

# **DEC '23** NEWSLETTER



# **GOING GREEN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

The festive season has arrived, and this year HMC is celebrating with some exciting and far-reaching initiatives including the YES program aimed at taking control of our community's energy consumption. We've also partnered with organizations such as Tree City USA, hosted numerous community cleanups, and made the switch to LEDs in our communities as well as offices.

Our families and yours can reflect the joy of the holidays in your home while also focusing on safety and energy conservation. As you contemplate commitments for the new year, consider making a difference in your community. One impactful step is switching your holiday lights to LED. By doing so, you can reduce energy consumption by up to 90% compared to using incandescent lights. It's a small change that yields significant positive effects for both your community and the environment. LEDs are more efficient, last much longer, and produce less heat, so your home is safer. You can save even more by using LED lights on a timer.

During this season of thankfulness and generosity, consider contributing to the future of us all by living consciously.

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# HOLIDAY TREE SAFETY

As we approach the Holiday season, we would like to provide you all with some Holiday Tree Safety. Below you will find some tips to keep you and your family safe this holiday!

- Natural trees should be cut at a 45° angle at the base and placed in water.
- Place the tree away from sources of heat.
- Use only non-flammable decorations.
- Use only lighting evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Inspect lights for frayed wires or other defects before use.
- Do not leave lights on unattended, throughout the night, or when you are away from the home.
- Keep natural tree stands filled with water at all times.
- When the tree becomes dry, discard it properly.

# HOLIDAY LIGHTING AND DECORATIONS

With the holidays quickly approaching, we wanted to send out a quick reminder about holiday lighting and decorations. Holiday lighting is authorized for use between the hours of 5:00 PM and 10:00 PM from Thanksgiving Day until the second weekend in January. Decorative lighting for other time periods may be installed/displayed three weeks prior to the holiday and removed no later than seven (7) days after the holiday. All lighting must be removed from the Premises and stored properly. Overloading of circuits and the overuse of extension cords must be avoided. Residents accept any and all liability for damages to the Premises or injuries caused by holiday or decorative lighting and other decorations.

- Any lights or decorations attached to the Premises must not cause any physical damage. Gutter clips or similar clip devices are required for affixing exterior lighting; nails/screws/tacks are not permitted.
- Resident will be held financially responsible for any incidental damage to the Premises.
- Roof decorations and lighting above the first-floor roofline are not permitted. Residents will be required to immediately remove such decorations when discovered. Non-Holiday lighting such as patio "party" lights are permitted and must look nice and neat. It must not be the stringed holiday lighting type. They must not be permanently attached to the house, trees, or fencing.
- Canned "snow" or other similar substances must not be sprayed on windows, siding or brick facades.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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



# **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

#### Joshua Sexton

Joshua Sexton is a Maintenance Director here at Air Force Academy Family Housing. Joshua loves to travel with his family and loves to explore the mountains and trails on his Polaris Razer. When asked what he loves about his job Joshua said, "I love giving back to families that have sacrificed their freedom to give us ours. My hope is to positively impact our residents by providing a house they can call home."

# **GOING OUT OF TOWN?**

Residents who leave their home for up to 30 days at one time may be eligible for the Extended Leave Program. This program includes services such as backyard lawn maintenance, snow removal, and weekly preventative home visits to ensure no emergency situations have occurred. Please contact or visit the Community Management Office to enroll.



**PET OF THE MONTH** Kimmie Doss's pup Daphne

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# **IMPORTANT COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### Winter Wonderland Extravaganza

Come join us for one amazing night at the Community Management Office on Friday, December 8, 2023, to celebrate with Santa and the amazing families in housing on base. We will have a hot cocoa bar, games, door prizes, pictures with Santa, and so much more. This event will start at 4:00 PM and go until 8:00 PM.

#### Hide & Go Seek with Elf on the Shelf

To bring everyone the joys of Christmas (not only for children, but for adults too), we are hosting a fun filled Christmas themed Hide & Go Seek game with Elf on the Shelf. Photos will be randomly posted on our Facebook page, and you will have to correctly name the location of the Elf to be entered into our drawing for amazing Christmas presents. Each time you name a location correctly, your name will be entered into the random drawing for prizes. As a reminder, please message through Facebook with your answer and do not post to the posting so all have a fair chance to play. Winners will be announced December 22, 2023.

#### Letters to Santa

Write a letter to Santa, drop it off at the Community Management Office or the Santa Mailbox located at the Pine Valley Dog Park by December 18, 2023, and AFAMC will mail it to the North Pole just for YOU. Make sure to check your front door for your letter back from Santa on December 22, 2023. As a reminder, please include your first and last name and your home address so Santa can write back to you!

#### **Christmas Day Closure**

Our offices will be closed Monday, December 25, 2023. If you have a maintenance-related emergency, contact 719.982.4800, option #1 to be connected with our on-call maintenance technician.

# **COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

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

Trash Removal, Recycle, and Bulk Trash pick-up will be delayed one day due to Christmas! If you have bulk trash that you need to be picked up on December 29th, 2023, please email <u>AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com</u> before 3:00 PM, December 27th with your address and a list of items you need removed for bulk trash.

#### Safety Alerts & 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.



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA - DECEMBER 16TH

#### NATIONAL PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY - DECEMBER 7TH



FIRST DAY OF WINTER - DECEMBER 21ST



386TH BIRTHDAY OF THE U.S. NATIONAL GUARD - DECEMBER 13TH



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