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Resident Reminder

Columbus Family Housing would like to remind our residents that rent is due on the 1st and late fees are applied on the 6th. Active duty members, unless you know your allotment has started, please check your LES.

We thank all of our residents who do not have allotments and are prompt rent payers.

Utility Mock Billing

Hunt Military Communities (HMC) held a Town Hall meeting on Oct. 25, 2011 to introduce utility allowances and the “mock” billing process scheduled to begin in Columbus Family Housing February 2012. HMC personnel formally introduced the utility program, educated all attendees on how utility allowances are calculated, provided instruction on how to interpret bill statements and addressed related questions and/or concerns.

Columbus Family Housing will implement mock billing in February, pending Air Force approval of the proposed utility allowance. The utility allowance is intended to give residents the responsibility for paying their own utilities, e.g. electric and gas. Water, sewer and refuse collection are excluded. During the mock billing period, residents will receive monthly, no charge, utility statements showing actual utility consumption versus the approved utility allowance. The monthly utility statements will also provide energy

conservation tips. The mock billing period is intended to give residents an opportunity to understand the consequences, both positive and negative, of their utility consumption patterns. HMC will use a qualified third-party utility billing company, Minol, to calculate utility usage and provide residents their monthly utility bill. The mock billing period will continue until August 2012.

HMC will provide informational flyers and brochures related to mock billing and the Air Force Utility Program to Columbus Family Housing residents throughout this period. Hunt Military Communities will also hold another Town Hall meeting to answer questions residents may have on the mock billing process or Utility Program itself. Additional information will also be provided on the Columbus Family Housing website and Facebook page. In the meantime, should residents have any questions concerning the utility allowance and/or mock billing procedures, they should contact Columbus Family Housing personnel.



REFER A FRIEND/RECEIVE \$400

For a limited time, you can earn a \$400 check by referring someone to live at Columbus Family Housing. In order to qualify for the referral bonus, the prospect must sign a lease with Columbus Family Housing and be housed for at least 30 days. For more information, call 434-8213.

Trivia Whiz:

Leaping for Leap Day

Every revolution Earth makes around the sun takes 365.25 days. To account for this disparity between a calendar year and one full revolution, every four years we add an extra day. Julius Caesar invented a calendar system employing a leap day. His Julian calendar was refined into what we use now, the Gregorian calendar, and leap day was retained.

This February has 29 days. Make the most of those extra 24 hours by learning more about leap day events:

- *Ladies' choice.* It was customary that women were allowed to propose to men either during a leap year or on leap day, depending on the culture.
- *Witch trials.* Feb. 29 marks the day in 1692 when accusations first began in the Salem witch trials.
- *Oscar achievement.* On Feb. 29, 1940, Hattie McDaniel became the first African-American performer to win an Academy Award. She received the Best Supporting Actress honor for her performance in "Gone With the Wind."
- *Pedestrian safety.* On Feb. 29, 1952, the first "Walk/Don't Walk" signs were put into use to keep pedestrians safe in New York City.

Leap Day Babies

A person born on Feb. 29 may be called a "leapling" or a "leaper." Famous people born on Feb. 29 include bandleader Jimmy Dorsey, singer Dinah Shore, motivational speaker Tony Robbins and rapper Ja Rule.



Love Your Valentine and Your Wallet

This Valentine's Day, show your bank account some love, too. Here are some suggestions for celebrating in style without going into the red:

You've got (love) mail. Go through your inbox and print out funny and romantic emails you've exchanged with your special someone. Mount them in a scrapbook with photos for a one-of-a-kind gift.

Cheap(er) eats. Go to Restaurant.com to save 50 percent or more on gift certificates for dining out. Some deals exclude holidays, so check the fine print before purchasing.

Seeing (and eating) red. You're probably wearing pink or red on Valentine's Day, so why not save money with a home-cooked meal to match? Marinara sauce, salsa, salmon, red peppers, beets, strawberries and cherries are among the items you can use to concoct a rose-colored feast.

Reel romance. Cozy up on the couch and watch your favorite love stories. Instead of popcorn, serve red berries with chocolate sauce for dipping.

Love songs. Compile a CD of tunes that remind you of the object of your affection. Be sure to write some romantic liner notes.

Put pen to paper. Instead of buying a card, jot down a few lines about how special a friend or significant other is to you. It's guaranteed to make your sweetie's day.

Cures for Cabin Fever

Sick of being cooped up indoors? Cabin fever may not be a medical condition, but it can drag you down. Spring will arrive soon. In the meantime, here are some remedies to help you hang on until Old Man Winter hits the road:

Tune into summer. Listen to music that sets your mind on warmer weather. Caribbean tunes will transport you to a sandy beach, and any song with "hot" or "summer" in the title will refresh your memory of lazy, hazy days.

Have an indoor picnic. Feast on a spread of summertime favorites: hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, lemonade and ice cream. You won't have to worry about food spoiling or melting in the sun.

Take a hike. Lack of sunlight can contribute to seasonal depression. Bundle up and head to the park for a

nature walk. If venturing outdoors is out of the question, consider brightening your mood with a full-spectrum lamp that mimics sunlight.

Make a clean sweep. It's still winter, but why not use the time indoors to get a head start on spring cleaning? Moving around will warm you up, and a tidier home will lift your spirits. With chores completed, when spring arrives you'll be free to revel in the season's glory.



First Lady Facts

Presidents get lots of glory, including a holiday in their honor. First ladies, however, are subject to the same public scrutiny without ever having run for office. Presidents' wives are known for promoting causes important to them. Most recently, Michelle Obama has campaigned against childhood obesity, and Laura Bush advocated for education and women's health. Here are some other first lady facts:

- The press dubbed the first first lady, Martha Washington, "Lady Washington." President Zachary Taylor is credited with coining the term "first lady" while eulogizing Dolley Madison in 1849. An 1877 newspaper article called Lucy Hayes "first lady," bringing national attention to the moniker.
- Three first ladies attained the title by marrying sitting presidents: Julia Tyler, Frances Cleveland and Edith Wilson, who is sometimes called the first female president because of the active role she played after her husband, Woodrow, suffered a stroke in 1919.
- Several women who weren't married to presidents have served as White House hostesses, including widower Thomas Jefferson's daughter Martha Jefferson Randolph and bachelor James Buchanan's niece Harriet Lane. An art lover, Lane bequeathed her valuable collection to the Smithsonian Institution.
- Abigail Adams and Barbara Bush were both first ladies and first mothers, having husbands and sons who were presidents.

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The Big Game

Some ignore the commercials. Some watch nothing but. No matter your reason, tune in to Super Bowl XLVI on Feb. 5.



Deal of the Month

Even if you don't like football, get in the spirit of Super Bowl Sunday. Many grocery stores, restaurants and retailers offer great deals and discounts on all kinds of goodies. Take advantage of the bargains.

Wit & Wisdom

"I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing."
—Jonathan Swift

"The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon, but its echo lasts a great deal longer."
—Oliver Wendell Holmes Sr.

"They invented hugs to let people know you love them without saying anything."
—Bil Keane

"Kisses, even to the air, are beautiful."
—Drew Barrymore

"The recommended daily requirement for hugs is four per day for survival, eight per day for maintenance, and 12 per day for growth."
—Virginia Satir

"Kissing is like drinking salted water. You drink, and your thirst increases."
—Chinese proverb

"Kiss and make up, but too much makeup has ruined many a kiss."
—Mae West

"Did you know that if you visualize, you can actually hug on the phone?"
—Shelley Long

"What of soul was left, I wonder, when the kissing had to stop?"
—Robert Browning

"And if you see me, smile and maybe give me a hug. That's important to me too."
—Jim Valvano

"Her lips on his could tell him better than all her stumbling words."
—Margaret Mitchell



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
{February} American Heart month www.Heart.org			1 Rent Is Due	2	3	4
5 Don't Miss It! Last Day to Pay Rent Before Late Fees Begin!	6	7	8	9	10 Feb	11
12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	Have You Renewed Your Lease yet?		

