# COLUMBUS INSIGHTS **NEWS & STORIES**





#### **October is Resident Appreciation Month!**

#### **Our President's Message**



Over the past several years, Hunt Military Communities has been focused on forming relationships with groups and organizations which help us to better serve our military families. Blue Star Families, wear blue: run to remember, Operation Homefront, and Stop Soldier Suicide are a few of the organizations which have

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enriched our understanding of and services for our military families. I'm pleased to say that we have recently formed a multi-year partnership with The Military Family Advisory Network (MFAN). Through this partnership, MFAN will share the experiences and insight of those residents who live in our communities. In addition to focusing on housing issues, the partnership will also seek to address some of the other challenges faced by military families - specifically food insecurity and intimate partner violence. Hunt has prioritized and has worked diligently to provide the best possible housing for America's Service Members and their families and to improve the overall resident experience. This partnership is a further testament to Hunt's desire to work collaboratively with stakeholders to find real solutions. We know this relationship between Hunt and MFAN will bring much-needed resources to all military family communities. In October, you will see our staff's time and energy poured into the issue of food insecurity as well as gathering as many responses to the Resident Satisfaction Survey as possible so that we can continue to provide the needed services and resources to our military families.

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John Ehle President Hunt Military Communities



## **Resident Reminders**

- Please remember RV's, boats, and campers cannot be stored in the housing area
- Follow all Pet Policy Guidelines as per your signed lease agreement
- Routine work orders/ maintenance requests may be submitted by using the HUNT Resident App so download the HUNT Resident App from App Store or Google Play

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#### Happy Halloween!



# **OCTOBER**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 World	6	7	8	9	10
	Teacher's Day					
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK						
11	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16 Boss's Day	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						Halloween

# **Calendar Events**

- October 3-10 Fire Prevention Week
- October 5 World Teacher's Day
- October 12 Columbus Day
- October 16 Boss's Day
- October 31 Halloween





# **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

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# STAY focused on the food

#### Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling, grilling, or broiling food. Turn off the burner if you leave the kitchen—even for a short period of time.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly and stay in the home.
- Use a timer to remind you that you are cooking, or carry around a wooden spoon as a reminder.
- If you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, or have taken medicine that makes you drowsy, don't cook.
  Place a delivery order!

# KEEP cooking areas clear

Clear away clutter and give cooking appliances space to lessen the chance of a kitchen fire.

- Keep anything that can catch fire—oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers, towels, curtains—away from the stovetop.
- Loose clothing can hang down onto stove burners and catch fire. Wear short, close-fitting. or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Keep pets off cooking surfaces and nearby countertops.
- Clean up food and grease from burners and the stovetop.

# PUT a lid on it

# You can take simple steps to keep a small kitchen fire from getting out of control.

- Always keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it's cool.
- Never discharge a portable fire extinguisher into a grease fire because it will spread the fire.
- In case of an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed until the oven is cool. After the fire, have the oven serviced before using it again.
- If you have a microwave oven fire, turn the appliance off immediately and keep the oven door closed. Have the microwave oven serviced before using it again.





#### Hot liquids and steam from the stove or oven can cause devastating injuries.

- Turn pot handles away from the stove's edge.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from table and counter edges.
- Keep your face away from the oven door when checking or removing food so that the heat or steam does not cause burns.
- Open microwaved food slowly, away from your face. Let food cool before eating.
- Keep appliance cords coiled and away from counter edges.