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NOVEMBER 2012

Fort Meade

www.meadepicerne.com

Neighborhood Offices

Heritage Park and Normandy Bluffs
2699A Ninninger Road
heritagepark@picernemh.com
410-672-2000

Meuse Forest
8700 91st Division Boulevard
meuseforest@picernemh.com
410-672-2475

Midway Common
7601 29th Division Road
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410-672-2301

Potomac Place and Patriot Ridge
4998 Second Corps Boulevard
potomacplace@picernemh.com
410-672-2981



December in the City
Saturday, December 1
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Potomac Place Neighborhood Center

Please join us on Saturday, December 1, 2012, for our 9th annual holiday season celebration! Picerne Military Housing has organized another spectacular holiday celebration for all Fort Meade residents. The event will be hosted at the Potomac Place Neighborhood Center from 2-5 p.m. Holiday fun for the entire family includes photos with Santa, candy cane train rides through the neighborhood and creating crafts with the kids. Be sure to bring your camera, there will be many opportunities for photos! Plenty of hot chocolate and festive treats are available for all Fort Meade Residents! Picerne Military Housing looks forward to celebrating the holiday season with you and your loved ones! Check next month's newsletter and the SoundOff! for more information.



Guest policy reminder

Residents may have guests visit for a period of 30 continuous days or less in a calendar year. Guests staying for more than 7 consecutive days must be registered with the Neighborhood Office.

RCI Survey Winners!

Congratulations to our quarterly Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Housing survey winners! Each quarter, 25 percent of Fort Meade residents are selected at random to participate in this survey. Questions such as, "How satisfied are you with the accessibility of your maintenance staff?" and, "How satisfied are you with the overall maintenance services you receive?" are part of the RCI quarterly housing survey. Josh Hauser and Yolanda Lawson were chosen at random and won \$500 for filling out their survey. Check your mailbox this year for your opportunity to share your feedback and for a chance to win cash! Good Luck!

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.



Switch to LED (light-emitting diode) holiday lights! LED holiday lights use about 90 percent less energy than traditional mini-lights.

Reporting Power Outages

At this time, responsibility for utilities on Fort Meade is split between Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) and the Fort Meade Directorate of Public Works (DPW).

All residential power outages should be reported to the appropriate Neighborhood Office. This will allow staff to determine if the outage is widespread or specific to the home and coordinate with the responsible provider.

If the neighborhood office loses power, the phone system may also be affected.

Residents should call the following toll-free numbers to report outages and maintenance emergencies if the office cannot be reached:

Heritage Park: 1-866-860-2403

Normandy Bluffs: 1-866-866-3709

Midway Common: 1-866-524-2404

Meuse Forest: 1-866-861-1935

Patriot Ridge: 1-866-866-9688

Potomac Place: 1-866-871-6772



Holiday Decorations

The holiday season is fast approaching and many people like to decorate the weekend following Thanksgiving. While you are busy adorning both the inside and outside of your homes with all of the touches of the holiday season, please remember there are some safety measures you should take before you begin the annual trimming of the tree.

- Picerne requires that all Christmas tree ornaments and decorations be noncombustible.
- Lights and lighting sets for use with Christmas trees must bear the label of Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and must be in good

condition.

- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.
- Outdoor decorations are encouraged. If you use outdoor lights, make sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Never use nails, metal hooks, staples or tacks.
- Lights should be turned off by 10:00 p.m. each night and remember to turn off all holiday lights when you leave the house. The lights could short and start a fire.

If you plan to buy a fresh Christmas tree, please note that, for safety reasons, they are not allowed to remain in homes longer than ten calendar days. When buying natural trees, we encourage you to:

- Check for freshness. A fresh tree is less of a fire hazard. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk to expose fresh wood.
- Place the freshly cut trunk in a stable container that will hold at least one, and preferably two, gallons of water.
- Keep the trunk base covered with water and check the water level each day.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources such as hot air ducts and television sets.

Happy Thanksgiving, from us to you!



This is a special time of year when we give thanks for all that we have and the many blessings we have received. We at Picerne Military Housing, would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation for the sacrifices you and your family make to provide security to all of us. Happy Thanksgiving!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Residents wishing to dispose of hazardous waste, such as gasoline cans, motor oil, cooking oil, propane tanks, paint cleaning products and more should call Arthur Frechette at 301-677-9674 to schedule an appointment to meet at the hazardous waste facility. Appointments can be made for the same day.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 1, 2012

December in the City
Potomac Place, 2-5pm



Sat 11/3 9am-5pm; Sun 11/4 10am-1pm

OSC Holiday Bazaar
McGill Training Center

Monday November 11, 2012

Picerne Office hours
open 9am-1pm

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

SCHOLARSHIP AND GRANT

Our Family for Families First, John G. Picerne's private charitable foundation, was established to support the educational goals of children and spouses of active-duty Service Members. The Foundation offers up to \$50,000 college scholarships for active-duty Service Members' children and \$5,000 educational grants for active-duty Service Members' spouses. Children and spouses are eligible to apply if their Service Member is stationed at Forts Polk, Bragg/Pope AFB, Meade, Rucker, Riley, Sill or Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Scholarship and grant applications for 2013 are now available online at www.ourfamilyfoundation.org.

The Foundation is now accepting applications from children of active-duty Service Members. Children applying for a college scholarship must

be graduating high school seniors with a minimum 3.0 cumulative un-weighted GPA at the time of application, and must attend a four-year institution. Applications are due February 14, 2013.

The Foundation is also now accepting applications from spouses of active-duty Service Members. The \$5,000 educational grants are open to students in any phase of education with plans to attend a community college, technical college, or university. Applications are due May 9, 2013.

Please review the information located on the website for eligibility requirements and to learn more about the programs. The Foundation is committed to supporting military families in the pursuit of higher education and has awarded more than \$3.5 million since 2006. It

