# ROBINS FAMILY HOUSING II NEWS & STORIES



## HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

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



Hunt Military Communities celebrates the youngest members of our communities. The smallest warriors, the children, often make some of the most significant sacrifices moving from state to state, school to school, and having parents deployed for long periods, along with the miriad other challenges

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military families face. We are proud to acknowledge and support the tremendous strength and resiliency children of our military families display. To recognize military children, we have launched our 2nd annual "Hunt Little Heroes." We ask that your children share stories of what they think it takes to be a hero and how they've been a positive influence in their community. Applicants are asked to submit a 300-word essay, a video no longer than 2 minutes, or a drawing telling their "Hero Story" in their own unique way. For the "younger" heroes, a photo with a short caption may also be submitted. All applicants will receive a complimentary Hunt Little Heroes cape and mask. We will select the top three submissions and give a cash prize to each. Applicants can visit https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/huntheroesscholarship/ to see if they qualify, and to submit their story. From all of us here at HMC, thank you for your service and sacrifice.

Best,

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## Welcome to March, Robins Family Housing!

#### Spring time is approaching!

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Robins Family Housing for real time community information and events!

We are very excited to announce that all service fees associated with bank account transactions made via the Hunt Resident Portal/App will no longer be charged to residents using this form of online payment. It is important to note that service fees will still be charged for Debit and Credit Card transactions made using online payments through the Hunt Resident Portal/App. For more information on how to sign up for the Hunt Resident Portal please contact the office and we will be glad to help you!

#### **A Few Safety Notes**

#### **Spring Severe Weather:**

While severe weather can occur any time of year the ingredients align, March is when arctic fronts typically become less potent. This allows warm, humid air to surge northward more often in their wake ahead of vigorous jet stream disturbances swinging out of the West.

Tornado counts in the U.S. typically double from February (41) to March (83), according to data from 2000 to 2019.

If you are in an area under a tornado warning, seek shelter immediately. Warnings can be issued with only a few minutes to prepare. Take them seriously it could save your life.

Although there is no completely safe place during a tornado, some locations are much safer than others. Go to the basement or an inside room without windows on the lowest floor (bathroom, closet, center hallway). Avoid windows. For added protection get under something sturdy (a heavy table or workbench).

As a friendly reminder, if you see any suspicious activity please contact Warner Robins Police Department and report the incident.

#### Mow Schedule for Month of March

It is that time of year again. Fall/winter months are upon us and with that comes the cooler weather. The mowing schedules will start to slow down as the turf becomes dormant for the cooler months. In the following months our grounds team will be focused on leaf removal and some pruning. Enjoy the cooler weather as we transition into this next phase of grounds keeping and rejuvenate our shrubs! As we work to improve our landscaping in our communities please help us. During your areas mow time, please have items removed from your yard so the mowers can get to all the grass. Thank you for your help in getting these improvements mowing forward.

**Office Hours** Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

# **MARCH EVENTS**

## **National Nutrition Month**

National Nutrition Month is an annual campaign created by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. During the month of March, everyone is invited to learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits. You can visit https://www.eatright.org/food/resources/national-nutrition-month for resources, tools, tips and recipes.

## **Quick Cooks Recipe**

#### **Oreo Dirt Cake**

This dirt cake recipe is a fun cooking activity to do with the kids. It is easy to make (no baking or heating required), and the kids love the idea of eating dirt (really crushed sandwich cookies, like Oreos or any other chocolate cookie). Although you can make this dirt cake in any pan, it is fun to make it in a clean flower pot. It enhances the whole effect, especially topped with gummy worms.

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 box chocolate sandwich cookies (such as Oreos)
- 2 (3.9-ounce) packages instant chocolate pudding
- 3 1/2 cups milk
- 8 ounces cream cheese (softened)
- 2 (8- to10-ounce) containers whipped topping (frozen, thawed) 2 or 3 gummy worms

#### **STEPS TO MAKE IT**

Wash a 7-inch deep by 9-inch wide flower pot with soap and warm water. Dry and line with plastic wrap. (If the flower pot has a hole at the bottom, place it on a clean dish. If you are using a regular dish, then you d o not need to line it with plastic wrap.)

Place chocolate sandwich cookies in a food processor, fitted with a metal blade. Pulse until the cookies become coarse crumbs.

Whisk together the chocolate pudding and milk until thick and pudding-like. Chill while making the cream cheese mixture.

Beat the cream cheese with an electric mixer until fluffy.

Beat in 1 container of thawed whipped topping until smooth.

Add the cream cheese mixture to the chocolate pudding mixture, mixing until smooth.

Place a layer of the cookie crumbs in the bottom of the lined flower pot.

Top with a layer of the chocolate pudding mixture.

Continue making layers of the dirt cake: the cookie crumbs, then the chocolate pudding mixture, until there is about 1 inch left at the top. (Note: Be sure to leave plenty of cookie crumbs for the top - you can't have a dirt cake without a lot of dirt!)

Spread the remaining container of thawed whipped topping over the last layer of chocolate pudding.

Top with the remaining cookie crumbs and place a few gummy worms on the dirt cake. You could even bury them partially, making it look like they are crawling out of the dirt.

Place a clean fake flower stem in the dirt to finish the effect.

# HAPPENING AROUND THE TOWN

## Macon, Georgia's International Cherry Blossom Festival

The International Cherry Blossom festival is still on this year. From March 19-28, 2021 at 794 Cherry St, Macon, GA. All events have been moved outside this year to ensure proper spacing for social distancing. You can visit https://cherryblossom.com/ for the schedule of all events!

## Central Georgia's Strongest Man Contest

The contest is Saturday, March 27 at 10 AM at the Museum of Aviation, located at 1942 Heritage Blvd, Robins Air Force Base, GA 31098.

### **Maintenance Corner**

It is our pleasure to offer you a Self-Help option for your work order assistance. Starting March 1st you will be able pick up minor repair supplies at the housing offices, both on and off base. We will be offering the following items for your convenience:

- Assorted lightbulbs (Not Florescent)
- HVAC filters
- Toilet seats
- Flappers for toilets
- Doorstops
- Assorted sink/tub stoppers

We plan on expanding the selection but we will begin with these items. If there is something else, you may need you can speak with the housing representative at the office and they will contact maintenance to confirm it is a part that can be given out. There will be a charge for any blinds requested and when measurements are given to the housing office the blind will be available in that office the following day. (Please note that some blinds may need the mounting hardware replaced, and it may not be a remove and replace situation)

We understand that we are backlogged on Routine work orders and this will help alleviate you waiting on simple repairs both now and in the future. Please do not try and do more than you are capable as this could cause more issues in your home. We look forward to helping you get your home in order in the spring and hope this helps you along the way.

Please remember to replace your HVAC filter. With the winter working your heater and the warm weather coming soon, replacement of your filter is pivotal for a smooth operating system, reducing repairs and down time when you really need the cooler air. Filters are available at each housing office, and if help is needed you can always put in a Work Order.



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