

The Villages of Benning

September Monthly Newsletter

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One of the greatest features on Fort Benning is its Directorate of Emergency Services. Fort Benning is the largest gated community in the surrounding area. While, no installation or community can guarantee your safety, Fort Benning takes pride in having one of the lowest crime rates within the region. In the last six months, there have been over 727 gate access denials because of the access control procedures in place. All visitors that wish to visit our installation are required to submit an all-state criminal history check. There is also a guard at every access control point.

Both Fort Benning Police and Fire take great pride in having a response time of less than 7 minutes in all housing areas. In the last year, Fort Benning Police and Fire have responded to over 23,000 calls. The military police have had 8,998 traffic stops. The Villages of Benning residents have the benefit of requesting MP patrols or quarters checks when going on vacation or leave. Efforts, such as this, provide great peace of mind that is not able to be obtained in nearby surrounding communities.

Please keep in mind that such benefits are offered as we approach the holiday season, and remember, in the event of an emergency, call 911. If you have a non-emergency concern, call (706) 545-5222/5223/5224.

The Villages of Benning greatly supports and appreciates our Fort Benning first responders. Next time you see one of these outstanding men and women who help make life better at Benning, be sure to thank them for the services they provide to us.



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Lawn Maintenance

With the Fall Season near, Mainscape will begin their “Half Mow” Schedule over the next two weeks. Please refer to the Half Mow Schedule below:

September 2nd-7th

- Monday, September 2nd- Labor Day- Off
- Tuesday, September 3rd- New Custer, Austin, Eames, Sigerfoos
- Wednesday, September 4th- Upatoi, McGraw (Magrath, Baker to Moon St., McGraw, Porchbend Loop, McGill, Brostrom, Choctaw, T-Loop)
- Thursday, September 5th- Perkins, Patton (From Montana Raider to the bottom and Strike Swiftly Loop)
- Friday, September 6th- Indianhead, Lower Davis
- Saturday, September 7th- Iron Triangle, White Elephants

September 9th-13th

- Monday, September 9th- Old Custer, Miller Loop
- Tuesday, September 10th- Norton, Remainder of McGraw
- Wednesday, September 11th- Patton (from Montana Raider to the top)
- Thursday, September 12th- Bouton Heights, Upper Davis
- Friday, September 13th- Lumpkin, Rainbow, MacDonald

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.

Mainscape’s 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.

Bulk Trash

Bulk Trash will continue to run weekly. Pick up days will coincide with trash pick up days, as seen below, with the exception of McGraw. All Bulk Pick-up for McGraw will take place on Monday.

- **Monday:** Indianhead, McGraw (All of McGraw with the exception of 5 streets scheduled for Tuesday)
- **Tuesday:** Lower Davis (Kawaumura, 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



BREAKFAST ON THE GO!

Tuesday, September 10th | 7:30 AM

GRAB A QUICK BREAKFAST
ON US BEFORE YOU
START YOUR DAY

All Villages!

Grab "Breakfast to Go" on your way to work! Your Friendly Village Management Teams will be providing breakfast at Village Entrances while supplies last.

We hope to see you there!

Look for Kona Ice Weekly in Your Village!



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

Are you ready for some football?!



Football Season is finally here! Who's your favorite team?!

No matter which team you cheer for, join us Saturday, September 21st, for a Tailgate Party!! Come in your best-dressed team spirit gear for your chance to win a prize! There will be a prize for the "Best Dressed Fan," as well as the "Best Tent" and "Best Burger."

Does your Burger have what it takes?

Bring your burgers to the party to participate in the Best Burger Contest! To enter, e-mail amanibusan@tmo.com by Friday, September 13th.

Are you ready for some football??



Bring Your Grills and Tents!

Games • Bounce House • Contests

Best Burger • Best Tent • Best Dressed Fan

Indianhead Village Saturday, September 21st, 12-3:00 PM



Resident Reminders

Boat and Trailer Parking

Please remember that RVs, boats, boat trailers, trailers or commercial trucks are not to be permanently parked or stored on the street, driveways, yards or parking lots in any housing area. Recreational vehicles may not be parked in housing areas for more than a 12-hour period.

If a resident has an emergency that requires parking longer, he/she must notify and receive written permission from their community management office.

Boats, RVs and other recreational vehicles are allowed to be stored inside a garage as long as the door can be properly closed.

Fort Benning does maintain a storage lot for recreational vehicles and equipment through MWR Outdoor Recreation. You can request additional information by calling 706.545.7978 or by visiting their website, <https://benning.armymwr.com/programs/outdoor-recreation>.

Mosquito Bite Prevention

While the intense Georgia heat and humidity can create the perfect weather for enjoying some “Fun in the Sun,” it can also create the ideal environment for mosquitoes and other insects.

While we can't prevent the presence of mosquitoes, there are some preventative measures we can take. The following tips can help protect both yourself and your family from mosquitoes and mosquito bites:

- **Use Insect Repellent:** Be sure to use an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent. When used as directed, EPA-registered insect repellents are proven safe and effective.
- **Treat Clothing and Gear:** Treat items such as boots, pants, socks and tents with permethrin or purchase permethrin-treated clothing and gear.
- **Mosquito-Proof your Home:** Use screens on windows and doors; repair holes in screens to keep mosquitoes outside. Use air conditioning, when available, and help to prevent mosquitoes from laying eggs by removing items that hold standing water.

For additional information and material, please contact your Community Management Office.

Active Building

Have you signed up for The Villages of Benning's new resident portal, Active Building? If not, contact your community management office today to stay connected! In addition to information on Community Events, you can also receive community e-mails and updates, pay rent, and can even submit service requests. Don't forget to also “like” us on our Facebook and Instagram Pages, and to visit our community website, www.villagesofbenning.com, to stay up-to-date on all current information!

Road Safety

With summer ending and the start of school beginning, drivers need to be proactive. Don't forget about the speed limits set on-post and for all villages, and remember to watch out for bike riders and children walking to and from school.

The Villages of Benning: Mayor's Corner

August 2019 Mayor Meeting Notes

Bulk Trash Dumping around Post Dumpsters and Recycling

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.

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.

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.

Employee of the Month:



The Villages of Benning is proud to introduce Chelsey Perkins as the September winner of the Employee of the Month award.

Chelsey joined the Villages of Benning Team in March 2017. She originally started in the role of Resident Relations Specialist and has since been promoted to the Assistant Community Manager at Patton Village.

The Employee of the Month award is voted on by the Villages of Benning Team. Chelsey was chosen because she is very hard working and positive. Her teammates refer to Chelsey as always smiling and helpful to others.

Outside of work, Chelsey enjoys Italian food and tending to her plants and pets.

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

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September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rent is Due 1	Labor Day- Offices Closed 2	3	4	Care Meeting- 9:30 AM ACS 5	Rent is Late 6	Free Luau Show 4:30 PM Wetherby Field 7
8	9	Breakfast on the Go- 7:30 AM All Villages 10	Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS 11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS 18	19	20	Tailgate Party- Indianhead Village 12-3:00 PM 21
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29	30		Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS			