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Fort Meade

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SPRING INTO FUN!

Make sure to join us for our Spring into Fun event on Friday, March 23 from 12 to 2 p.m. at Potomac Place Neighborhood Center. There will be fun for the whole family! We will host an egg hunt. Make sure to bring a basket or bag to collect all of the eggs that you find. Join us for lots of prizes and treats. For more information, check the Soundoff!, meadepicerne.com or call your neighborhood office. We look forward to seeing you at this fun resident appreciation event!

Also, remember to spring forward! Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10 at 2 a.m. As you reset all your clocks, it is also recommended by fire departments and FEMA to replace the batteries in your smoke alarms.

RRG Spotlight

As a reminder, per the Resident Responsibility Guide (RRG), all trash and recycle containers should be placed out on the curb after 6:00 PM on the evening before the regularly scheduled pick up day, and containers should be cleared from the curb on the day of pickup no later than 6:00 PM. All trash and recycle containers must be emptied and stored in the rear yard or garage. Leaving the containers out at the curb can potentially cause them to be blown elsewhere on the street and can cause damage to homes and vehicles.

Service Schedules



Picerne Military Housing offers a variety of services to make your life easier. Don't forget to check out www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar for your trash, recycling, lawn care and pest control schedules.



Make sure your thermostat fan is set to "auto" instead of "on." This will ensure your home heats and cools only when necessary.



Fort Meade OSC Scholarships

Applications are now available at www.fortmeadeosc.org for the 2013 Officers' Spouses' Club scholarships. Completed applications must be postmarked by April 1st.

AER can help

Financial emergencies happen. Unexpected medical or dental expenses, or perhaps emergency travel expenses. A soldier or their family member may not have the money needed to handle the emergency. Army Emergency Relief can help. Army Emergency Relief (AER) provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families in times of need. AER provides assistance in the form of an interest-free loan for needs such as food, rent, utilities, funeral expenses, and non-receipt of pay. Grants may be provided in extreme circumstances when repayment of the loan will cause undue hardship.

Emergencies are unforeseen and unexpected. The Financial Readiness Program at ACS offers programs in savings and investments, money management, and budgeting to help plan and prepare for emergencies.

For more information about Army Emergency Relief, contact your local ACS or go to: www.aerhq.org.



Fun Facts for March

Check out these fun facts on St. Patrick's Day from kaboose.com.

- St. Patrick's Day is observed on March 17 because that is the feast day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is believed that he died on March 17 in the year 461. It is also a worldwide celebration of Irish culture and history. St. Patrick's Day is a national holiday in Ireland and a provincial holiday in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

- In Ireland on St. Patrick's Day, people traditionally wear a small bunch of shamrocks on their jackets or caps. Children wear orange, white and green badges, and women and girls wear green ribbons in their hair.

- Many cities have a St. Patrick's Day parade. Dublin, the capital of Ireland, has a huge St. Patrick's Day festival from March 15-19 that features a parade, family carnivals, treasure hunt, dance, theatre and more. In North America, parades are often held on the Sunday before March 17. Some paint the yellow street lines green for the day! In Chicago, the Chicago River is dyed green with a special dye that only lasts a few hours. There has been a St. Patrick's Day parade in Boston, Massachusetts since 1737. Montreal is home to Canada's longest running St. Patrick's Day parade, which began in 1824.

Help keep Meade clean and safe!



With spring right around the corner, it is time to start cleaning up. As you spring clean, please make sure that your carports are clean and free from clutter.

We also want to remind you that FIRE PITS ARE PROHIBITED at Fort Meade. Thank you for your cooperation!

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB?

DRD Pool Management is now hiring lifeguards, head guards and managers for the summer of 2013 at the Picerne community pools. Everyone is welcome to fill out an application and interview for a summer position. For more information and an application, visit the DRD lifeguards tab on their website www.drdpools.com.

Upcoming Events

March 1, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
All-Team Meeting
All Offices Closed

March 15, 7-10 p.m.
St. Patrick's Day Party
at The Lounge

March 23, 12-2 p.m.
Spring into Fun!
Potomac Place Neighborhood Center

Stay up-to-date with Fort Meade's event calendar! Go to:
www.meadepicerne.com/residents/calendar



PREVENT MOLD AND MILDEW

It is our goal to maintain the highest quality living environment for our residents. To help achieve this goal, it is important that we work together to minimize conditions that could lead to the growth of naturally occurring mold. There are several ways that residents can help minimize mold growth in their homes:

- Open windows or run the fan on the home air-handling unit to circulate fresh air and proper ventilation.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed. If water enters your home as a result of inclement weather, remove it right away. If caused by building issues, please contact our office immediately.
- Clean and dust your home on a regular basis. Regular vacuuming, mopping, and use of household cleaners are important to

remove dirt and debris that contribute to mold growth. On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, such as counter tops, windows, and windowsills.

- Use the bathroom fan or other ventilation when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until moisture has vented.
- Ensure that your clothes dryer vent is operating properly, and clean the lint screen after every use.
- When washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to make sure condensation does not build up within the washer and dryer closet. If it does, dry it with a fan or towel.
- Thoroughly dry any spills on carpeting.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these spaces.

