. We look forward to continued dialogue with our residents on how we can collectively continue to make living on base a great experience.



On November 11th, we will honor our many veteran residents who unselfishly answered the call and served our great nation in the name of duty, honor, and country. The entire HMC team is grateful and proud of their many sacrifices, and we want to be the first to thank you and your families for your service to our nation.

Lastly, we want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you can all make meaningful memories with your loved ones, and for those families with a deployed service member, we are both grateful and humbled by the sacrifices your family makes for all of us.

As always, thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Semper Fidelis,

Brian Stann President and CEO Hunt Military Communities

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## PREPARING YOUR OVEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the long-awaited Thanksgiving feast drawing near, you may want to ensure your oven is ready for the big day. Here are a few maintenance tips:

- Avoid the Self-Clean Feature! The self-clean feature causes the oven temperature to rise up to 1,000 degrees. This may cause the failure of the thermostat, circuit board, or fuse. If your oven needs a good cleaning, use a non-abrasive cleaner to remove cooked-on food.
- **Clean your oven properly.** Use vinegar steam to clean your oven naturally. Put a bowl of white vinegar in the oven and set the temperature to 270°F. After the oven is preheated, turn it off (but don't open the door). Let the vinegar sit for several hours. When you open the oven, you should be able to wipe off the food residue.
- **Testing the temperature.** It is important that your oven runs at just the right temperature when it comes to cooking. The oven temperature should be accurate within 25 degrees of your desired temperature. Use these simple steps to measure your oven temperature:
  - 1. Thermometer Test: For the best results, purchase an oven thermometer to measure the accuracy of your oven. Start by placing the thermometer in the center of the oven and situate it in a place that you can see when the door is closed. Turn the oven to 375 degrees, and then wait for the oven to fully preheat. Once the oven is preheated, read the thermometer. Write the reading on a piece of paper. (Do not open the door!).
  - 2. Take More Than One Reading: Set your kitchen timer for 20 minutes and wait. When the timer goes off, take another reading. Repeat this step two more times so that you have four readings taken in 20-minute intervals.
  - Average: Calculate the average temperature of the four readings. The result should be between 350 – 400 degrees. If the temperature is outside of this range, contact our maintenance team at 719.982.4800 or email us at AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com.

## **PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE**

In October, we started conducting preventative maintenance tasks for ALL homes on base. Preventative maintenance will continue throughout November and into the beginning of December. These appointments will be no more than 2 hours. We will provide advanced notice before entering your home. However, due to the number of inspections that must be completed, Permission to Enter will be utilized for every home. Rescheduling will be under emergency situations only.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday - 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Wednesday - 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Office Number: 719-982-4800 Email: AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com Facebook: @AFAFamilyHousing Website: AirforceAcademyHousing.com



# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

#### Jeff is a Maintenance Technician here at Air Force Academy Family Housing. He likes to fish and help in fish conservatories. He also likes to snowboard and snowshoe in the winter months. Finally, Jeff likes to spend time with friends playing pool or enjoying a brewery on the weekends.





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## **IMPORTANT EVENTS**

#### **Tuesday Turkey Giveaways**

Who wants a FREE TURKEY? If you want a chance to win a FREE TURKEY make sure to watch and "LIKE" our weekly safety video by Monday. We will then raffle off multiple turkeys each Tuesday for those residents that "LIKED" our weekly safety video.

\*Must be a current resident of Air Force Academy Military Communities for entry into the Tuesday Turkey Giveaways raffle.

#### Winter Wonderland – Holiday Recipe Exchange

AFAMC is excited to host its first Holiday Recipe Exchange - Winter Wonderland. If you would love to participate in this event, submit your favorite sweet or savory holiday recipe by Sunday, November 27th, 2022, to AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com.

Make sure to include (1) a fun and creative introduction to your winter wonderland recipe, (2) a list with amounts of each ingredient needed for your recipe, (3) step-by-step instructions on how to make your winter wonderland delight, (4) a photo (a .jpg file) of your final holiday inspired creation and (5) your first and last name so we can give you credit.

Once we receive everyone's submission, we will combine all these amazing recipes into a cookbook that we will share with our AFAMC families by December 5th.

To make this event even sweeter, we will be raffling off a Kitchen Aid mixer to all those that submit a recipe with a photo. The winner will be announced on December 1st.

#### **Popcorn Fridays**

Pop into the AFA Community Management Office every Friday in November from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM for a FREE bag of popcorn. We will not be hosting Popcorn Friday on November 11th and November 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday and Veterans Day.

#### **Thanksgiving Closure**

Our offices will be closed Thursday, November 24, 2022. If you have a maintenance related emergency, contact 719-982-4800, option #1 to be connected with our on-call maintenance technician.

## Trash Removal, Recycle, & Bulk Trash Reminder: Delayed by One Day Due to Thanksgiving

Trash Removal, Recycle, and Bulk Trash pick-up will be delayed one day due to Thanksgiving! If you have bulk trash that you need to be picked up on FRIDAY, November 25, 2022, email AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com before 3:00 PM. Wednesday, November 23rd, with your address and a list of items you need to have removed for bulk trash.

#### **Safety Alert & Reminders**

Don't forget to replace your air filter at least monthly. We recommend the 1st of every month. This will help keep your heater working properly this winter season. If you need a replacement air filter at no charge, visit the Community Management Office during business hours to pick up a FREE air filter.

Be sure to test your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide sensors twice a month. We recommend doing this every payday, so you do not forget.

## WINTERIZING TIPS

Even if you're not ready for winter, you can easily make your home ready. Below are some helpful tips to help protect your home.

- Check the furnace to make sure it is operational!
- Change your air filter monthly to keep your furnace working properly throughout the winter season. You can get a FREE air filter by visiting the Community Management Office during normal business hours.
- Set your thermostat to auto and heat to at least 65 degrees during the winter season. Please remember to leave the heat on if you will be away from the home for an extended time!
- Remove watering hoses from outdoor hose bibs to avoid indoor pipes from freezing and flooding your home
- Notify the Community Management Office if you're going on vacation for extended length of time.
- Any registers in unused spare rooms should be left open in order to keep the room warm and prevent interior water lines from freezing.
- Remember to keep your garage roll-up doors closed when not in use to prevent freezing of interior pipes or belongings.
- Do not warm up your vehicle inside your garage, this can create high levels of carbon monoxide in your garage and your home.
- Make sure heat registers or baseboard heaters are not obstructed.
- Open cabinets during extended periods of below freezing temperatures so that the warm air can reach pipes along exterior walls that are often exposed to the most extreme temperatures.
- Turn on faucets so that they drip in occupied homes during extended periods of below freezing temperatures. Dripping faucets can help prevent freeze ups.





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