

COLYER MANOR NEWSLETTER

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Fort Riley, KS

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From the Desk of Alison Birney

Community Management Director

Continuous cold weather will soon be here. Your neighborhood team posts red and white "Freeze Warning" signs to alert residents when freezing temperatures or severe winter weather threatens.

To be prepared, here are a few tips to care for your home throughout the winter months:

- **Remove hoses from outside water faucets**
- **Store hoses, sprinklers, etc. during the winter months**
- **When traveling or away from home for an extended period of time, set the thermostat between 60 to 65 degrees, but do not turn off your heat.**
- **Keep air ducts unblocked**

If you experience any problems with your power or pipes, please contact your Neighborhood Office immediately.

For unforeseen emergencies, including weather-related situations, the American Red Cross encourages us to have an emergency preparedness kit on hand. Items to include:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day
- Food—nonperishable items
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items

- Multipurpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Extra set of car keys and house keys

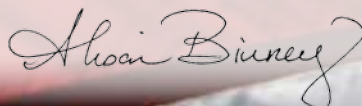
Consider the needs of all of your family members with these additional items:

- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Games and activities for children

Know what actions to take to protect yourself and your loved ones in an emergency. You'll find handy Emergency Contact Cards to download along with valuable tips and information at www.redcross.org.

Wishing You a Very Happy Thanksgiving.

Alison Birney
Community Management
Director



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Be a Recycling Super Hero!

Recyclable items accepted at the Fort Riley Recycling Center include: aluminum cans, foil, pie plates; #1-#7 plastic bottles, jugs and jars; glass food and beverage bottles and jars; steel (tin) food and beverage cans; cardboard; white and pastel paper; newspaper; magazines and catalogs and Styrofoam®.

Recycling Tips:

- Only place recyclable items in the green recycle toter
- Rinse food residue from recyclable containers to limit odors and pests
- Break down and flatten boxes
- Remove caps/lids from bottles and jars
- Remove staples, paper clips, etc. from paper

IACH Food Drive Announced

The Soldiers of the JEDP (Junior Enlisted Development Program) from Irwin Army Community Hospital will be conducting a door-to-door food drive on Friday, November 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. If you would like to donate but will not be available during this time, please feel free to leave your donations at your entrance way and someone will pick them up. All food items will be donated to local food pantries in the area. For more information you can call SSG Holland at 785-307-5357.



GREEN CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH:

To save on heating costs, set the thermostat five degrees lower when sleeping or when your home will be unoccupied for four hours or longer.



Holiday Decorations

The holiday season is fast approaching and many people like to decorate the weekend following Thanksgiving. While you are busy adorning both the inside and outside of your homes with all of the touches of the holiday season, please remember there are some safety measures you should take before you begin the annual trimming of the tree. Lights and lighting sets for use with Christmas trees must bear the label of Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc. (UL) and must be in good condition. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

If you plan to buy a fresh Christmas tree, we encourage you to:

- Check for freshness. A fresh tree is less of a fire hazard. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk to expose fresh wood.
- Place the freshly cut trunk in a stable container that will hold at least one, and preferably two, gallons of water.
- Keep the trunk base covered with water and check the water level each day.
- Keep the tree away from heat sources such as hot air ducts and television sets. Remember, heat will dry your tree out.

Outdoor decorations are encouraged. If you use outdoor lights, make sure they have been certified for outdoor use. To hold them in place, string them through plastic holders. Never use nails, metal hooks, staples or tacks. Lights should be turned off each night or when away from home. The lights could short and start a fire. All outdoor decorations must be removed no later than January 8.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding holiday decorations, please contact your Neighborhood Office.



Stories with Santa

Crafts, Holiday Treats and
Pictures with Santa*
Storytime at 3:30 and 4 :30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 2

3 to 5 p.m.

Forsyth

Neighborhood Center

Pictures available while supplies and time allows.



Our Family for Families First scholarship, grant applications available Nov. 1

Our Family for Families First, John G. Picerne's private charitable foundation, was established to support the educational goals of children and spouses of active-duty Service Members. College scholarships in the amount of \$50,000 for the children of active-duty Service Members and educational grants in the amount of \$5,000 are available each year for spouses of active-duty Service Members stationed at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Fort Polk, Fort Bragg, Fort Meade, Fort Rucker, Fort Riley and Fort Sill. Scholarship and grant applications for 2012 will be available November 1. The applications are available online at www.ourfamilyfoundation.org. Please review the information located on the web site for eligibility requirements and to learn more about the Our Family for Families First Foundation.

The Foundation is committed to supporting military families in the pursuit of higher education, instituting a tradition of community service and encouraging professional career paths through education, internships and mentoring programs and has awarded more than \$3 million since 2006. It also serves to further the primary mission of Picerne Military Housing – putting military Families First™.

Sewage Back-up Prevention

In an effort to keep your neighborhood a clean and healthy place to live, please do not flush any inappropriate materials down toilets.

Such materials include, but are not limited to: paper towels, diapers, baby wipes, personal hygiene products, toys and any material other than toilet paper. Even though a product may be classified as biodegradable and/or flushable material, it may still cause sewer blockages and could lead to other plumbing problems. Please put products such as these in your trash.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact your Neighborhood Office.



Daylight Savings Time Ends



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on November 6. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

After changing all your clocks, it is also a good time to check your smoke detectors by pushing the alarm test button. If the alarm does not sound, please call your Neighborhood Office immediately.

Fall Lawn Clean-Up Begins

Leaf removal as well as trimming and pruning activity is underway. Munie Greencare will use leaf blowers to remove leaves near homes and landscape beds. Mowers and vacuum trailers will be used to move and collect the debris in each yard. The fall clean-up is a continuous effort dependent on leaf build-up and weather conditions. We expect for this effort to be completed by mid-December. Signs will be posted prior to the work beginning in your area.

Please note that lawn mowing will only take place on an "as needed" basis. Munie crews will contact residents if they need special access to your yard.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

		Trash Day (3000-3069)		All Picerne Offices open at 9:30 a.m.		
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Daylight Savings Time ends Outdoor Halloween decorations removed	Trash Day (3100-3150)	Trash Day (3000-3069)			Neighborhood Offices open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; All other Picerne offices closed	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Trash Day (3100-3150)	All Neighborhood Offices closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.			IACH Food Drive 1 to 4 p.m.	MWR Turkey 2-miler
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27	28	29	30			