

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR UPDATE NOVEMBER 1, 2026



COMMUNITY NEWS

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 raises the oven temperature to up to 1,000 degrees, which may cause the thermostat, circuit board, or fuse to fail. 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:

Thermometer Test: For 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 situating it in a place that you can see when the door is closed. Turn the oven to 375°F and then wait for it to fully preheat. Once the oven is preheated, read the thermometer. Write the reading on a piece of paper. (Do not open the door!)

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 350 – 400°F. If the temperature is outside of this range, contact our maintenance team.



MAINTENANCE TIPS

Winterizing Tips: Even if you're not ready for winter, you can easily prepare your home for it. 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°F during the winter season. Please remember to leave the heat on if you will be away from 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 an extended period of time.
- Registers in unused spare rooms should be left open to keep the room warm.
- Remember to keep your garage doors closed. This helps to prevent freezing of interior pipes or belongings.
- A closed garage door improves energy efficiency by keeping heat in and lowering heating costs.
- Do not warm up your vehicle inside your garage; doing so 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 warm air can reach pipes along exterior walls, which are often exposed to the most extreme temperatures.
- Turn on faucets so that they drip in occupied homes during extended times you're away.

Leasing Office Contact Information

-  (719) 982-4800
-  AFAContact@HuntCompanies.com
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Community Trash Schedule

Trash & Bulk Pick-up: November 5th, 12th, 19th, 27th
Recycle: November 5th and 27th

TEAM UPDATE & EVENTS

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Welcome Briana Tilley, our new Seasonal Resident Service Specialist !

"I love spending time with my daughter and family. To include traveling."



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

POPCORN FRIDAYS!

Date: November 6th, 13th, 20th

Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: AFA Community Center – 4609 W. Bighorn Drive

Pop in for some freshly popped popcorn on us! We're excited to see you and share a tasty treat with our residents.



TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Date: Friday, November 13th

Time: 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: AFA Community Center – 4609 W. Bighorn Drive

Air Force Academy Military Communities is giving away 75 turkeys. Residents can sign up through an email sent the first week of November. **Must be a current resident and able to pick up your turkey on November 13.** Available while supplies last!



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

RED ROCKS CANYON NEVADA CLIMBING DAYS

Date: November 7th – 12th

Time: Daily sessions

Location: Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, NV, 5136 Eagle Drive

Don't miss this iconic climbing area! Activity includes guide and technical equipment. Lodging and transportation are not included. For more information please call (719) 333-4475



COLORADO COUNTRY CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOW

Date: November 13th – 15th

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: Colorado Springs Event Center, 3960 Palmer Park Blvd.

Ho Ho Ho! The Colorado Country Christmas Gift Show returns to The Colorado Springs Event Center, from November 13-15, 2026. Join us for 3 exciting days of festive fun & shopping!



TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA

Date: Sunday, November 22nd

Time: 7:30 PM

Location: The Broadmoor World Arena

Bringing the multi-platinum progressive rock band's holiday rock opera to the [Broadmoor World Arena](https://www.broadmoorworldarena.com). For more information and tickets, please visit: www.broadmoorworldarena.com

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