



WESTOVER
FAMILY HOUSING

HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES

COMMUNITY DIRECTOR UPDATE

AUGUST 1, 2025



COMMUNITY NEWS

Holiday Office Hours — The community offices will be **closed on Monday, September 1st**, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will **reopen at 8AM on Tuesday, September 2nd**. If you have an urgent or emergency maintenance-related issue, please call (413) 331-6511.

Summer Wading Pool Guidelines

With the warmer weather, we'd like to remind residents about the approved use of small wading pools.

To keep things safe and community-friendly, please follow these guidelines:

- Only pools under 12 inches in height are allowed.
- Water must not exceed 12 inches in depth and must be emptied daily.
- For safety purposes, adult supervision is required while in use, and when not in use, pools must be emptied, flipped over, and properly stored.
- Hot tubs, large swimming pools, spas, whirlpools, fountains, and ponds are not permitted.
- As a reminder, residents are responsible for restoring damage to the lawn caused by a pool or any other summer water toy.

Thank you for helping us keep our outdoor areas safe, fun, and well-maintained for everyone this summer!

Trash is picked up weekly on Wednesday

Recycling is scheduled to be picked up on 8/6 and 8/20.

Refuse bins may be placed at the curbside after 6:00PM the evening before your scheduled collection day, but please ensure your bins are at the curb by 7:00AM on collection day.

As a reminder, receptacles must be returned to their proper storage location by 8:00 PM on the day of collection. We truly appreciate your patience as we work toward having more dependable and consistent service for your home.

5 STAR REVIEWS



"Lucas came through, accomplishing the mission! Thanks to him, I am providing a cool room and purified air with the sweet noises of baby lullabies. The family at home is back to living a stable life while I am at work, ensuring readiness is tip-top! Thank you, Lucas!!"

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TRASH & RECYCLING

Trash – Every Wednesday

Recycling – Every Other Wednesday

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Backyard Maintenance Reminder – If you have a fenced-in yard, please remember that routine upkeep—including mowing, raking, weeding, and trimming—is your responsibility.

To keep our community looking its best:

- Grass should be kept between 2–5 inches in height.
- Rake leaves and grass clippings regularly to support a healthy lawn.
- Maintain shrubbery and remove weeds as needed.

If a fenced yard needs attention after an official reminder, the Community Management Office may help coordinate mowing or cleanup. In those cases, the cost may be billed to the residents of that home.

Our goal is to ensure our outdoor spaces are safe, tidy, and enjoyable for everyone. We truly appreciate your care and commitment!

MAINTENANCE TIPS

Smart Conservation Tips for a Healthier Community – Even if utility costs aren't passed on to residents, being mindful of energy and water use helps keep our community sustainable, efficient, and comfortable for everyone.

Here are a few easy ways to contribute:

- **Use Light Thoughtfully** – Open shades to welcome natural light and close them during hot days to help keep interiors cool. Turn off the lights when rooms are unoccupied.
- **Thermostat Settings** – Set your thermostat to 78°F during warmer months to reduce strain on cooling systems and support energy efficiency.
- **Water Awareness** – Shorter showers and washing laundry with cool water can conserve resources and lower overall usage.
- **Unplug When Possible** – Devices still draw power when not in use. Unplug chargers and electronics to reduce unnecessary energy draw.
- **Switch to LEDs** – LED bulbs use up to 75% less energy and generate less heat, which is great for comfort and energy conservation.
- **Bring Nature In** – Houseplants improve air quality, reduce air-filter strain, and overall enhance indoor environments.

Your everyday choices help support a greener, more sustainable living space for the entire community.

TEAM UPDATE

Please welcome Ryan Buckelew as our new Maintenance Director. Ryan comes to us with over 30 years of maintenance experience. We are excited to see what he can bring to our team and community!



SAFETY TIPS

Studies have shown that even on mild days in the 70s, the temperature inside a parked vehicle can rapidly rise to a dangerous level for children, pets, and even adults. Leaving the windows slightly open does not significantly decrease the heating rate.

HMC urges you to review the tips below from the National Weather Service to keep you and your family safe. For more tips like these, visit [Weather.gov](https://www.weather.gov).

- Touch a child's safety seat and safety belt before placing the child inside to ensure it's not too hot.
- Never leave a child unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.
- Always make sure children have left the car when you reach your destination. Don't leave sleeping infants in the car for any reason.

Drivers—Please Remember:

- Stop for the bus when lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended. Never pass a bus that's loading or unloading children.
- Slow down in school zones and watch for children who may dart into the road unexpectedly.
- Stay alert near bus stops, especially during pick-up and drop-off hours.

For Families and Students:

- Arrive at the bus stop at least five minutes early.
- Stand back from the curb until the bus comes to a full stop.
- Remind kids to stay seated, keep the aisle clear, and follow the driver's instructions.

Thanks for doing your part to keep our neighborhood a safe place for every child!

School Bus Safety Reminder – Let's Keep Our Kids Safe!

As the school year gets underway, it's a great time to review important school bus safety tips to help protect the children in our community. Whether you're a parent, student, or neighbor, a few extra moments of awareness can make all the difference.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

DIY CERAMIC MAGNETS

Date: August 13th

Time: 2:00PM-4:00PM

Location: Westover Community Center

Please join us at the community center to design and paint some fun ceramic magnets.



NATIONAL CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DAY

Date: August 4th

Time: 12:00PM – 5:00PM

Location: Westover Community Center

Stop by the community center to cool off and grab a sweet treat to celebrate National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day!



UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

CHICOPEE FARMER'S MARKET

Date: Daily through September

Time: 10:00AM – 2:00PM

Location: 767 Chicopee St., Chicopee, Massachusetts

Local farmers and small vendors have the opportunity to sell their fresh and locally-grown products such as plants, vegetables, fruits, jams, baked goods, maple syrup, honey, and herbs. Additional resources offered at the Market include free gardening advice, nutritional services and access to all VOC services.



MGM SPRINGFIELD FREE MUSIC FRIDAYS!

Date: Every Friday through September 5th

Time: 7:30PM – 9:00PM

Location: MGM Springfield Plaza: One MGM Way, Springfield, MA

MGM Springfield hosts free outdoor concerts with different bands. Experience the magic of live music on the MGM Springfield Plaza, showcasing beloved local bands! While you groove to the tunes, quench your thirst with refreshing beverages from one of our outdoor bars, or grab some tasty treats from one of our property's restaurants or featured food trucks! Stay cool this summer with us here at the MGM Springfield Plaza for the can't miss concerts of the season!



MASSWILDLIFE, FREE ARCHERY CLASS

Dates: Wednesday, August 13th, in Ayer

Tuesday, August 26th, in Southampton

Tuesday, September 2nd, in Taunton

Time: 5:00PM – 7:00PM

Instructors will help you practice on the range, and will be able to help you adjust your sights if needed. You must bring your own archery equipment for these events. Class is Free! Register here.



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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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					01 Daily - Chicopee Farmer's Market MGM Music - Below Deck	02
03	04 National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day	05	06	07	08 MGM Music - Billy & the Jets	09
10	11	12	13 DIY Ceramic Magnets Archery Class in Ayer	14	15 MGM Music - Johnny Sixgun	16 National Airborne Day
17	18	19	20	21	22 MGM Music - Tramps Like Us	23
24	25	26 Archery Class in Southampton	27	28	29 MGM Music - High Noon	30
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