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FORT LEE INSIGHTS  
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# HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Our President's Message



Welcome to the official start of summer! In just a few days we will celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the United States of America as an

independent nation. It is also a time families gather to barbecue, gather with friends, and watch fireworks. Whatever your plans are, we hope you will be safe and continue to give thanks for our precious gift of freedom.

Many have already experienced extremely hot weather and it is forecasted to continue in many parts of our nation. Should you have a maintenance emergency, our teams will be on call throughout the holiday weekend 24/7.

We are also pleased to announce our Hunt Heroes Foundation will once again be partnering with Operation Homefront on their Backpack Brigade program. Be on the lookout for the details on how to register your child to receive a complimentary backpack filled with school supplies. This will be on a first-come, first-serve basis and quantities are limited per community.

Wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy holiday and summer!

Karen Plesh

A handwritten signature of Karen Plesh in black ink.

Vice President Operations  
Hunt Military Communities

## June's Semi-Annual Flower Giveaway

Over 200 begonias were given away during our Semi-Annual Flower Giveaway! Fort Lee Family Housing appreciates our residents and wanted to spread some love and color throughout the community neighborhoods. Have you planted your begonias yet? Tag us @fortleefamilyhousing in your pictures and be sure to add them to your entry for the Red, White, and Blue Dècor Contest.

## June's Splash Parks Grand Opening

Over 420 residents attended the Grand Opening of the Splash Parks on July 17, 2021 and a fun time was had by everyone! Kona Ice gave out over 420 complimentary sno-cones at both locations which were sponsored by T-Mobile. Not only was T-Mobile on-site giving away some pretty cool swag, they also gave away a FREE Yeti Cooler. No worries if you missed out this month, we have many more fun events planned throughout the rest of the summer.

## Tips & Tricks: Splash Parks

Did you know Fort Lee Family Housing has two Splash Park locations? They are located at the Main Welcome Center (1510 Sisisky Blvd) and the Jackson Circle Welcome Center (800 Jackson Circle). Splash Parks are open for residents to use only every day from 10 AM – 8 PM, weather permitting. Please do not touch the mechanical/water controls located behind the main building and do not block the flow of water. This causes the water to back up into the pump and shut down. Don't forget your sunscreen and shades!



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# JULY EVENTS

## 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. July's Pet of the Month Photo Contest will run from July 8-15, 2021. You can also email your photo entries to [fortleefamilyhousingleasing@huntcompanies.com](mailto:fortleefamilyhousingleasing@huntcompanies.com) by 12:59 EST on July 15th for a chance to win a prize.

One cat and one dog winner will be randomly selected and announced on July 16th on the Fort Lee Family Housing Facebook page.

## Red, White, & Blue Dècor Photo Contest

Let's get patriotic! Follow Fort Lee Family Housing on Facebook and keep an eye out for our Red, White, and Blue Dècor contest post! When you see it, post a photo of your home decked out in red, white, and blue in the comments section! This contest will run from July 1-8, 2021.

Winners will be randomly selected from the photos commented on our post. We will be announcing the winners on July 9th on the Fort Lee Family Housing Facebook page.

## Music on the Lawn

Grab your lawn chairs or picnic blankets and join us at the Main Community Center (1510 Sisisky Blvd) on Thursday, July 22, 2021 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM for a night of family-friendly tunes. We'll have light refreshments available while supplies last.

## Sidewalk Chalk Art Photo Contest

Let's chalk up the neighborhoods! The contest will run from July 23-29, 2021. Decorate your sidewalk with colorful, temporary works of art. Be sure to snap a photo and comment under the Sidewalk Chalk Art Photo Contest post on Facebook.

We will choose the winner from the pictures we receive and announce the winner on July 30th on the Fort Lee Family Housing Facebook page.

## Independence Day Celebration

Mark your calendars! Fort Lee FMWR is hosting an Independence Day Celebration on July 2, 2021 at Williams Stadium. The DJ will take the stage at 5 PM and the fireworks show will begin at 9:30 PM. Food trucks will be available to purchase food around the stadium. For more information, visit [www.lee.armymwr.com](http://www.lee.armymwr.com)

# SAVE THE DATE

## July 4th

Independence Day

## July 13th

Trash/Recycling/Bulk  
Trash Pickup

## July 5th

Community Offices Closed

## July 20th

Trash/Recycling/Bulk  
Trash Pickup

## July 6th

Trash/Recycling/Bulk  
Trash Pickup

## July 27th

Trash/Recycling/Bulk  
Trash Pickup

## Employee Spotlight

### Rasheta Goodwyn

Rasheta is a Resident Services Specialist here at Fort Lee Family Housing. She learned to play the piano at age 7. She has also visited the Cayman Islands and swam with the sting rays. Rasheta loves her job at Fort Lee Family Housing because she gets the opportunity to work alongside her teammates, who are super motivated and welcoming. Not only is her door always open, she is willing to answer any questions without criticizing them.



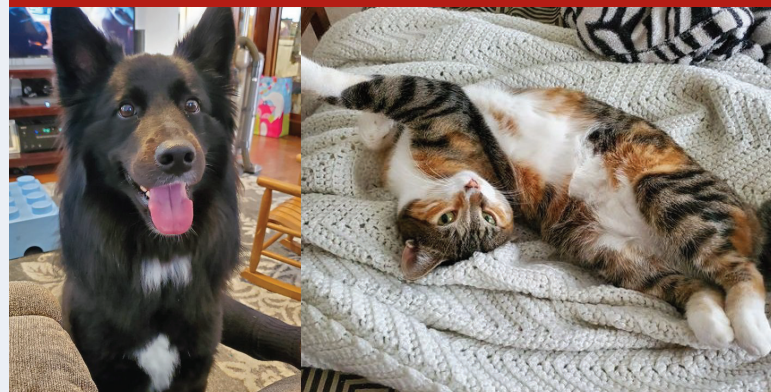
## PCS Season is here!

Don't stress over another Permanent Change of Station (PCS) move. Check out these 12 tips to make your family's next move as smooth as possible.

## Congratulations to Our May Pet of the Month Winners

**Abbey H. (Dog) & Miso M. (Cat)**

*THEY BOTH RECEIVED GIFT BAGS WITH PLENTY OF TREATS AND TOYS FOR THE MONTH*





## 12 PCS Pro-Tips

### 1. Marie Kondo Your Life

If it doesn't spark joy, it doesn't need to move with you. The sweater you wore once? Gone! This is also a great time to teach your kiddos how to "declutter" those toys they never play with and send them off to another home.

Overseas Pro-Tip: If you're moving to a foreign country, declutter electronics, especially if you will be living off post/base. There is no point in bringing items that aren't the correct voltage.

### 2. Anything you want to transport yourself, post "Do Not Pack" signs on the door or individual items.

Keep everything from ID's, laptops, and any other small personal items in a "Do not pack room or area. Trust us, if it isn't labeled, it will be packed. We've heard stories of house plants and full trash cans being bubble wrapped and taped!

### 3. Don't Procrastinate!

As soon as you have your orders in hand, hit the ground running! There are so many things that need to be accomplished. While it may seem like you have plenty of time before you go to your next duty station, it will fly by.

### 4. Double check the packers aren't labeling 20,000 boxes as "miscellaneous"!

Make it easy on yourself and check that your boxes are labeled accurately. It will make it less stressful and it will ensure items aren't missing.

### 5. Ship your car and household goods as early as you can so they arrive at your next duty station around the same time you do.

Pack up the house ASAP! You aren't going to need absolutely everything under the sun for the time leading up to your move, so pack it and send it off! It can take a while for it to get to your new residence, so ship early! If you can, send your car as well. You don't want to be without a vehicle trying to navigate an unfamiliar city.

Overseas Pro-Tip: Use your unaccompanied baggage to ship things right before you go so you can have your necessities with you as long as possible.

### 6. Make a PCS Binder.

It's a good idea to make a binder with all of your important documents needed for your PCS. Use it for orders, tracking what you put in boxes, checklists and so much more. Make sure it's sturdy and labeled well.

### 7. Throw away your Karo syrup!

We all know that moving can be a mess, but don't make it a sticky mess! Toss out all open goods (especially liquids) or pack them very well in separate Ziploc bags.

### 8. Know your entitlements!

Check with finance in regards to any allotments or allowances while PCSing. Also, make sure you know how many house-hunting days you get, how many days you're allowed in TLF, Do It Yourself (DIY) move options, etc.

### 9. Get a Power of Attorney.

You may need a POA for anything from banking to housing, or for your kids. You'll need it more often in the PCS process than you think!

### 10. Don't forget Fido!

With the stressors of PCSing, we can often forget about making accommodations for our furry friends. If you are driving with animals, pack a separate bag with everything they'll need (food, leashes, toys, treats, cleaning up supplies, etc.). Remember to be flexible! Traveling with animals can be an ordeal all on its own.

### 11. When does it expire?

Make sure all IDs are current and up-to-date before departing. It can be a hassle to renew IDs at a new location you're not familiar with.

### 12. Stay Positive!

It's hard. So, unbelievably difficult. Stay strong. Stay positive. You've got this!

**FIREWORKS**  
**JULY 2, 5 PM**  
**Williams Stadium**





# JUNE EVENTS

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