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HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITY



Wishing our Residents a Great School Year!

TEAM KFH WELCOMES

Tia Gerriets

Joined: August 2020

Position: Leasing Specialist

2 Fun Facts: Tia is a twin and just moved to the Albuquerque area from North Dakota

Tia Says: *"When I was looking for jobs before moving, Hunt and Kirtland Family Housing definitely stood out to me because it is a family-oriented company. I love how involved we are with our residents and how much we help when it is needed. I have a lot of family members who have served, so working for a company that cares so much for the people who serve our country, means the world to me."*



Our President's Message



In the Spring of 2020, we partnered with Blue Star Families in a campaign to collect the most ingenious MilFam cleaning hacks. It was such a hit that we're doing it again this Fall! AND all of the finalist videos in that

competition can be found at: bluestarfam.org/milfamspringclean. There are so many great tips there for you to check out! Stay tuned for more information in the coming days on the Fall version where we'll be collecting even more great ideas. We are proud to partner with Blue Star Families and want to encourage you to take full advantage of all the great (and free!) programs and services this awesome organization has to offer. You can find a local chapter, peruse career opportunities geared towards military spouses, find great activities for your kids, or participate in their many virtual programs by going to: bluestarfam.org. From all of us at HMC, I hope you and your family continue to remain safe and healthy.

Best,

John Ehle
President
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Join our team at HuntCompanies.com/Careers

Thank you!

Dear KFH Residents,

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank our residents for your understanding and patience during this unprecedented time. Our maintenance team is doing everything they can to get work orders in and completed in a timely manner, while always taking the proper safety measures to keep our residents and our team safe.

We want to underscore how deeply we appreciate our residents, our shared desire to move forward responsibly and extend our heartfelt well-wishes. And on behalf of my team, we thank you for your continued support during this challenging and uncertain time. Should we be of any assistance, please feel free to reach out anytime at 505.232.2049.

Sincerely,

Brandy VanVickle
Kirtland Family Housing Community Director

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF SERVICE



Join us in congratulating...

Matthew Espalin - Maintenance Team Member
Veronica Lopez - KFH Community Manager
Gerald Vigil - Maintenance Team Member
Bill Ward - Maintenance Manager



Congratulations iSpy Winners

Stefanie Daniel Delgado

Leticia Ouellette

Join us on Facebook for more chances to win in our exciting contests and games
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SOMETHING NEW IS COMING!



Keep Checking Your Email
for More Details

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Backpack Brigade 2020

Our thanks to our KFH families who registered and participated in our Backpack Brigade 2020. In association with Operation Homefront and the Hunt Heroes Foundation, the non-profit organization founded by Hunt Military Communities (HMC), we gave away nearly 80 backpacks to our youngest KFH residents!

This year, Operation Homefront provided its 400,000th backpack— saving our nation's military families more than \$50 million in back-to-school expenses since this initiative started in 2008!



Two of our younger KFH residents receive their new backpacks courtesy of KFH, Operation Homefront and the Hunt Heroes Foundation.



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HAPPENING AROUND THE LAND OF ENCHANTMENT

¡Tradiciones!/Traditions Corner

Zozobra!

The Burning of Old Man Gloom: A New Mexico Tradition

Friday, September 4, 2020

On KOAT Channel 7 at 8 pm or Online

If ever there was a year we needed Zozobra, it's 2020.



Thanks to Covid-19, many of our New Mexico traditions are going to look a lot different this year than in years past— and virtual Zozobra is one of them.

The Burning of Zozobra, also known as Old Man Gloom, is a beloved New Mexico cultural event and tradition that began in 1924 by one of Santa Fe's famed artists, Will Shuster. Nowadays, Zozobra is a 50-foot tall, 1800-pound wood and paper marionette filled with bits of submitted community gloom — usually on slips of paper sadly describing life's worries, regrets, and failures, photos, bad news, and there's even a story in New Mexico lore of a bride submitting a never-used wedding gown. Once filled, Zozobra is lit spectacularly on fire taking New Mexicans' woes with it. This year, given Covid safety precautions, New Mexicans can submit their gloom online for only \$1 at burnzozobra.com. Zozobra is presented annually by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Fe on the Friday of Labor Day weekend and proceeds benefit area non-profits.

This year, New Mexicans can also enjoy a Zozobra Dinner at home, with area restaurants submitting their famed recipes to share with aspiring NM chefs. Enjoy Santa Fe's Cowgirl Nacho Platter, Tomasita's Flautas, or Santa Fe Bites' green chile burger and more mouth-watering New Mexico cuisine while watching Zozobra burn.

For more information on the history of Zozobra, recipes or to submit your own 2020 gloom, visit www.burnzozobra.com.

SAVE THE DATES September 2020

Your KFH Team has been...

...coming up with creative ideas for Resident Appreciation "Drive-Thru Events" that keep Covid-19 social distancing and safety measures in mind:

Patriot Day

Drive Thru Event

Friday, September 11th

9 to 11 am (or while supplies last)

KFH Towne Center Roundabout

Maxwell Place Parking Lot by the CDC



We hope you'll join us as we host a Drive-Thru Event at the KFH Towne Center commemorating 9/11. The first 150 KFH Residents will receive an American flag to proudly display for Patriot Day on your vehicle. One flag per vehicle, please.

Little Free Library

More Details to Come

KFH Towne Center West Entrance

Maxwell Place Leasing Office at the Main Entrance

September is National Literacy Month and we are celebrating by bringing A Little Free Library to our KFH neighborhood! The Little Free Library Program promotes complimentary book exchanges in the form of a trunk or public bookcase. Residents will be able to take a book and/or leave a book. We are requesting the exchange of gently-loved books for our Little Free Library and only books that fit in the box, please.



National Coffee Day

Drive Thru Event

Tuesday, September 29th

9 to 10 am (or while supplies last)

KFH Towne Center Roundabout

Maxwell Place Parking Lot by the CDC

Celebrate National Coffee Day with us and start your morning off right with a cup o' Joe! Your KFH team will be passing out complimentary cups of hot, regular coffee for our Residents in front of the KFH Towne Center Roundabout near the flags and at Maxwell Place by the CDC parking lot.

SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Maxwell and Villages 5, 6 & Pershing Trash Pickup	4 Zozobra Channel 7 @ 8 pm Villages 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 Trash Pickup	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10 Maxwell and Villages 5, 6 & Pershing Trash Pickup	11 Patriot Day Drive Thru "Event" Villages 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 Trash Pickup	12
13	14 Maxwell & Kirtland Recycling Day	15	16	17 Maxwell and Villages 5,6 & Pershing Trash Pickup	18 Villages 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 Trash Pickup	19
20	21 Maxwell & Kirtland Recycling Day	22	23	24 Maxwell and Villages 5,6 & Pershing Trash Pickup	25 Villages 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 Trash Pickup	26
27	28 Maxwell & Kirtland Recycling Day	29 Celebrate National Coffee Day with Us "Event"	30			

October 2020 Calendar of Events - Save the Dates!

Be sure to save the dates and follow us on Facebook for exciting details about our October 2020 KFH Resident Drive-Thru "Events," keeping social distancing and Covid in mind:

National Taco Day on Monday, October 5th
 National Chocolate Cupcake Day on Monday, October 19th
 National Pumpkin Day on Monday, October 26th



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