

The Villages of Benning

March Monthly Newsletter



2018-2019 Scholarship Application Now Available!

“The Michaels Organization Education Foundation is a non-profit affiliate of The Michaels Organization that administers educational scholarship programs open to all residents of all affordable and military housing communities owned or managed by companies of The Michaels Organization. Now, in its 28th year of awarding scholarships, The Michaels Organization Educational foundation was the first of its kind in the affordable housing industry when it was established by Michael and Patricia Levitt in 1991.” -The Michaels Organization

Michaels Management Services offers educational scholarship opportunities to residents through the Michaels Organization Educational Foundation. Just recently, it was announced that scholarship applications are now being accepted for the 2018-2019 school year. All high school seniors and graduates living in sites managed by Michaels Management Services or its affiliates are invited to apply for scholarship grants for the 2018-2019 academic year, totaling at least \$500,000 to be awarded in June 2018.

This invitation is extended to residents who are pursuing a form of higher education in college, trade/professional school, or institute. The Michaels Organization Educational Foundation, a privately funded, non-profit educational organization, was created in February 1991 in an effort to assist high school graduates living in Michaels properties throughout the nation. Scholarship funds, paid directly to the education institution, can be used toward higher education at any accredited college, university, or vocational training program in the country. The deadline for applications is April 12th, 2018.

[2018-2019 Resident Scholarship Application](#)



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Lawn Maintenance



It's that time of year again! Mainscape is now preparing for an early mow, which will take place the weeks of March 19th-23rd and March 26th-30th. **Please refer to the schedule below and remember to pick up all personal items from your yard prior to your mow:**

March 19th-23rd:

- **Monday:** New Custer, Miller, Eames and Sigerfoos
- **Tuesday:** Norton, 1/2 McGraw (Brostrom, McGill, McGraw, Bend Porch Loop, Seminole Loop, Thlopthocco, Choctaw, Magrath (from Alabama Loop to Moon))
- **Wednesday:** Perkins, 1/3 Patton (from the 1st entrance down)
- **Thursday:** Indianhead, Upper Davis
- **Friday:** Iron Triangle, Rainbow

March 26th-30th:

- **Monday:** Custer Cottages, Custer Duplexes, Austin Loop
- **Tuesday:** 1/2 McGraw (Arrowhead, Chickasaw, Baker, Alabamu Loop, Moon, Leonard, Monroe Ct., Lauffer Ct. Keetoowah, Koasati, Kialegee)
- **Wednesday:** 2/3 Patton (from the 1st entrance to the top)
- **Thursday:** Bouton, Lower Davis
- **Friday:** MacDonald, White Elephants, Lumpkin

New Zoning System

Mainscape will also implement the new zoning system, which was recently distributed. Below are some benefits of the new zoning system:

- Throughout 2018, the new zoning system will allow Mainscape crews to remain in one village for the entire day. Previously, crews moved from one community to the next, resulting in lost time.
- The number of crews will increase from 16-20. This will increase the quality of work being completed, as team members will have additional time to complete each task.
- Crews will be in larger neighborhoods 4 days of the week.
- Crew leaders will have the opportunity to get to know their properties and community managers better, as well as the individual needs of each community more specifically.

If you have any additional questions in regards to the schedule and/or zoning, please feel free to contact your Community Management Office.

What do Mowing Services Entail?

Mainscape provides great services for our residents! While several services are provided, there are distinct differences between landscaping services and mowing services.

Mainscape provides mowing services and leaf removal services for all on-post residents. They also spray regularly to control the growth of Bahia Grass, which is a common grass in Georgia that is very invasive and grows extremely fast.

Their services do not, however, include the upkeep of flower beds and/or shrubs, weeding or the mowing of fenced-in backyards. These are responsibilities of the resident, which can be further outlined in the Resident Responsibility Guide (RRG). If at any time you have any questions in regards to the services Mainscape provides or your responsibilities as a resident, please do not hesitate to contact your local Community Management Office.

Maintenance Corner *(continued)*

Air Filter Maintenance

Did you know that clogged air filters are the number one cause of HVAC system failures? Filters should be changed at least once per month. The Villages of Benning provides filters free of charge, which are available for pick-up at all Community Management Offices, as well as the Self Help Building, located at 385 Vibbert Avenue.

Effects of a Dirty Air Filter:

- The lower fan in the HVAC system has to work harder to push air. When it's working harder, it's drawing more energy, leading to higher bills. It's also more likely to wear out from the strain.
- The difficulty in moving air means that your living areas may not get all the air they need. This means poor home comfort for you, as the temperature sensors, which regulate when the HVAC system turns on and off, might not ever register the temperature needed to signal the system to power down. That's another source of expense, which puts more strain on the fan motor.
- Because the heated or cooled air can't travel out of the furnace, heat pump, or air conditioner as easily, the system runs the risk of overheating or freezing up. You'll be paying the same amount of energy, but there will not be a commensurate change in indoor temperature.
- The additional material on the air filter itself can provide a space for moisture to gather, encouraging the growth of mold or bacteria colonies. Not only do these form an even stronger barrier to circulating air, but if they colonize the wrong side of the filter, they can begin to introduce more pollutants and allergens into the indoor air. And, if they get into the HVAC system and form colonies there, it could spell a lot of trouble for the entire system.
- Because air doesn't circulate as quickly, particles can settle in ducts and on household surfaces when they'd usually be carried into the system and filtered. It's much simpler to change your air filter than it is to schedule a duct cleaning, but dirty ducts can result in an ongoing drain to your system efficiency and a long-term source of pollutants in your air supply.

Bulk Trash

- The Villages of Benning is excited to announce that Bulk Trash will take place WEEKLY throughout 2018! It will continue to coincide with the scheduled trash pick-up schedule, as seen below, with the exception of McGraw. All Bulk Trash for McGraw will take place on Monday.

Weekly Trash Schedule:

- **Monday:** Indianhead, McGraw* (All of McGraw with the exception of the 5 streets scheduled for Tuesday)
- **Tuesday:** Lower Davis (Kawamura, Port, Fernandez), EMP (Austin Loop, Lower Baltzell, Eames, General Officer's Homes, Miller Loop, Norton, Perkins, Sigerfoos, Lumpkin), MacDonald, McGraw* (Seminole Loop, Baker, Arrowhead, Chickasaw, Kialegee Way)
- **Wednesday:** Custer
- **Thursday:** Bouton, Upper Davis (Hartsock, Langhorn, Lozada, Warren), EMP (Iron Triangle, Rainbow, White Elephants)
- **Friday:** Patton, Upatoi

***Please remember to bring up your Trash Cans once your trash has been picked up!**

Thank You!

Thank you to all who attended the Bareware Pottery Event Thursday, February 22nd. We hope everyone in attendance had a great time!



Upcoming Events

Fort Benning

Eggs & Art
Come Paint & Decorate an Easter Egg!
*Please wear proper painting attire.

Thursday, March 22nd, 5-7:00 PM
At Your Local Community Management Office
RSVP to Hbwarden@tmo.com



MWR Eggstravaganza!



March 24th, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Easter Bunny returns to Riverside Saturday, March 24th, for the annual Spring Eggstravaganza!

Happy ST. PATRICK'S Day

St. Patrick's Day is Saturday, March 17th! Visit our Facebook and Instagram Accounts for your chance to win select prizes and raffles the week of March 12th-16th!!



REFER A FRIEND & GET REWARDED

Find your Pot of Gold! Refer a Friend, and Receive \$150 when They Move In!

*Contact your Management Office for details.

Did You Know?

2018 CEL Survey



The 2018 RCI Resident Satisfaction Survey is coming in April 2018!!

The RCI (Residential Communities Initiative) CEL Resident Satisfaction Survey will kick off April 19th, 2018. Contact your Community Management Office to ensure your office has your most updated contact information, especially your current e-mail address. An e-mail containing your link to the survey will be mailed to your primary e-mail address, as this survey is administered through a third party, CEL & Associates, Inc. Please take a moment to add ArmyHousingSurvey@celassociates.com to your allowed senders list in any anti-spam software filtering your e-mail. Only one e-mail is sent to each household, so be sure that your primary e-mail address on file is that of your most frequently checked e-mail account! New prizes will be awarded in conjunction with this year's survey, so check your e-mails regularly for updates on the upcoming survey and prizes!!

Are You Moving Out??

Did you know that you can receive \$400.00 for leaving your home Move-in Ready?

Contact your local Community Management Office for details! **Special is for select units only and is for a limited time. Offer is subject to change without notice. Contact your Village Management Office for additional information and details.*



Employee of the Month:

“Together, Everyone Achieves More”

The Villages of Benning is honored to introduce Stefanie Jenkins as March's Employee of the Month.

Stefanie joined the Villages of Benning Team on February 14th, 2006. As a military spouse, Stefanie initially began her career as a Resident Specialist and quickly moved into the position of Community Manager. Since 2006, she has had the opportunity to manage four of the six villages at The Villages of Benning, and currently sits in the position of Assistant Community Director.



Nominated by her fellow team and staff, Stefanie has been recognized for being supportive, caring and helpful. She is always willing to assist and help out when needed, is relatable and easy to talk to. She truly cares about her team and their well-being, as well as the residents and their experience at The Villages of Benning. Although her husband has since retired, Stefanie is passionate about helping service members and their families, and strives to ensure they receive the same experience that she and her family did.

Outside of work, Stefanie enjoys spending time with her family, including her husband and two sons.

Thank you, Stefanie, for all that you do! We are lucky to have you as a valued leader and member of our team!



THE VILLAGES OF BENNING COMMUNITY DIRECTORY:

Welcome Center

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Manager: *Lori Bowers* 706-685-3933

McGraw Village

Manager: *Cyndi Silva* 706-685-3935

Patton Village

Manager: *Connie Grafton* 706-610-5500

Custer & Upatoi Village

Manager: *Alyssa Bell* 706-685-3930

Davis & Bouton Village

Manager: *Keri Parsons* 706-685-3940

East Main Post

Manager: *Candy Miles* 706-685-3925

24-Hr. Maintenance 706-685-3929

RCI: 706-545-8119

March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Rent is Due	2	3
4	5	6 Rent is Late CARE Meeting- ACS 10:30 AM	7 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	8 AER Kick-off Rally 10 AM Bldg. 7	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time	12	13 MWR Auction 9 AM- 2 PM Bldg. 2384	14 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	15 MWR Turkey Hunting Seminar 5-6:30 PM	16	17 Chesty Puller Half Marathon 8 AM
18	19	20	21 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	22 Eggs and Art- All Villages 5-7 PM	23	24 MWR Eggstravaganza 10 AM- 1 PM- Riverside
25	26	27	28 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	29	30	31