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SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION!

Our President's Message



In the Spring of 2020, we partnered with Blue Star Families in a campaign to collect the most ingenious MilFam cleaning hacks. It was such a hit that we're doing it again this Fall! AND all of the finalist videos in that competition can be

found at: bluestarfam.org/milfamspringclean. There are so many great tips there for you to check out! Stay tuned for more information in the coming days on the Fall version where we'll be collecting even more great ideas. We are proud to partner with Blue Star Families and want to encourage you to take full advantage of all the great (and free!) programs and services this awesome organization has to offer. You can find a local chapter, peruse career opportunities geared towards military spouses, find great activities for your kids, or participate in their many virtual programs by going to: bluestarfam.org. From all of us at HMC, I hope you and your family continue to remain safe and healthy.

Best,

John Ehle
President
Hunt Military Communities

We Have A New Team Member

Greetings to my new Hunt family,

My name is Trisha Brown and I am the new Community Manager at Fort Lee Family Housing. My neighborhoods are Jefferson Terrace, Harrison Villa and Jackson Circle.

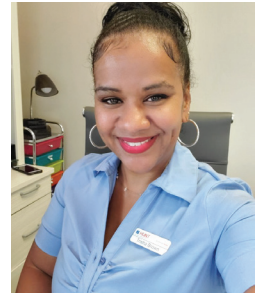
I am delighted to have been added as a part of this amazing team!

I have enjoyed a career in property management for over 20 years, and take an enormous amount of pride in taking GREAT CARE of my residents.

My most important role has been a mother to my son Michael, but I also do other things which help me in giving back to the surrounding areas in which I live, work, and play.

Outside of work, I serve as a Housing Commissioner on the board for Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority as well as being a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Beta Delta Business Honor Society and the American Marketing Association. I enjoy working out, gardening, and exploring new Do-it-yourself Projects (some of which goes well, some not so much!)

I earned my Bachelor of Science Degrees in Marketing and Management from Virginia State University, my Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Averett University and I aspire to complete a Juris Doctorate in the near future.



Back to School

Prince George County Public Schools will open for the 2020-21 school year on September 8, 2020. Parents/guardians are encouraged to call and schedule an appointment at the school the child will be attending, if they have not done so. Please access the district website at <http://pgs.k12.va.us> and go to the icon: Schools for the address and telephone information of each school.

We Would Love Your Feedback

Is there something that you would love to see in the Newsletter? Please let us know. We want this newsletter to be something that you look forward to and find useful. Please submit suggestions to Priscilla.lewis@huntcompanies.com.



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Stop Soldier Suicide

"Stop Soldier Suicide is an amazing organization that works one-on-one with service members, veterans, and military family members who may be feeling overwhelmed or confused about where to go for help in a time for need," stated John Ehle, Hunt Heroes Foundation President. "The Hunt Heroes Foundation is focused on serving military members who live in our communities, many who are just returning home from deployment and facing issues such as PTSD. This partnership will help ensure we are offering them the resources they may need during a difficult time."

HHF encourages growth and development by funding projects that address community challenges in the areas of health, education, housing, and overall community support. Its focus is to improve the quality of life for military families who sacrifice so much day-in and day-out.

"We're thrilled and grateful to join forces with Hunt Heroes Foundation given Hunt's robust presence across more than 40 military installations," stated Brian Kinsella, Stop Soldier Suicide Co-Founder & Chairman. "Awareness and outreach is key as we build our community and work to help those in need to stop military & veteran suicide."

Stop Soldier Suicide works 1-on-1 with troops, veterans, and military family members to help navigate the maze of services, programs, and assistance available.

Their team works to identify each individual's specific needs, find the right resources to meet those needs, and provide continued support and personalized case management for 24 months.

About Hunt Heroes Foundation

Formed in 2018, the Hunt Heroes Foundation proudly serves military families, partners and communities through opportunities and ideas generated by our people and partnerships. Together, the HHF will discover new ways to ensure we help bring a positive change to the communities in which we live and work. www.huntheroesfoundation.org

About Hunt Military Communities

As the most experienced and largest owner of military housing in the nation, Hunt Military Communities offers unsurpassed quality and service to more than 200,000 residents in over 52,000 homes on Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Army installations throughout the country. With a 50-year legacy and a partnership with the Department of Defense, Hunt strives to build communities characterized by three clear promises: 5-star service, connectedness, and a culture of trust. For more information, visit www.huntmilitarycommunities.com.

About Stop Soldier Suicide:

Founded by three U.S. Army veterans in 2010, Stop Soldier Suicide is the first veteran-owned-and-led national nonprofit focused on preventing military suicide. Stop Soldier Suicide empowers the military community by providing free resources and support to all past and present military and their families through an established, comprehensive, trusted network of individuals and organizations that meet the complex needs of the military community and are capable of anticipating and mitigating suicide risk factors, promoting resiliency, inspiring hope, and encouraging healing and personal growth. Stop Soldier Suicide is a registered 501(c)3 organization and a Gold GuideStar™ nonprofit headquartered in Raleigh, NC. For more information, visit stopsoldiersuicide.org or follow Stop Soldier Suicide on Facebook. Work is set to begin next month on a planned \$50 million project to upgrade housing across the garrison, starting with the oldest – and smallest – homes on post.

Jackson Circle Renovation Has Begun

Jackson Circle is the first to see upgrades under a 10-year revitalization plan that would later include similar improvements in Harrison Villa, Madison Park and Monroe Manor, said Jason Frenz, executive vice president of development for Hunt Military Communities. The project started the second week of August, with 30 homes to be the first of 174 planned renovation projects in the neighborhood, he said. In all, more than 750 homes in four Fort Lee communities would be upgraded over the next six years.

The upgrade of Jackson Circle homes will cost about \$15.6 million and take just under two years to finish, said Al Williams, Fort Lee housing division chief.

"I am banking on 22 months from start to finish," he said, explaining that each unit will take about three weeks to flip.

The Jackson Circle houses were built from 1996-2000 and were the first constructed on post since the early 1960s, Williams said. They are now the oldest homes on Fort Lee and are significantly smaller than newer units built by Hunt in recent years.

"We've got some great housing on post," he acknowledged. "Now, let's take care of Jackson Circle."

The goal is to bring up the standard of living for Jackson Circle residents, Williams continued. "We think we can produce a home that is just as good as a new home outside the gate."

The renovations will not make the homes any bigger, but the internal upgrades will make living in them better, Frenz said.

One improvement will be the elimination of a pantry, which will create a modern, open-concept design from the kitchen to the living room. Others include garage door openers; new kitchen appliances; new flooring, roofing and windows; and much more.

"A lot of work is going into the homes," Frenz confirmed.

For Fort Lee, the renovation process is a few years ahead of schedule, according to Hunt. As the project moves to the newer neighborhoods, some are to be upgraded sooner than the normal 20-25 year timeline, Frenz said.

This is possible because, for the last 13 years, privatized housing managers have set aside money from rent payments to build up funds for renovations, according to Williams. Because of the program's success, the construction can be completed without incurring any new debt.

"We see this as a great success for the program," Williams said, "because we were able to do this without a handout from anybody."

Maj. Gen. Rodney D. Fogg, Combined Arms Support Command and Fort Lee commanding general, told residents during the online town hall that the project was a "wonderful initiative." Because of the success of the post's housing program and the partnership with Hunt, renovations will be significant and make the homes much better for residents, he said.

Hunt and the DPW will, as much as possible, try to avoid displacing residents for the project by timing the construction with the summer moves, Williams explained. After a duplex is vacated, construction can begin on both sides.

However, some tenants will have to move as the construction gets underway. They will be given options to move elsewhere on Fort Lee or relocate off-post at no cost to them.

"We have a professional moving company that's going to help us work through that," Fogg said.

Off-post moves are limited to the tri-cities area, including Petersburg, Colonial Heights and Hopewell, but the Hunt staff is willing to work with residents as much as possible.

Similarly, the Housing Office will work with families to ensure minimum disruption, including keeping consistency of schools for families with children, Williams added.

Fogg said the options for relocating on post will depend on the inventory of homes available. He further noted that Soldiers should not be required to take leave as they go through this process, however, they will have to ensure they communicate and work with their chains of command.

Individuals who have to move have been notified, and the leadership's goal is to keep residents informed throughout the process, Fogg emphasized. This includes a page on the garrison website with updates from the housing team.

Once work on the initial homes is complete, the next wave of residents to shift will be able to move into the newly upgraded spaces within their own neighborhood, Williams said.

"Though this may be difficult for some families, this is a big win for Fort Lee," Martin observed.