### FAMILY HOUSING HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES COMMUNITY DIRECTOR UPDATE



#### JULY 1, 2025

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Happy July** – "To be Free is not merely to cast off once's chains, But to Live in a way that Respects and Enhances the Freedom of Others." – Condoleezza Rice.

Holiday Office Hours – Community Offices will be closed on Friday July 4th in observance of the 4th of July holiday. We will re-open at 8AM, Monday, July 7th. If you have an urgent or emergency maintenance related issue, please call (413) 331-6511.

**Summer Toys** - We love seeing kids having fun and staying cool during the summer with kiddie pools and slip 'n slides! To keep lawns looking there best, please remember to empty and remove all water toys after use. Taking them up and removing all the water also helps to ensure the safety of pets and small children.

#### **COMMUNITY UPDATES**

Summer Mowing and Landscaping - Legowski Landscaping will be onsite every Tuesday for the summer season. As a reminder:

- Those with a fenced backyard are responsible for maintaining their grass to an acceptable height level of no longer than 2-3 inches and must bag and dispose of all yard waste in their trash receptacles.
- All yard furniture, toys, decorations, garden hoses, and lights should be placed on concrete patios to prevent damage.
- If you have a dog, please be sure to clean up after your dog, making sure yards are free of pet waste prior to landscapers arriving.

**Bulk Trash** – Westover Family Housing provides a dumpster for residents to dispose of bulk items as no additional cost. Please contact your community office at (413) 331- 6511 to arrange to place items in the dumpster. *Please remember the following items are not prohibited*. Tires Pallets A/C units Hazardous materials (including batteries, oil, paint, etc).

Please do not place any trash in or around any of the neighboring communities' dumpsters. If you have any large or gently used items to dispose of, consider donating to a local thrift store. Your trash could be another person's treasure.

#### **Office Contact Information**

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#### **TRASH & RECYCLING**

**Trash** - Every Wednesday **Recycling** - Every Other Wednesday



## FAMILY HOUSING

## COMMUNITY REMINDERS

#### **MAINTENANCE TIPS**

It's the season for air conditioners. Please be sure they are positioned toward the exterior of the window to allow condensation to fall to the exterior of the building to prevent interior damage. If you would like maintenance to install, please submit a work order through your resident app or call maintenance at (413) 433-6511 and press 1.



#### GOOD TO KNOW

Warmer temps bring out hibernating animals, like skunks. Use these helpful, natural remedies to keep them out of your yard.

- Skunks dislike certain strong smells, making these a common deterrent. Effective methods include scattered citrus peels, using predator urine, and placing ammonia-soaked rags or mothballs in areas where skunks frequent.
- Bright lights and motion-activated sprinklers can also help deter skunks.
- Secure trash bins with tight-fitting lids-skunks love an easy snack.
- Bring in pet food at night and clean up fallen fruit or birdseed.
- Eliminate standing water, which can attract both skunks and insects.

#### SAFETY TIPS

#### Fireworks Safety: Massachusetts Fireworks Law

Each state has its own laws regarding the type of fireworks you can set, the dates and times they can be used, who can purchase them, and whether you need a permit. Some states don't allow consumers to use them at all, so make sure you know and follow local guidelines.

Here are some additional items to remember.

- Never allow young children to handle fireworks. If using sparklers, supervise children closely and don't allow kids to wear loose-fitting or baggy clothing to handle sparklers.
- Never hold a lit firework in your hand and never try and relight a malfunctioning firework or "dud."
- Keep spectators at least 35 feet from fountains and groundbased fireworks and 150 feet from aerial fireworks.
- Don't allow anyone who has consumed alcohol to handle or light fireworks or are impaired in any way.





## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES

WESTOVER FAMILY HOUSING

#### NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY

Date: July 23<sup>rd</sup> Time: 2:00PM-4:00PM Location: Westover Community Center

Come and join us for a cup or cone of vanilla ice cream to celebrate National Ice Cream Day!

#### **UPCOMING INSTALLATION EVENTS**

**USO COFFEE CONNECTIONS SUMMER BARBEQUE Date:** July 15<sup>th</sup>

Time: 10:30AM - 12:30PM Location: USO Gazebo behind Westover Building 1510

Monthly Military Spouse get together to network and make friends. Children are welcome. Join us for our annual Summer BBQ. Register by July 11<sup>th</sup> at <u>USO.org/CoffeeConnections</u>

#### FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS CELEBRATIONS

One of the best ways to celebrate Independence Day is to enjoy fireworks lighting up the night sky. We are happy to share several locations close by where you can go and enjoy a show!

Springfield: 6:00PM – 10:00PM at Riverfront Park Pittsfield: 9:00PM at Wahcona Park. *Rain Date*: 7/5/25 Greenfield: 9:20PM at Franklin County Fairgrounds. *Rain Date*: 7/5/25 Agawam: 9:30PM at Six Flags Amusement Park Picnic Grove North Adams: 9:30PM – 10:00PM at Noel Field Williamstown: 9:30PM – 10:00PM at Taconic Golf Club

If you have already contacted our local Management and Housing office team and are not satisfied with the outcome, or if you have words of praise to share, we encourage you to reach out to our senior management.

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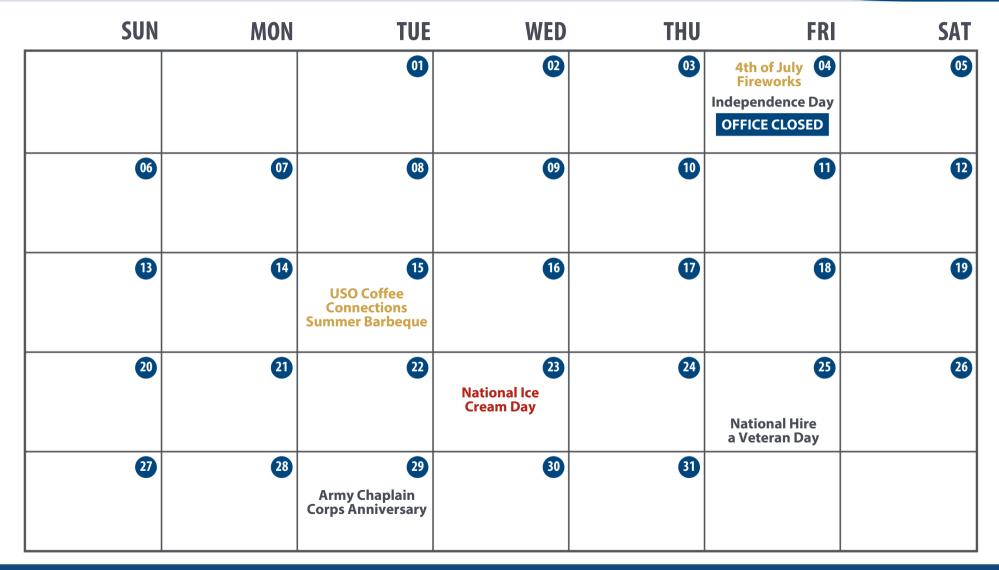


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