

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR UPDATE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

COMMUNITY NEWS

We hope everyone who started the 2026 – 2027 school year had an amazing first couple of weeks!

Now that schools are back in sessions, we just wanted to provide you with a few reminders:

- Watch for children: Buses are back on the road, and kids are walking to bus stops.
- Stop for school buses: Always stop when red lights flash, from both directions.
- Slow down in zones: Obey reduced school zone speed limits during morning and afternoon hours.
- Put phones away: Eliminate distractions while driving within the community, school zones and installation.
- Give extra time: Leave a few minutes early to account for morning school traffic.

Did you know?

A new school is coming to USAFA! Academy School District 20 broke ground on Monday, August 3rd, 2026, for a new pre-k through 8th grade school to replace the Douglass Valley Elementary.

Crews are building the new Douglass Valley School next to the existing school and have a rough completion estimate date of February 2028; then the crew will demolish the old building. Students will not be displaced, but will continue at the current school until construction is complete.



MAINTENANCE TIPS

Get Your Home Fall-Ready: September Maintenance Tips You'll Love!

September is here, and you know what that means – it's time to give your home a little TLC before the chill of fall sets in. But don't worry, we're not talking about anything too overwhelming. Just a few simple tasks to get your home cozy and ready for the cooler months. Check out these easy fall maintenance tips that'll keep your house in tip-top shape and help you avoid any surprises later!

Give Your Heating System Some Love – Before you crank up the heat, make sure your heating system is ready to go. Change those filters, clean the vents, and make sure everything's running smoothly. It's like a spa day for your furnace!

Outdoor Space Prep – Time to show your outdoor space some love before winter hits. Store away outdoor furniture, give your grill a good cleaning, and bring in any plants that can't handle the cold. And don't forget to check your outdoor lights so you don't end up stumbling around in the dark.

Change Direction of Ceiling Fans – Once the weather starts to cool, change the direction your fan spins to circulate heat in winter.

Leasing Office Contact Information

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Community Trash Schedule

Trash & Bulk Pick-up: September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Recycle: September 10th & 24th

MAINTENANCE TIPS (CONTINUED)

Winterize Vehicles – Give your vehicle some attention before cooler weather arrives. Check your tire pressure, fluid levels, and battery, and consider scheduling a tune-up to make sure it is ready for winter. Review your emergency kit and restock essentials such as first-aid supplies, batteries, flashlights, and non-perishable food.



Clean and Check Range Hood Fan – Your range hood funnels odors and smoke out of your home, and a dirty fan isn't unsightly – it's dangerous. Wipe down and ensure it's functional to avoid fire hazards in the kitchen.

Scrub out Microwaves – Hate scrubbing? Try cleaning out your microwave by warming a bowl of water for about a minute. The steam will make it easier to scrape off all those caked-on leftovers. Make things really sparkle by adding a few drops of vinegar or lemon juice to the bowl of water.

Clean Dryer Vents – This is an often-overlooked potential fire hazard that is quite easy to prevent. Periodically check your dryer vents to make sure they don't have any lint building up. Lint is extremely flammable and many house fires each year are caused by someone's negligence when it comes to keeping their dryers clean. This will also extend the life of your dryer, as a clogged vent makes the engine work much harder.

Check Window Wells – Clear out falling leaves and dirt, test the drainage gravel, trim nearby overgrowth, and secure solid covers.

Garden Hoses – Disconnect Garden hoses from outdoor spigots, drain all trapped water by elevating one end, remove nozzles or attachments, and coil them loosely. Store the hoses in a frost-free area to prevent early autumn frost damage.

That's it! These quick and easy fall maintenance tips will help you get your home ready for the season ahead. Enjoy the crisp air and cozy vibes knowing your home is in great shape.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT

POPCORN FRIDAYS

Date: Every Friday

Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: AFA Community Center – 4609 W. Bighorn Drive

Come by, say hi, and enjoy freshly popped popcorn on us! We can't wait to see you and share a delicious snack with our residents.



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

AIR FORCE FALCONS FOOTBALL VS. DUQUESNE

Date: Saturday, September 5th

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Falcon Stadium

To purchase tickets, please visit GoAirForceFalcons.eventbrite.net/event/F26/F01.



AIR FORCE FALCONS FOOTBALL VS. SOUTH DAKOTA

Date: Saturday, September 12th

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: Falcon Stadium

To purchase tickets, please visit GoAirForceFalcons.eventbrite.net/event/F26/F01.



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Hailey Vanmeter's Outstanding Resident Support

We are excited to celebrate Hailey Vanmeter, our Resident Services Specialist. Hailey was recently promoted from Seasonal Administrative Support Specialist to Resident Services Specialist, and she is already making a tremendous impact on her residents, her community, and her team.

On June 17, 2026, We received a wonderful email from one of Air Force Academy Military Communities' new residents, Jim Meernik, a Distinguished Visiting Professor, who shared how impressed he was with Hailey's warm welcome and exceptional assistance during his move-in experience. His thoughtful note is a wonderful reflection of the impact Hailey is already making:

Good morning, I recently moved into housing at the US Air Force Academy (I am a visiting professor this year) I wanted to let you both know how very pleased I was with the wonderful support and reception I received from Hailey Vanmeter in your office here at the US Air Force Academy.

She was incredibly helpful in assisting me through all of the forms I needed to take care of and explaining everything, and she was always very polite and gracious. Often moving and making major transitions like this can be difficult, but Hailey's wonderful, positive attitude and all-encompassing knowledge made it so easy. I could also tell when she would periodically answer questions from people in the office that Hailey is somebody who really knows her stuff.

Having been an academic leader for many years I can spot someone who is very talented and is really going to go places because they have both the skills and the personality. Hailey is a wonderful employee and I'm sure she has great things ahead of her at Hunt Housing. Thank you so much for helping me make this transition to housing at the Air Force Base so smooth and comfortable. I appreciate it so very much. Thank you.

All the best, Jim Meernik

During the team's potluck employee appreciation lunch, Molly Koerperich, Director of Operations, recognized and coined Hailey for her outstanding level of customer service and genuine care attitude. This recognition is a well-deserved celebration of the positive energy, dedication, and professionalism Hailey brings to Air Force Academy Military Communities every day. Please join us in congratulating Hailey on this wonderful recognition!



If you have already contacted our local Management and Housing office team and are not satisfied with the outcome, or if you have words of praise to share, we encourage you to reach out to our senior management.

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SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		01	02	03	04 Popcorn Friday	05 Air Force Falcons Football vs. Duquesne
06	07 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED	08	09	10	11 Patriot Day Popcorn Friday	12 Air Force Falcons Football vs. South Dakota
13	14	15	16	17	18 Air Force Birthday National POW/MIA Recognition Day Popcorn Friday	19
20	21	22 First Day Of Fall	23	24	25 Popcorn Friday	26
27 Gold Star Mother's Day	28	29	30			