

Maintenance Corner

Asbestos Safety Information (from www.epa.gov)

Asbestos is a building material commonly found in buildings constructed prior to 1981. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the mere existence of asbestos does not pose a health risk as long as it is not disturbed and the fibers are not released into the air. The EPA does not require that intact asbestos materials be removed. As such, owners and residents must take reasonable precautions to minimize the risk of disturbance of asbestos containing materials.

How to Identify Materials that may contain Asbestos

Unless it is labeled, it is difficult to tell whether a material contains asbestos by simply looking at it. Some materials that may contain asbestos include, but are not limited to, sprayed on acoustical ceilings, wallboard joints, mastic, pipe insulation, and/or some linoleum flooring.

What to do if you have Asbestos in your Home

If you think there may be asbestos in your home, don't panic. Asbestos-containing materials that aren't damaged or disturbed are not likely to pose a health risk. Usually, the best thing is to leave asbestos-containing material alone if it is in good condition.

Asbestos-containing materials may release fibers when they are disturbed. Keep an eye on asbestos-containing materials and visually check them over time for signs of wear or damage.

If you suspect material contains asbestos, don't touch it. Look for signs of wear or damage, such as tears, abrasions or water damage. Damaged material may release asbestos fibers. This is particularly true if you often disturb it by hitting, rubbing or handling it, or if it is exposed to extreme vibrations or air flow.

For slightly damaged asbestos-containing materials, sometimes the best way to deal with it is to limit access to the area and to not touch or disturb it.

Asbestos Do's and Don'ts

- Do leave undamaged asbestos-containing material alone.
- Do keep activities to a minimum in any areas having damaged material that may contain asbestos, including limiting childrens' access to any materials that may contain asbestos.
- Do take every precaution to avoid damaging asbestos-containing material.
- Don't dust, sweep or vacuum debris that may contain asbestos.
- Don't saw, sand, scrape or drill holes in asbestos-containing materials.
- Don't use abrasive pads or brushes on power strippers to strip wax from asbestos flooring.
- Don't track material that could potentially contain asbestos through the house. If you cannot avoid walking through the area, have it cleaned with a wet mop.

If You have an Asbestos Problem

If asbestos-containing material is more than slightly damaged or if you have concerns regarding possible asbestos containing materials in your home, please contact The Villages of Benning Maintenance Department or Management Team. An inspection will be conducted, and if needed, asbestos repair or removal will be completed by a trained asbestos professional.

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.

Upcoming Events

Fort Benning



Jingle bells
Bareware Pottery:
Door Hanger Style!

Tuesday, November 19th, 2019
at Patton Village, 5-7:00 PM
RSVP to Hbearden@tmo.com
*Maximum 85 Guests/All Supplies Included

Santa Claus



IS COMING TO TOWN!

Friday, December 13th, 2019 @
The Villages of Benning!

Saturday, December 14th, 2019 @
Porter Village!



🎁 \$300 Resident Referrals
Your friends will
fall for us!
Happening Now!



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

Halloween Decorating Contest
Winners:

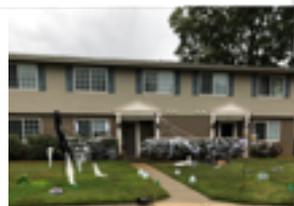
207 Sigerfoos
(EMP)



8335 and 8337 Strike
Swiftly (Patton)



41B Doane Loop
(Davis/Bouton)



24 Lavoie
(Indianhead)



8284 Chickasaw
(McGraw)



7926 Kessler (Custer)

Fall Festival Fun!

Tuesday, October 22nd, The Villages of Benning hosted its annual Fall Festival outside of the Welcome Center from 3-5:00 PM. Staff and residents alike celebrated the beautiful Fall weather and Halloween with annual festivities and traditions.

Hundreds of families were in attendance, enjoying the food and fun to include hot dogs, refreshments, Trunk-or-Treat, hayrides, a bounce house, games, a Gaming Truck, popcorn and more! Frozen's Princess, Elsa, was on hand to serve complimentary ice cream, and staff from The Villages of Benning helped out by hosting the many games and cookie decorating, as well as to hand out popcorn and hot dogs for all to enjoy. Children and adults alike loved sitting in and touring the fire truck, and prizes, goodies and snacks were enjoyed by all! The Gaming Truck had a karaoke machine. Lots of our young folks sang and danced to their favorite songs, and our Maintenance Director, Mike, drove dozens of families on hayrides throughout the community.

Thank you to our staff and base partners, including the Fort Benning Fire Department and ACS, for making this such a successful event for our residents! This event proved, once again, to be a resident favorite, and The Villages of Benning looks forward to hosting it for years to come!



Crime Stats and Holiday Quarters

One of the greatest features on Ft. Benning is its Directorate of Emergency Services.

In the last six months, there have been over 727 gate access denials due to the access control procedures that are currently in place. 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, and the Military Police have had over 8,998 traffic stops.

Keep in mind that the holiday season is quickly approaching! Village 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. Remember, in the event of an emergency, dial 911. For non-emergency concerns, dial 706.545.5222/5223/5224.

The Villages of Benning: Mayor's Corner

October 2019 Mayor Meeting Notes

Kudos

Patton Village residents would like to recognize the maintenance team for their quick responses to their maintenance needs.

Cable Provider

Residents would like additional options for cable providers on the installation. At this time, however, no companies have shown interest due to financial constraints. Garrison will continue to follow up on this and will seek out additional options.

Recycling On-Post

Curbside pick-up for recyclables in our housing areas is not available at this time. The Installation Qualified Recycling Program has placed larger blue recycling containers in central locations around post to assist in recycling. The ad on the back page of the September/October "On the Go" provides a list of acceptable and unacceptable items to place in these centrally located blue recycling containers.

The Villages of Benning provides weekly curbside Bulk Trash Pick-Up for items such as mattresses and furniture. Pick-up times coincide with your scheduled trash pick-up days, with the exception of McGraw. All Bulk Trash for McGraw is picked up on Monday.

If you would like for your blue bin to be picked up, please contact your Community Management Office.

Snakes

This season, snakes have been more prevalent and have been spotted in the area, specifically in Patton Village. If you see a snake, contact Jarrod's Pest Control at 706.905.8808. Do NOT try to kill the snake.

Use extra caution around trees, wood lines and around things on front or back porches that snakes/animals could potentially hide in or under.

Speeding

Speeding continues to be an issue and cause for concern. Traffic surveys are currently being conducted by DES in housing areas. Village managers will gather information from mayors to consolidate and report to DES. The color, make, model and time of day are the best pieces of information to report.

Dip in Road/McGraw Village

A bid has been made for the repair; however, the project is currently requesting core samples to ensure a proper long-term repair for the road. Additional information will be provided as it is received via social media, active building and village mayors.

Pet Waste Stations

Custer and McGraw Village residents have requested additional pet waste stations. The addition of pet waste stations is cost prohibitive at this time. VoB is, however, looking into the possible addition of dog parks in the future, which would increase the number of waste stations. VoB will also increase the frequency of emptying trash receptacles at dog parks and playgrounds.

Employee of the Month:



The Villages of Benning is proud to introduce Noelle Keith as the October winner of the Employee of the Month Award.

Noelle joined our team in 2010 and has since been promoted to the position of Leasing Manager.

The Employee of the Month Award is voted on by the team here at The

Villages of Benning. Noelle was chosen for being an awesome leader to her team, as well as a team player. She always goes out of her way to make sure her team and residents are well taken care of.

Outside of work, Noelle enjoys taking trips and spending time with her family.

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

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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Indianhead Village	
Manager: <i>Lori Bowers</i>	706-685-3933
McGraw Village	
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NOVEMBER 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	38	29	30	31	1 Rent is Due	2
3	4	5 CARE Meeting 9:30 AM ACS	6 Rent is Late Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	7	8	9
10 Veteran's Day- Offices Closed	11	12	13 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bareware Pottery Door Hanger Event- 5-7:00 PM Patton	20 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Newcomer's Brief- 9 AM ACS	28 Happy Thanksgiving!! Offices Closed Meals to Go Benning Club 10 AM-12 PM	29 Offices Closed	30