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FORT LEE INSIGHTS NEWS & STORIES



IT IS TIME TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Our CEO's Message



As PCS season begins to wind down, I am reminded of the feelings that go along with moving to a new duty station, adjusting to new neighbors, taking on a new role, and trying to find a sense of connection and community. The unique challenges and sacrifices of military families inspires us to continually improve our service delivery at Hunt Military Communities.

During September we will have several community-wide focuses. The first is Suicide Prevention Month. This month we will be hosting several speakers and sharing important educational materials on this most important topic. On average, 22 active or retired service members take their own lives each day, and unfortunately I know this pain too well having lost several of my Marines to suicide. We can help those in need by learning the warning signs and the appropriate resources available to help service members in need. Please look at the schedule of events you can attend and help us make mental health a priority for our military families.

The other notable event is the anniversary of 9/11. In memory of those who lost their lives and those whose lives are forever changed, we will be hosting Never Forget Walks in each of our communities. Additionally, we will have an opportunity for children to write a 100-word essay on "What It Means To Be A Patriot," to help them grasp the selfless commitment of their family service member. More information to follow on both of these important events. We look forward to your participation.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.

Brian Stann

CEO

Hunt Military Communities

August Events Recap

National Night Out

Fort Lee Family Housing partnered with the Provost Marshall Office (PMO) to host a cookout for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the Main Housing Office (1510 Sisisky Blvd). National Night Out helps to enhance the relationships between neighbors and law enforcement. Residents enjoyed the free food sponsored by Crossroads and Fort Lee Federal Credit Union. Our community partners Red Cross, ACS, USO, and FMWR joined in on the fun and handed out fun giveaways and a lot of great information.

Backpack Brigade

Hunt Heroes Foundation and Operation Homefront collaborated to support military families during this Back-to-School season. Backpacks were filled with various school supplies and given to families that pre-registered. Fort Lee Family Housing with the help from Hunt Heroes and Homefront were able to pass out 100 backpacks full of supplies this year.

Come & Go Tie Dye Station

Residents stopped by the Main Welcome Center to finish off summer with a fun come and go tie-dye station on Thursday, August 26th. FLFH supplied all the colorful dye while residents were able to bring shirts, socks, onesies, or bandanas to tie-dye.

Back to School Tips

Get your kids off to a healthy start with these 8 back to school tips!

- 1. Health Checkups:** Find out what health checkups and any vaccinations your child's school requires and make an appointment with your pediatrician.
- 2. Medical Needs:** Make sure that your child's school is aware of any medical conditions and that they are permitted to administer any medications.
- 3. Sleep:** Get your kids back to a regular sleep schedule to ensure they are getting enough rest.
- 4. Activity:** Exercise supports overall well-being and helps kids stay alert and focused. Make sure physical activity is a part of their daily routine.
- 5. Healthy Eating:** Introduce healthy meals and make your kids aware of the benefits of nutritious options so they can start making better choices at school.
- 6. Limit Screen Time:** Computer screens keep children's minds stimulated longer than intended, so start limiting your child's screen time before school starts.
- 7. Backpack:** Choose a sturdy backpack with good support and thick padded straps to avoid back pain.
- 8. Anxiety:** If your child is headed to a new school, encourage them to discuss any anxieties they may be experiencing.



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August's Yard of the Month Photo Contest Winners:
Megan Tompkins & Silver-Bell Cee Jay ES-tel.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Tiny Tots Playgroup (NEW)

New to Fort Lee Family Housing! Join us every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Main Welcome Center (1510 Sisisky Blvd) from 10:00 – 11:00 am for Tiny Tots playgroup. New activities each week for parents and their children 5 and younger.

Pet of the Month Photo Contest

Be sure to follow us on Facebook "Fort Lee Family Housing" and post your pet's photo in the comment section under the Pet of the Month Photo Contest post. September's Pet of the Month Photo Contest will run from September 2-9, 2021. You can also email your photo entries to fortleefamilyhousingleasing@huntcompanies.com by 12:59 EST on September 9th for a chance to win a prize.

One cat and one dog winner will be randomly selected and announced on September 10th on the Fort Lee Family Housing Facebook page.

Yard of the Month Photo Contest

Fall is almost here! Show us all the fall décor and what you have been working on. Follow us on Facebook "Fort Lee Family Housing" and post your yard photo in the comment section under the Yard of the Month Photo Contest post. September's Yard of the Month Photo Contest will run from September 16-23, 2021. You can also email your photo entries to fortleefamilyhousingleasing@huntcompanies.com by 12:59 EST on September 23rd for a chance to win a prize.

We will choose the winners from the pictures we receive and announce them on our Facebook page.

Community Wide Yard Sale

Fort Lee Family Housing will be hosting the monthly Community Yard Sale on Friday, September 17th from 4:00 – 6:00 pm and 8:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 18th & Sunday, September 19th. You do not have to participate on all three days. Message us on our Facebook page or send us an email to fortleefamilyhousingleasing@huntcompanies.com no later than Thursday, September 16th with your address and days you will be participating. FLFH will post a list of all the addresses participating in September's Community Yard Sale. We kindly ask that you do not post any yard sale signs, as we will take care of all the messaging.

Fall Fest

Can you believe it? Time for cooler weather, pumpkin spice everything, and football. Fort Lee Family Housing is hosting Fall Fest at the Main Welcome Center (1510 Sisisky Blvd) on Thursday, September 23rd from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. We will have music, fun games, free popcorn, and a fall themed family photo area. Bring your picnic blankets and have dinner on the lawn. Food trucks will be located in the parking lot next to the Splash Park parking lot. Food trucks will be available to purchase food from while supplies last.

SAVE THE DATE

September 1st

Tiny Tots Playgroup
10 - 11am

September 6th

Labor Day
Offices will be closed

September 7th

First day of School

September 15th

Tiny Tots Playgroup
10 - 11am

September 16th

Yom Kippur

September 17th

Community Yard Sale
4 - 6pm

September 18th

Community Yard Sale
8am - 3pm

September 19th

Community Yard Sale
8am - 3pm

September 22nd

First Day of Fall

September 23rd

Fall Fest
Main Welcome Center from 5-7 pm

Employee Spotlight

Debbie Watts

She is a military spouse and love spending my free time volunteering as a Key Spouse. Some of my proudest accomplishments are receiving the Air Force Civilian Achievement Award and the Exemplary Civilian Service Award.

What she loves about her job is being able to plan and coordinate fun events for our residents to promote cohesion and boost morale for our service members and their families.



Pest Control

Pest control is every Tuesday. Work orders must be submitted by 3 pm the Monday prior.

Congratulations to Our August Pet of the Month Winners

Max Ensley (dog) & Jarlaxle Mullennix (cat)

They both received gift bags with plenty of treats and toys for the month.



EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1st



IS GOING "PAY" PERLESS!

The Safe, Secure, and Seamless way to make payments.

Starting **September 1st** HMC will be accepting online payment options only. Residents may utilize the following online payment services:

Hunt Resident App  • **Hunt Resident Portal** • **WIPS Walk In Payment System**

Benefits of Paying Online

- ✓ Eliminates the Need to Drop Off Payments
- ✓ Secure Payments Can Be Made Right from Your Phone or Device
- ✓ Payments are Posted to Your Account Immediately
- ✓ Email Receipts are Sent Directly to Your Inbox
- ✓ Never Forget a Payment Again, Set Up Recurring Account Payments
- ✓ Pay Without Fees for Direct Bank Account Payments

Scan the QR code with your phone to download the **Hunt Resident App** 



Please contact our office if you need assistance setting up online payments via the Hunt Resident App/Portal or WIPS.



AUGUST EVENTS

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