

The Villages of Benning

August Monthly Newsletter



Fort Benning is proud to be home to five Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Schools, including 4 elementary schools and one middle school.

With a mission to Educate, Engage and Empower military-connected students to succeed in a dynamic world, and with a vision of “Excellence in Education for Every

Student, Every Day, Everywhere,” DoDEA is doing its part in strengthening Fort Benning through excellence in education.

Building futures in a supportive community of learners, DoDEA offers a high quality of education to dependents of military members from prekindergarten through eighth grade.

The Villages of Benning is proud to partner with DoDEA schools on the installation and considers its close proximity to Fort Benning schools to be a huge benefit to military families living on-post. With DoDEA priorities and state-of-the-art facilities, as well as above-average national test score ratings, parents can be assured that DoDEA is committed to ensuring that all students are provided a world-class education that will prepare them for postsecondary education and career success.

The Villages of Benning would like to wish all children and families a successful first day of school, as well as a successful 2019-2020 school year!

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Friday, August 2nd:** The Villages of Benning’s Back to School Bash *(additional information found on Page 3.)*
- **Monday, August 5th-** 1st Day of School for DoDEA, K-8
- **Tuesday, August 6th-** 1st Day of School for Chattahoochee County
- **Thursday, August 8th-** 1st Day of School for Muscogee County
- **Monday, August 19th-** 1st Day of School for DoDEA, Pre-K



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Garbage Disposals

Garbage Disposals are one of the unsung heroes of a household, safely and cleanly disposing of food waste without running the risk of clogging your plumbing. While they are designed to run day in and day out without complaint, like any other device, they can run into trouble. Oftentimes, this stems from inappropriate objects being placed down the disposal- something that can not be broken down and/or that grinds up against the gears as they turn. Such objects can include tough biological material like chicken bones and peach pits, as well as non-biological items such as utensils. Wedding rings and other forms of jewelry can also be a serious problem and should be removed prior to washing dishes and/or performing other operations around the sink. Similarly, particularly tough foods should not be placed down the garbage disposal, as they won't get broken down and will often cause far more trouble than they're worth.

Note: *Pots, pans and plates need to be scraped off into the trash can prior to rinsing into the garbage disposal. Food items such as rice, potatoes and other dense foods should never be placed into the garbage disposal.*

3 Common Problems Experienced by a Garbage Disposal:

- **Loss of Power:** Garbage disposals require electrical power to run, and when that power gets interrupted, it won't function. The disposal may also become overloaded by a power surge or similar issue, which will shut it off before it burns out. Most disposals have a red reset button on the bottom. Press it and see if that fixes the issue. If not, call Maintenance at 706.685.3929 to submit a service request.
- **Jams:** Certain items should never be placed in a garbage disposal, including chicken bones, peach pits, fibrous vegetable peelings, and metal utensils. They can clog the mechanism and result in a jam. If your disposal gets jammed, never try to unclog it yourself, as this can result in serious injury.
- **Leaks:** Garbage disposals can sometimes spring leaks from breached hoses, loose fittings and faulty seals. A plumber can clear them up in much the same way he or she repairs leaky faucets- by replacing the faulty components and ensuring that the new seal is tight.

Note: Cleaning the garbage disposal should be conducted about once a month. To clean your garbage disposal, place several cubes of ice into the garbage disposal side of the sink and turn on the hot water and garbage disposal at the same time. This will allow for the ice to be ground and flushed.

The Villages of Benning is committed to responding to resident concerns as promptly as possible. Remember, if you have any maintenance concerns involving asbestos, mold, lead-based paint or anything else, do not hesitate to notify your Local Management Office and Maintenance Team at 706.685.3929.

2019 Mowing Schedule

- **Monday:** Custer, Austin Loop, Miller Loop, Eames, Sigerfoos
- **Tuesday:** McGraw, Upatoi, Norton
- **Wednesday:** Patton, Perkins
- **Thursday:** Indianhead, Bouton, Lower Davis, Upper Davis
- **Friday:** Iron Triangle, Lumpkin, Rainbow, White Elephants, MacDonald

**Mainscape's Customer Service
Line: 1-800-481-0096**

Bulk Trash

Bulk Trash will be picked up weekly. Pick-up times will coincide with scheduled Trash Pick-up days, as seen below, with the exception of McGraw. All Bulk Trash Pick-up for McGraw will take place on Monday.

Bulk Pick Up CANNOT Pick Up the following:

Tires, Paint, Oil and/or Gas Cans

Trash Pick-up Schedule

Trash pick up will run 1 day behind, July 4th-5th.

Monday: Indianhead, McGraw* (All of McGraw with the exception of 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 Street, Arrowhead, Chickasaw, Kialegee Way)

Wednesday: Custer

Thursday: Bouton, Upper Davis (Hartsock, Langhorn, Lozada, Warren), EMP (Iron Triangle, Rainbow, White Elephants)

Friday: Patton, Upatoi



Upcoming Events

Fort Benning



Be Strong Summer Festival:
August 9th-10th, 2019



- **Friday, August 9th:** #lifeisbetteratbenning Expo: 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Live Entertainment: 5:00 PM, 5K Glow Run: 9:00 PM
- **Saturday, August 10th:** BOSS Strong Healthy Cooking Challenge, Alpha Warrior Celebrity Obstacle Course, Live Entertainment

Look for Kona Ice Weekly in Your Village!



Is your birthday in August?
If so, we want to celebrate with you!
Sign up, in your Community Management Office, for your chance to win a birthday surprise!

Fitness Classes

Do you know about all of the fitness centers located on Ft. Benning?

MWR has a total of five fitness centers on Ft. Benning, four of which are free to Ft. Benning patrons.

Fitness Classes are also offered!

At Smith Fitness Center and Audie Murphy Athletic Performance Center, a variety of classes are offered to help you get in shape!

Classes include Body Pump, GRIT, STRONG by Zumba, Boxing, Zumba, RPM/Spin, PiYo, Yoga, Kettlebell, TRX, Body 180, Butts N Guts, MixxedFit, Zumba Toning, Les Mills Barre and Xumba Sentao.

For additional information in regards to Fitness Class pricing and schedules, please visit: <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/fitness-centers-classes>

Resident Reminders

Bus Transportation

With school starting, many Ft. Benning children will ride buses. MWR's School Liaison Officers have been working diligently with the local school districts to ensure bus transportation runs smoothly and efficiently for the 2019-2020 school year. DoDEA schools, Chattahoochee County and Muscogee County all operate bus transportation on Ft. Benning. Please be advised that construction is still ongoing in Davis Hill. This bus stop is temporarily moved from the bus shelter on Davis Hill Rd. to the area near the housing mailboxes at the end of Kawamura St. Construction is expected to be completed this fall, and at that time, the bus stop will transition back to its original location.

Muscogee County students will receive a bus pass at their respective verification day. It is very important to attend verification day and to receive a bus pass.

Chattahoochee County School District does not require a bus pass.

If you have any questions, please contact the school your child is attending or the Fort Benning School Liaison Officers at 706.545.3062 or 706.626.8625.

Road Safety

With summer ending and the start of school beginning, drivers need to be proactive. Please review the below tips to ensure you are implementing the proper safety measures while drivers and pedestrians begin traveling to and from school:

Reminders for Drivers:

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods and school zones.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.
- Watch for children on and near the road during morning and afternoon hours.
- Be mindful of parking regulations. Do not double-park, and be sure to allow for plenty of space so that school buses have room to drive village roads with ample visibility.
- Reduce the distractions inside your car so that you can concentrate on the road, as well as your surroundings. Remember, Georgia does not allow the use of any hand-held electronic devices while operating a vehicle.

Reminders for Kids:

- Cross the street at corners, and utilize traffic signals, crossing guards and crosswalks.
- Never run out into the streets or cross in between parked cars.
- Walk in front of a school bus where the driver can see you, and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Be mindful of your neighbors and quiet hours when waiting for the bus during early morning hours.

Delighted

At The Villages of Benning, your feedback is important to us. You may have noticed that we've recently launched a new survey format, known as *Delighted*, to make it easier than ever for your voice to be heard.

With the Delighted platform, you will receive two quick e-mail surveys from Delighted. These surveys will be sent to the leaseholder's e-mail address, which is the primary e-mail address on file. If you have not been receiving these surveys, be sure to check your spam and/or contact your community management office to update your primary e-mail address on file.

The Villages of Benning: Mayor's Corner

July 2019 Mayor Meeting Notes

Pool Umbrellas

Additional umbrellas were purchased and delivered before the 4th of July.

Window Screens- Custer Cottages

Due to the nature of the outswing windows on Custer Cottages, traditional screens cannot be utilized. The Villages of Benning, however, is researching options to install screens on the interior of the homes.

Recycling Stations

Below, you will find the current locations of all recycling trailers:

- Indianhead Village- Located at the parking lot near Bldgs. 2507 and 2509
- Custer Village- Located at the Custer Road Shoppette
- McGraw Village- Located at the far-left side of the parking lot near the pool and community center.
- East Main Post- Located at the parking lot at the soccer field/dog park. Additionally, the trailer will remain where it is currently located at Baltzell and Miller Loop
- AAFES Mini Mall
- Harmony Church- Bldg. 298

The GuideOn App has been updated with these locations. Residents may search the locations, on the app, by searching for "Recycling Trailer."

As a reminder, aluminum cans, paper, plastic and cardboard materials are accepted at the trailers. Glass, however, is not.

All recyclable materials can also be taken to the on-post Material Recovery Facility (MRF), Bldg. M0298, located at 7110 Jamestown Road.

Bulk Trash: Dumping around Post Dumpsters and Recycle Stations

As a reminder, The Villages of Benning offers weekly curbside bulk trash pick-up. Pick-up times coincide with scheduled trash pick-up dates, with the exception of McGraw. All bulk trash for McGraw will be picked up on Monday.

Dumpsters located at any building other than a Village Center, the Maintenance Shop on Vibbert, or the Maintenance Shop on Santa Fe are not for public dumping. There will be a fine for illegal dumping that will be issued by Fort Benning.

Custer Stop Signs

The Custer Village Team will drive property to identify any fading signs and will replace as needed.

Pool Passes

The Villages of Benning pool monitors have been briefed that pool passes must be presented to alleviate off post residents from utilizing the pools. Pictures of pool passes will not be permitted. Pool Passes must be in hand to utilize the pool facilities.

Add Cats to Pet Policy and RRG

This information will be added to the next updated Resident Responsibility Guide.

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Quiet Hours

The Villages of Benning Noise/Quiet Hours regulation is consistent with the MCOE/Fort Benning Regulation 210-5:

Quiet hours will be observed between 2200 and 0800 Sunday through Thursday, and between 0001 and 0800 on Friday and Saturday.

Baby Swings

Resident requests for both traditional and baby swings are being taken into consideration as the project prepares for the upcoming budget.

Dog Park in Custer Village

Residents' request for a dog park in Custer Village is being taken into consideration as the project prepares for the upcoming budget. In the meantime, McGraw and MacDonald Villages do have dog parks for all residents to utilize. MWR also has two dog parks located on Main Post, one on the corner of Edwards and Carpenter Street and another at the Youth Sports Complex on 1st Division Road.

Event Room Reservations

Are you planning to host a party in the near future and lack space in your home or just desire a different venue? If so, why not reserve an event room at one of the four Village Community Centers: Custer, Indianhead, McGraw or Patton Village?

Below are the general guidelines for utilizing one of these spaces. As a reminder, the room does not include the use of the Community Pool, Game Room or Fitness Center.

- The property manager reserves the right to deny the use of any facility for any reason.
- All facility rentals are for use by Villages of Benning residents only. A rental fee of \$50.00 will be required. The fee is non-refundable. Charges for cleaning or damages will occur if the resident fails to return the facility back to its original condition. Reservation paperwork must be completed and deposit check received to confirm the reservation.
- A reservation can be made no more than 60 days prior to use of the facilities.
- Only one reservation can be made at a time per household.
- The available rental hours are from 8:30 AM-10:00 PM.
- All facilities are for personal use only. In accordance with the installation regulations, the use of the event rooms as a showroom or store for the sale of goods or services is prohibited. In addition, advertisements citing addresses or telephone numbers of commercial activities conducted on the installation (i.e. business cards) are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverages are not allowed.
- All facilities are non-smoking facilities.
- No pets are allowed in the facilities.
- Any inflatables must be approved by the community manager.
- Residents must be over the age of 18 in order to reserve the facility.
- Management has the right to make any and all judgments regarding excessive noise and/or disturbance emitting from the facility.

Employee of the Month:



The Villages of Benning is honored to introduce Jessica Broughton as August's Employee of the Month.

Jessica joined the Villages of Benning's Management Team December 28th, 2016. Originally hired as a Resident Specialist, she has since been promoted to the Assistant Community Manager for East Main Post.

Nominated by her peers, Jessica is known for her work ethic and personality. She has a positive, "Can Do" attitude, and is always willing to help her team, no matter the department. She is looked up to amongst her peers and is described as a pleasure to with.

Outside of work, Jessica enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

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

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2019 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Rent is Due	2 Back to School Bash! McGraw 4-6 PM	3 Lt. Dan Band-Wetherby Field 6:00 PM
4	5 1st Day of School-DoDEA	6 1st Day of School-Chattahoochee County Rent is Late	7 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	8 1st Day of School-Muscogee County	9 #lifeisbetteratbenning Expo- Benning Club 9:00 AM-1:00 PM	10 Be Strong Summer Festival- Benning Club
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