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Our President's Message



Over the past several years, Hunt Military Communities has been focused on forming relationships with groups and organizations which help us to better serve our military families. Blue Star Families, wear blue: run to remember, Operation Homefront, and Stop Soldier Suicide are a few of the organizations which have enriched our understanding of and services for our military families.

I'm pleased to say that we have recently formed a multi-year partnership with The Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN). Through this partnership, MFAN will share the experiences and insight of those residents who live in our communities. In addition to focusing on housing issues, the partnership will also seek to address some of the other challenges faced by military families – specifically food insecurity and intimate partner violence. Hunt has prioritized and has worked diligently to provide the best possible housing for America's Service Members and their families and to improve the overall resident experience. This partnership is a further testament to Hunt's desire to work collaboratively with stakeholders to find real solutions. We know this relationship between Hunt and MFAN will bring much-needed resources to all military family communities. In October, you will see our staff's time and energy poured into the issue of food insecurity as well as gathering as many responses to the Resident Satisfaction Survey as possible so that we can continue to provide the needed services and resources to our military families.

Best,

John Ehle
President
Hunt Military Communities



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We Have A New Team Member

My name is Vanessa D. Floyd, to those close to me, I am known as Dee Dee. I am your new Resident Services Specialist for Adams Chase. I wanted to take this time to introduce myself to you. I was born in Bronx, New York and raised in Petersburg, VA. In 1978-1980, my family and I resided in Fort Lee Housing, and I must say the housing looked much different than the lovely Hunt homes of today.

My career in housing began in 1987, when I worked for the Petersburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority. I have worked in the housing industry for almost 30 years, in many different titles and roles. My most rewarding challenge was being an on-site Property Manager for the Housing Opportunities Commission in Maryland. My residents and I experienced being without power for 8 days in 2003, with Hurricane Isabel. I made sure all residents were safe or with family, had nourishment and prescription medicines. The days were long and the nights short, but I am happy to say we all made it through that storm.

Outside of work, I have one daughter who is married and has 3 young sons. I like to spend time with them and encourage them in their sports and video games. My daughter is a teacher and I assist her with her classroom needs. My favorite all-time artist is Prince and I am currently reading his book "The Beautiful Ones". I love to volunteer my time, traveling, visiting my family in New York, and trying new foods and restaurants. I have a passion for causes and participate in raising awareness for them. I love to plan, as I serve as the chairperson on my high school's Reunion Committee.

I am excited to be a part of the Hunt Family.



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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Cancer is scary. We can all agree with that. Nearly 250,000 women and men will be diagnosed this year in the US with breast cancer.

Sometimes it gets its butt kicked! Other times sadly, it wins. It affects so many people, both directly and indirectly and it's just not fair. Most of us have some connection and experience with this horrible disease. So let's promote Breast Cancer Awareness this month.

The first organized effort to bring widespread attention to breast cancer occurred as a weeklong event in the United States in October 1985. Since then, campaigns to increase awareness of the disease, to educate people about methods of prevention and early detection, and to raise money to support research have extended to countries around the world. Today, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and medical societies work together to promote breast cancer awareness.

Throughout Breast Cancer Awareness Month, science forums, educational programs, and informational pamphlets and posters are used as means to disseminate information to the public. A number of special events are held as well, including National Mammogram Day in the United States, which focuses on the importance of screening and early detection of breast cancer. In addition, fund-raising activities, such as walks, runs, auctions, concerts, and other charity events, are held in countries around the world. The money collected by these events typically goes toward local, national, or international funding for breast cancer research. Scientific conferences and meetings of international cancer organizations also may be scheduled in conjunction with awareness campaigns.

The major international symbol of Breast Cancer Awareness Month is the color pink. In the 1990s the pink ribbon stood as the primary emblem of support.

October is Fire Safety Month

October 4-10 is Fire Prevention Week (FPW). This annual public service announcement and education week is sponsored by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and has been endorsed by every US President since Calvin Coolidge in 1925.

This annual event is held in memory of the Great Chicago Fire of October 8th, 1871. This commemoration reminds us of the dangers of fire and how we must resolve to be vigilant in our fire safety practices.

Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Services wishes to remind everyone of the dangers of unattended cooking. According to the NFPA, unattended cooking is the number one cause of structure fires in the United States. This year's fire safety message is "Cook with Care! Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"

Please take a few moments and review with your family some proper fire safety practices.

- Never play with fire.
- Keep your cooking grills away from the side of your house.
- Do not leave burning candles unattended.
- Practice fire drills in your home with your family.
- Test your smoke alarms once a month!

You can find helpful videos, kid's games, activities and more at www.firepreventionweek.org and at www.sparky.org.

Resident Appreciation Month

In honor of Resident Appreciation Month, FLFH will be providing fall flowers for our residents. We will be passing them out on October 14, 2020 at the main Welcome Center.

Also for Resident Appreciation Month, we will be hosting the Halloween/Fall Decorating Contest. We will have up to 7 winners, which will be announced on October 8th.

Resident Appreciation Month does not stop there. We are also having a Pet Costume Contest. Winners will be announced on October 20th.

Thank you for choosing Fort Lee Family Housing.

Happy Halloween!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				FALL DECORATING CONTEST		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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11	12	13	14 Fall Flower Giveaway	15	16	17
		PET COSTUME CONTEST				
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
PET COSTUME CONTEST						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

Calendar Events

- October 1-8 - Fall Decorating Contest
- October 13-20 - Pet Costume Contest
- October 14 - Fall Flower Giveaway
- October 31 - Halloween



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