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Community

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Fort Riley

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COMMUNITY VICTORY GARDEN

The Fort Riley Community Victory Garden is an on-post community garden located in the Forsyth neighborhood. It is a great opportunity to grow and tend your own vegetable garden. Families that participate experience many benefits from gardening including improved quality of life for families who garden together, social interaction with neighbors, self-reliance, nutritious food, conserves resources and creates opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy and education.

Plots are available to Picerne Military Housing residents on a first come, first served basis. For more information visit www.rileypicerne.com/communitygarden or contact the Fort Riley Community Victory Garden Association at rileygardens@gmail.com.

Scoop the poop!

Let's face it, dog poop is a nuisance. It smells. It gets on your shoes. It upsets your neighbors. It's the unglamorous side of being a pet owner and yet, as a pet owner it is still your responsibility to pick up after your pet. Many people think that it's ok to leave the poop and let nature take its course. The truth is, dog waste actually bio-degrades slowly on its own and in winter months if the poop freezes it's next to impossible to remove, causing it to remain for weeks or even months!

Please be courteous to your neighbors and scoop the poop! Doing so shows that you take pride in your dog, in yourself and in your community.

Service Schedules

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



Open draperies and blinds to allow warm sunlight to enter in daylight hours. Close draperies and blinds at night to maintain heat.




Obstructed sidewalks may result in fine

Please be mindful to keep all sidewalks clear of vehicles when parking, to include driveways. Parking on or blocking sidewalks is prohibited and may result in a costly \$45 fine by the MPs.

Electrical Safety

Electrical safety is often overlooked in the home. Overloaded electrical outlets and improper use of extension cords are common causes of fires. The following are some things to look for to avoid electrical fires in the home:

- Only plug one heat producing appliance like coffee pots and toasters into an outlet at a time.
- All major appliances should be plugged directly into the wall receptacle; extension cords should not be used.
- Make sure extension cords do not run under carpets or across doorways.
- Unplug extension cords when not in use.
- Use light bulbs that have the proper wattage for the light fixture.
- If any appliance or equipment overheats or has a burning smell come from it, unplug the item.

Any discolored wall outlets, frequent problems with tripping circuit breakers and flickering lights are signs of potential problems with the electrical system in the home. If you notice any of these signs, please contact your Neighborhood Office.



A Plan for Success

Military Saves week is Feb. 25 through March 2, 2013. The theme this year is, "Set a Goal, Make a Plan, Save Automatically." Military Saves encourages all military service members and their families to save money every month, and strives to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings, a practice that leads to long-term financial well-being.

Military Saves is a great way to inspire everyone, both young and old, to improve their

economic fitness by creating healthy financial behavior through programs for parents, teens and children.

The week is a great time to check out the list of financially oriented classes offered by the local Army Community Service (ACS). The Financial Readiness Program offers a variety of classes on money management, financial planning for deployment and proper use of credit. Trained professional counselors can take a look at your financial situation and help develop a plan to improve finances. They can also help with establishing a budget, or working with creditors.

Take control of your finances! Take the Military Saves Pledge at www.militarysaves.org and receive a free monthly e-newsletter from Military Saves plus a quarterly e-newsletter from America Saves. Register for a Financial Readiness class via your local ACS or www.militaryonesource.mil.

Lifeguards needed for summer 2013



American Pool Service will be managing the Picerne neighborhood pools and is hiring lifeguards, head guards and managers for summer 2013. Open houses will be held March 2 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and March 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Forsyth Neighborhood Center. To RSVP, contact Courtney Prausa at cprausa@americanpool.com or call 770-638-1665.

SPRING LAWN CARE

Our annual spring cleanup and lawn care will be underway soon. Please assist us by removing or properly storing unattended toys, yard furniture, trash cans, trash, etc. If you have a gate, please make sure it is unlocked so the crew can gain access to your yard. To view your neighborhood's scheduled dates, visit www.rileypicerne.com/residents/calendar.

Upcoming Events

February 3
Super Bowl XLVII
Ravens vs. 49ers

February 7
Deployment Marriage Workshop
Forsyth NHC, 10-11:30 a.m.

February 14
Scholarship deadline
www.ourfamilyfoundation.org

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



YOUR BAH DOLLARS AT WORK

The housing improvements being brought about with privatization by Picerne Military Housing take time. Fort Riley is in its sixth year of a ten-year Initial Development Period. By July 2016, every home at Fort Riley will be either new or renovated. Your BAH dollars are paying for these quality of life improvements for military families. Since September 2006, Picerne has completed four Neighborhood Centers, numerous other amenities, constructed more than 1,417 new homes and renovated 1,198 homes at Fort Riley.

What does my BAH pay for each month?

- Rent for your home
- Curbside recycling, refuse and bulk trash pickup

- Average electric and gas usage; water and sewer
- Neighborhood Centers with amenities
- Pools with lifeguards
- New playgrounds
- 24-hour maintenance
- Scheduled and preventative maintenance
- Professional property management
- Seasonal lawn care
- Pest control
- Maintenance of playgrounds and common areas
- Capital improvements (road repair, sidewalks, HVAC duct upgrades, roofs, etc.)
- \$20,000 renter's insurance
- Free, family-friendly events and programs
- Site development and construction for new home construction
- Demolition and renovation of older homes

