

Fire Hydrant Flushing

The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants this month. The following schedule will advise you for your area. Remember, that if the day the hydrants are flushed in your area your water is discolored, run the water for several minutes and it will return to normal.

Southside of Base Oct 4-12
Southside Housing Oct 13-18
Northside of Base Oct 19-26



Northside Housing Oct 26-27
Old Hospital and Prison Oct 28-29

The Company Has Changed But The People Have Not...



As of 1 October, we have a new Housing Maintenance Contractor, Ameritech, a sister company to Phillips National. Not to worry, we still have our same hard-working, dedicated maintenance technicians from before. They just work for a new company. As always, if you have any maintenance concerns or questions, please continue to call 872-0400.

Update on Contracts Awarded

Entrance Signs to Capehart/Enterprise - Contract is in progress and should be completed by late October, including landscaping.

Enlisted Capehart Shutters - Contract has been awarded to Southseas Homes, Inc. The shutters have been ordered in the colors selected by Housing personnel. Work is expected to begin within a month. Since all work is exterior, no further notification will be sent.



Wherry Demolition - Contract awarded to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for additional demolition. Several power outages will be necessary as utilities are disconnected from these buildings. You will be notified as soon as dates are determined.

Playgrounds - Work is in progress. Playgrounds at the Housing pavilion and near the walking path behind the Conway units on Elrod Loop should be completed in approximately 3 weeks.



Conway Porches/Sidewalks - Work in progress. Weather permitting, the contractor should complete his work in mid-January. The contractor will notify the residents in advance.

Sewer Lateral Replacement - AllStar, Inc will replace the sewer laterals at 5 units on Corvus Loop, Eagle, and Regulus. Residents of these units will be notified in advance. Be cautious of the heavy equipment in this area while this work is done.

Tree and Shrub removal in various areas - Turfmaster will begin work within the next few weeks. Details are not complete at this time. Residents will be notified.

*If you have any questions regarding any of these contracts,
please call your Community Manager.*

Remember. . .



- Housing Self-Help closed as of 1 October 2004.
- Political signs may not be displayed in yards or windows in the Housing area. If you need additional information regarding political signs, please refer to DOD Directive 1344.10 dated 2 August 2004.
- *Dogs must be on a leash when not in your home or back yard. They must not be tied to the front porch or staked in the front yard.*
- Digging holes in your yard is not permitted without a Dig Permit from Public Works. This regulation is to protect you and your community from potential dangers of damaging underground electric and gas lines. Contact your Community Manager for further information. (This includes Satellite Dish companies, also.)
- Insure children are kept away from construction areas. The Army Corps of Engineers is still working with heavy equipment in Wherry Housing, and the Revitalization contractor continues his work in the enlisted Capehart area.

Holiday Decorations

Halloween marks the beginning of the busy holiday season, and many families will begin to decorate their homes. We look forward to the variety of displays in our community on base. A word of caution—be careful with lights and other exterior decorations. Vinyl siding is easy to puncture and can be very costly. Please do not nail lights or other decorations to vinyl siding. You can purchase plastic hooks at home improvement stores that hook onto gutters or siding so that you can install your lights. If vinyl siding is damaged, you will be required to reimburse the government for repairs. If you have any questions regarding decorations, please contact your Community Manager.

Guests

This is also the time of year that you might have guests for the holidays. All guests must be registered with Housing and the Security Department *prior* to their arrival. Individuals, including family members, may not reside with the member unless approval is granted by the Commanding Officer of NSA Mid-South. Forms to register your guests up to 30 days are available at the Housing Office. This form must be completed by the resident and approved by the Housing Office, then faxed to the Security Department.



Resident Satisfaction Survey

You will be receiving the annual Housing Resident Satisfaction Survey form in the next few weeks. Please take a few moments to complete and return it in the enclosed envelope that you will also receive. Your comments will help to make the Housing community a better place for you and your family to live. Your cooperation will be **GREATLY** appreciated.



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Storm Water Phase II Permit

The Storm Water Phase II Permit is the next step in EPA's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the Nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff. Phase I of the Storm Water Permit involved runoff from construction activities. What can you do as a resident to protect our environment? The following are a few suggestions:



- Only wash vehicles for fund raising activities with permission from the Public Works Department or Environmental division.
- When possible, Housing residents please use the commercial car wash.
- DO NOT store hazardous materials outside where storm water can reach them.
- Pick up after your dog. Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming and play areas and create health hazards.
- Recycle all hazardous waste including used motor oil, antifreeze, paints, solvents/degreaser, cooking grease, batteries, and detergent.
- Repair vehicle leaks *immediately*.
- Sweep and pick up yard debris rather than hosing down the areas with water.
- Clean latex paint brushes in a sink, not by hosing them down outside.
- Large amounts of cooking oil is considered hazardous material. Please call your Community Manager for proper disposal instructions.

Hazardous Material Collection



If you have paints, cleaners, thinners, herbicides, oils, etc. that you need to dispose of, there will be a Collection Event on Saturday, 23 October 2004, at the Tim McCarver Stadium parking lot. The event will be held from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Each household is allowed up to 100 pounds with no charge to residents of Shelby County.



**Please remember to exercise your right to vote on 2 November 2004.
If you have any questions about voting, please contact LCDR Kristen Coyne
at 874-5446.**



HALLOWEEN SAFETY



TRICK OR TREAT IS AUTHORIZED ON BASE
FROM 6:00 PM UNTIL 8:00 PM ON SUNDAY, 31 OCTOBER.

Please leave your porch light on if you want trick or treaters to visit your home. If you do not wish to participate, simply turn off your porch light. Trick or Treaters—please respect the wishes of those with no porch light.

Halloween is a time of make-believe and adventure for children. Parents often put a lot of time and creativity into planning the perfect costume. But it's also important to plan for Halloween safety. The following are safety tips for the costumes:

- Be sure costumes are flame resistant, light in color and/or reflective tape is attached.
- Consider face paint instead of masks that might restrict visibility.
- Use a flashlight to help your child see and be seen
- Avoid oversized shoes as they tend to trip children. Costumes should be short enough to allow the child to walk and not get his feet tangled in flowing robes, capes or skirts.
- Be sure accessories such as swords, wands, etc. are made of soft, flexible materials.
- Remind the "ghosts and goblins" to walk, not run, from place to place and to use the sidewalks.
- Stay away from parked cars.
- Be sure steps/sidewalk/driveways are as well lit as possible and remove any obstructions; be sure no candles or decorations are in a place endangering curtains or costumes. (Consider using a small flashlight instead of a candle.)
- Keep pets away from areas where Trick or Treaters might be.
- ***Drivers need to exercise extra caution when excitement often overrides good judgment with youngsters.***
- Examine the "loot" with special care, discard any unwrapped or partially wrapped treats; fruits should be washed and cut into small pieces.
- Instead of distributing candy or fruit, consider giving crayons, snack coupons, stickers, small toys or instant photos of Trick or Treaters in costume.



Annual Harvest Festival

The Chapel is again sponsoring its Harvest Festival on 30 October from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is great fun for all with games, prizes, popcorn and candy. Children are encouraged to wear costumes depicting historical figures, clowns, Biblical characters, saints or angels. ***Please refrain from monster, demon or horror costumes.***



Upcoming Water Outages



There will be water outages beginning at 8 am on 18, 19, and 25 October (weather permitting) to change the water valves. This will affect all of Northside including Wherry Housing. The outage will last 6-8 hours each of these dates so please plan accordingly. Times are approximate and depend on a lot factors regarding this work. We fully expect the work to be completed in less time. If you have any questions, please contact your Community Manager.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU READ THIS NEWSLETTER
FROM FRONT TO BACK. IT IS FULL OF A LOT OF
IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!**