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ROBINS FAMILY HOUSING NEWS & STORIES



Happy Holidays to All!

Bulletin Board Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Closed on December 25th

Our President's Message



In just a few short weeks, we'll be celebrating the beginning of a new decade. As we do, we remember that 2020 is the 19th year that American troops have been fighting in the Global War on Terror - America's longest war. During this holiday season, and throughout the year, we appreciate the service and sacrifice you and your families make. With deployments or

long training missions, our Service Members miss out on many special occasions, like Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, and the New Year. This holiday season, our communities are doing special service projects to help those in need such as Toys for Tots, Operation Homefront, Troops for Trees, Christmas Angel, local food & toy drives, and much more. Through these efforts, we want to show our gratitude for our military families and all you do day-in and day-out. On behalf of everyone here at Hunt Military Communities, I want to take this time to wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday Season and a healthy and happy 2020.

Best,

John Ehle
President
Hunt Military Communities

Winter Tips & Tricks

Ever notice the small switch on the side of your ceiling fan? Most people haven't, much less given a second thought as to what it does. Flip that switch and you'll change the rotation of your fan to pull air upwards rather than push it down into the room. One of the best ways to help keep that warm air and in cold air out, is to invest in insulated curtains. When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label Fire-Retardant. Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces, radiators, portable heaters, heater vents, and TV sets.

Maintenance Corner

Dishwasher Tips (Maintenance and Care)

Use your Dishwasher regularly. If you notice a bad odor, run a cup of white vinegar in empty dishwasher for an entire cycle. Scrape dishes off before putting them in the dishwasher, but it's not necessary to rinse, it wastes water. Choose the correct wash cycle. Shorter is not necessarily better. Load the dirtiest items in the lower basket. Don't use a detergent that has a rinse aid in it and also put liquid rinse aid in the dispenser. Don't overload or improperly load your dishwasher. Water and soap must flow freely over and between items. Clean the filter located near the bottom of the dishwasher. Run hot water through the faucet nearest the dishwasher just before running the dishwasher. Let your dishes air dry, either by using the automatic switch or turning the dishwasher off after final rinse and opening the door slightly. If your dishwasher stops working or leaks, call the maintenance hotline at 478-929-3142 or place a work order through RentCafé.

SAVE THE DATES

December 13th

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa (on base) - Stop by the on base office to celebrate the holiday season with a warm cup of hot cocoa. Decorate cookies and meet a very special guest 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

December 18th

Cookies and Cocoa with Santa (off base) - Stop by the Park Clubhouse to celebrate the holiday season with a warm cup of hot cocoa. Decorate cookies and meet a very special guest 5p.m. - 7p.m.

December 22nd

First Day of Winter

December 25th

Christmas Day

December 31st

New Year's Eve



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Around the Town Happenings

December 6

Goodwill Christmas Gala

Time: 7:00pm

Join us for the Goodwill Christmas Gala on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Center. Enjoy live entertainment, unlimited drinks and a festive holiday chef-curated menu prepared by Helms College chef instructors and culinary students. Host your office Christmas party at the Goodwill Gala! Limited sponsorship opportunities are also still available. For tickets and sponsorship information, please visit www.goodwillworks.org/gala or email goodwillgala@goodwillworks.org or telephone Wendy Thompson at 478.471.4852. It will be held at Anderson Conference Center, 5171 Eisenhower Parkway, Macon, GA 31206.

December 15

The Nutcracker of Middle Georgia

Time: 2:30pm

The Nutcracker at Mercer University Grand Opera House on Sunday Dec 15, 2019 at 2:30PM.

December 21

Christmas Songs and Stories With John Berry

Time: 7:30pm

Christmas Songs and Stories With John Berry at Mercer University Grand Opera House on Saturday Dec 21, 2019 at 7:30PM.

December 31

A Great Gatsby New Year's Eve

Time: 8:00pm

Celebrate the new Roaring 20s! It is a Late Night, starting at 8:00 p.m., there will be plenty of time to get your outfit ready for the most elegant New Year's party in town. Flapper Dresses, Suits and Tuxedos will be the preferred dress to ring in 2020 at Late Night. Located at 420 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Macon, GA 31201.

Trivia Whiz

Fun Facts About Christmas

- Christmas is celebrated as the birthday of Jesus. The 25th day of December was chosen to mark His birthday by the Roman Catholic Church years after His death.
- One of the reasons Santa can make his marathon runs through the day is due to the help of his trusted elven workforce.
- Jingle Bells was written for Thanksgiving, not Christmas. The song was written in 1857 by James Lord Pierpont and published under the title One Horse Open Sleigh. It was supposed to be played in the composer's Sunday school class during Thanksgiving as a way to commemorate the famed Medford sleigh races.
- Jingle Bells was also the first song to be broadcast from space.
- The First artificial Christmas Tree wasn't a tree at all. It was created out of goose feathers that were dyed green. The first artificial Christmas trees were developed in Germany in the 19th century, due to a major continuous deforestation. The feather trees became increasingly popular during the early 20th century and finally made their way to the US.
- In 1836 Alabama became the first U.S. states to recognize Christmas as an official holiday.
- The real St. Nicholas lived in Turkey where he was a bishop in the early 4th century.
- The Dutch turned the bishop into a Christmas gift-giving person with a gut. When Dutch settlers migrated to the U.S. they brought the St. Nick tradition with them. Eventually, he became known as Santa Claus.
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was actually created by department store Montgomery Ward in the late 1930s for a holiday promotion.
- The poinsettia plant was brought into the United States from Mexico by Joel Poinsett in the early 1800s.

Santa is Coming To Town



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 Goodwill Christmas Gala 7:00pm	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Cookies and Cocoa with Santa 5:00pm - 7:00pm	14
15	16 The Nutcracker of Middle Georgia 2:30pm	17	18 Cookies and Cocoa with Santa 5:00pm - 7:00pm	19	20	21 Christmas Songs and Stories With John Berry 7:00pm
22 First Day of Winter	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve A Great Gatsby New Year's Eve 8:00pm				

Calendar Events

- December 6 - Goodwill Christmas Gala at 7:00pm at in the Anderson Conference Center.
- December 13 - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa from 5:00pm -7:00pm at the base office
- December 16 - The Nutcracker of Middle Georgia at 2:30pm at Mercer University Grand Opera House
- December 18 - Cookies and Cocoa with Santa from 5:00pm -7:00pm at Park Clubhouse
- December 21 - Christmas Songs And Stories With John Berry at 7:30pm at Mercer University Grand Opera House
- December 22 -First Day of Winter
- December 25 - Christmas Day
- December 31 - New Year's Eve
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