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**Our President's Message**



*April is a special month for our HMC families as we celebrate the Month of the Military Child. It is a time to honor the sacrifices made by military families worldwide, and especially the dependent children of the military members serving at home and overseas.*

*Since 9/11, over 2 million children have had a parent deployed overseas, and have had a parent deployed multiple times. Military youth of today promise to be some of the most active and involved populations in our nation's history. It is only fitting that we take time to celebrate them in a special way. Thank you to our military families with children who continue to teach and inspire our future leaders.*

Best,

**John Ehle, President**

**Hunt Military Communities**



*April* IS THE MONTH OF THE *Military Child*

**Military Children by the Numbers**

- According to a report by the Department of Defense there are 700 military child development program facilities around the world, running approximately 155,000 child-care spaces, with another 3,000 Family Child Care homes.
- It's estimated that military child development centers welcome around 200,000 children daily. There are 300 youth and teen centers worldwide serving more than 645,000 youth through a variety of educational and recreational programs.
- Approximately 2 million military children have experienced a parental deployment since 9/11.
- There are currently 1.2 million military children of active duty members worldwide.
- Nearly 80% of military children attend public schools throughout the United States.
- The average military family moves three times more often than their civilian counterpart.
- There are nearly two million "total-force dependent children" including more than 900 thousand Army dependents, 400,000 Air Force dependents, nearly 300,000 Navy and approximately 118,000 Marine dependents.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/month-of-the-military-child/>

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**WHIDBEY ISLAND**  
HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITY

Please see below for our updated contact information:

- Office Phone Line: 360-679-4241
- Leasing Phone Line: 877-340-9055
- Maintenance Work Orders: 866-616-3267
- Email: [northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com](mailto:northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com)



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# Month of the Military Child



April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices they make and the challenges they overcome.

The Month of the Military Child is part of the legacy left by former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the Defense Department commemoration in 1986.

DoDEA joins the Department of Defense and the military community in celebrating April as the Month of the Military Child. In DoDEA communities around the world, our most essential strategic imperatives are: establishing an educational system that progressively builds the college and career readiness of all DoDEA students; and establishing the organizational capacity to operate more effectively and efficiently as a model, unified school system. We aim to challenge each student to maximize his or her potential and to excel academically, socially, emotionally and physically for life, college and career readiness.

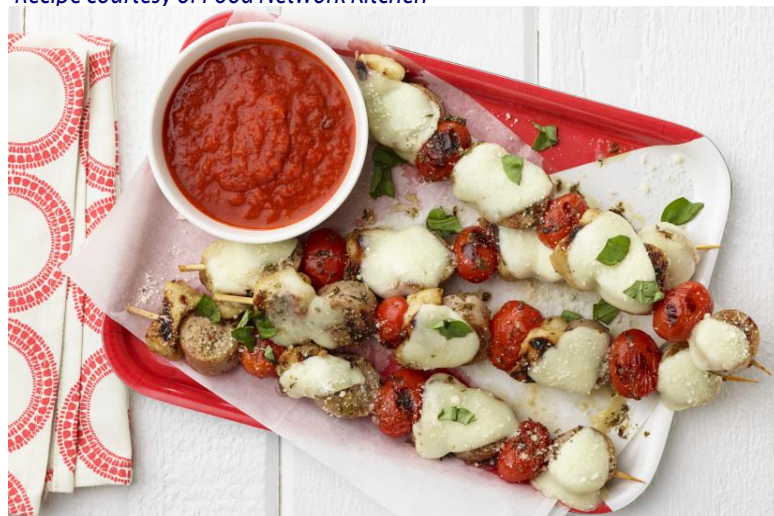
Throughout the month, DoDEA will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate the themes of this month into their every day duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

Read more at <https://www.dodea.edu/dodeaCelebrates/Military-Child-Month.cfm>

# Cooking with Kids

## Kids Can Make: Pizza Skewers

Recipe courtesy of Food Network Kitchen



### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup of your favorite marinara sauce, warmed, for dipping
- Grated Parmesan, optional
- Crushed red pepper flakes, optional
- 1/3 cup olive oil, plus more for oiling the grill grates
- 2 tablespoons Italian seasoning
- Kosher salt
- All-purpose flour, for dusting
- 1/2 pound pizza dough, cool to the touch
- 1 pint grape tomatoes (24 to 30)
- 12 ounces cooked sweet Italian chicken sausage links (about 4 links), sliced 1/2 inch thick
- 1 pound fresh mozzarella, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup fresh basil leaves

### DIRECTIONS

1. Soak eight 12-inch wooden skewers in water for 30 minutes. Prepare a grill for medium heat. Cut a 12-inch-square piece of aluminum foil.
2. Stir together the oil, Italian seasoning and 1 teaspoon salt in a large bowl.
3. Dust a work surface with flour. Roll the dough into a rectangle about 11 by 6 by 1/4 inches. Using a pizza wheel or a knife, cut the dough into 1-inch strips, then into 1-inch squares. Add the dough squares, tomatoes and sausage to the seasoned oil, and toss gently to coat.
4. Working quickly to keep the dough from getting warm, thread the skewers, alternating sausage pieces (skewer them through the casings), tomatoes and dough squares (skewer them through opposite sides of each square, keeping them as flat as possible so they cook through). Leave 1/2 inch of the skewer at both ends empty. Each skewer should have 4 pieces each of sausage and dough and about 3 tomatoes.
5. Grill the skewers, covered, until the tomatoes have dark grill lines and the dough squares have started to puff, 2 to 3 minutes. Put the prepared foil square on the grill, and transfer the skewers onto the foil cooked-side up, so that they are almost touching. Top with the mozzarella, and grill, covered, until the tomatoes are soft, the dough squares have doubled in size and the mozzarella has melted, 3 minutes more.

You can find the recipe here: <https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchen/kids-can-make-pizza-skewers-3362680>

# Family Activity

## Roll The Dice Game

1. Grab a die and start rolling. You can take turns with all the family members playing.
2. Do the corresponding activity to the number you roll. For example, if you roll a two everyone has to touch their toes.
3. You can also set a corresponding number to each item so the game lasts longer and everyone gets more movement in. Maybe you do 10 times for each roll or switch up the amounts based on the activity or the age of your kids.
4. Find what works best for your kids and make it a fun exercise game you can all play!



# Modified Site Operations

As Hunt Military Communities (HMC) continues to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic we continually look to adjust property operations in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), state, and local authorities. As a precautionary measure and abundance of thoughtfulness for the health and wellbeing of our staff and residents, we have made the following adjustments to our operations.

## NEIGHBORHOOD MANAGEMENT OFFICE

*We will be available for your needs with precautionary measures in place for your safety and ours!*

- We will be available in the office, Monday – Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM by appointment ONLY or for emergency purposes. Otherwise, our offices will be closed to the public.
- If you have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, please do NOT come to our offices. We are still here for you and can offer virtual assistance in all matters. Stay home and get well!
- To make an appointment to come to the office, please call us (360) 679-4241.
- If your rent is paid via check, please utilize the rent drop box at the community center entrance. We highly encourage all residents to pay via RentPayment.com or automatic allotment if able.
- For up to date communications and to create a maintenance request, please register using the Hunt Resident App which can be found in the Apple or Android store.
- Move-ins, pre-inspections, and move-outs will be conducted with a Hunt representative and one other person only unless a virtual inspection is requested.
- Our offices will be limited to no more than 1-2 people in the office at a time. All others will be asked to wait outside or in his/her car to practice social distancing.
- Masks will be required to enter our offices. Please bring a mask along with you.
- The use of hand sanitizer will be required of all who enter our offices. We will have sanitizing stations on all office desks, we ask that you please use it.
- Multiple signs are posted throughout our offices reminding everyone to practice social distancing, wear a face mask, and preventative measures in stopping the spread of the virus e.g. washing hands, etc.

## What to expect from our team

*We are taking extra precautionary measures to keep our office areas clean and safe for everyone's safety!*

- Sneeze guards have been installed at every desk as an extra layer of protection.
- Our team is required to wear masks while in office.
- The team is required to use hand sanitizer after every interaction.
- After every visit, contact areas will be wiped down before the next person will be allowed to enter the office.
- Strict cleaning measures have been implemented at the opening of the office, throughout the workday, and at the closing of our office.
- HMC employees have and will continue to receive the required training on all policies and procedures to ensure understanding and adherence to the policy and standards set forth.

## MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Maintenance will continue to respond to ALL work order requests at this time. We will continue to screen prior to performing work in your home. Also, we are now requiring some additional precautions of our residents before we enter into a resident's home.

- We will be asking questions to identify any potential risk of exposure to COVID-19 to ensure the most appropriate response. Please note our policy instructs all employees and 3rd party providers to stay home if they are ill, showing signs/symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID -19.
- In order for us to perform repairs in the home, we will require residents to take the following action to ensure our employees can perform work in a safe manner. As a resident, you will have three options when a work order is performed inside their home:
  1. Do not be inside the home while work is being performed.
  2. Be located in a separate area of the home, with no engagement with our team member.
  3. Only 1 member of the family is allowed contact with our team member, and if this occurs a mask must be worn along with maintaining appropriate social distancing.

While we understand this action will be disappointing to some, your health and safety, our employees' health and safety, as well as that of our military, civilian personnel, family members, and the base community is our top priority.

## What to expect from our Maintenance Team

*Our technicians will continue to take extra precautionary measures to keep their vehicles and work areas clean and safe for all our safety!*

- Technicians are required to sanitize their hands before entering the home at every visit.
- Technicians will utilize appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to include face coverings, shoe coverings, eye protection, and gloves.
- We ask that anyone in the home maintain a 6-foot social distance. One adult is permitted in the work area, maintaining a 6-foot distance during the repair process. If present in the work order, we would further require a mask/face covering be worn. Please have all other family members and pets located in another area of the home.
- The technician will wipe down/sanitize all possible work surfaces and touchpoints before and after the work is completed.
- Technicians are required to wipe down the interior of their vehicle and any touched surface after every home visit and at the beginning and end of their work shift.

## AMENITIES

Our outdoor amenities are open and residents are encouraged to practice social distancing and COVID-19 safety precautions. Our Community Center amenities remain CLOSED at this time. Please know that our intent is to solely limit the exposure to COVID while still allowing some amenities to open for you and your families' enjoyment. We are taking great care to evaluate which amenities can be reopened or remain open with the safety of all in mind. Should there be changes, we will communicate this to you and your family.

# UPCOMING IN APRIL

**\*\*CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD\*\***

Stop by your local Community Center and sign our Military Child Hero Wall and receive a certificate for your bravery and resilience!

**April 2 | Good Friday**

**April 3 | Hoppy Hunting: A Scavenger Eggstravaganza**

NavyLife NAS Whidbey Island is hosting an Easter event to include a scavenger hunt, craft kits, and prizes! \*Preregister for this event at myFFR Activity #992193. For more information follow NavyLife NAS Whidbey Island Facebook or call the Convergence Zone at 360-257-2432.

**April 4| Easter, Last Day of Passover**

**April 5th-9th | Tell Your Story Week**

Celebrating Military Kids - Share your story with us on Facebook.

**April 12th-16th | Purple Up! For Military Kids**

Celebrating Military Kids - Wear purple all week, especially on April 15th - Purple Up! Day! Share your selfies with us on Facebook.

**April 14th-15th | Photo-Op with Whidbey Yard Cards!**

Celebrating Military Kids - Grab a cool pic with the Whidbey Yard Cards at the entrance of each community!

**April 22 | Military Kids Craft Pick-Up**

Stop by your local Community Center and pick-up a FREE Craft with goody bag!

**Residents and staff may nominate any of their Whidbey Island Family Housing residents to receive the Good Neighbor Award!**



A Good Neighbor can range from picking up trash, pet sitting, house sitting, mowing lawns, helping neighbors, and so much more!

Send your nominations to [northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com](mailto:northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com) and please be sure to include the address of and reason behind nominating your Good Neighbor.

The winner of the Good Neighbor Award will receive a pizza night on us, a gift basket, and a Good Neighbor Award magnet or yard sign to display!



**COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**  
CREATING BETTER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER  
- HUNT MILITARY COMMUNITIES -

## CAB UPDATES

- The Community Advisory Board meets once a month to gain resident insight and feedback to better serve the community.
- We are currently looking for additional residents to join and represent each of our neighborhoods.
- Board members are encouraged to bring resident concerns and issues to the meeting to address.
- Resident involvement is important to ensure service member's and their families are enjoying their time here at Whidbey Island Family Housing.

**Contact Information**  
Neighborhood Management and Maintenance Offices open:  
Monday - Friday 8:00-5:00pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday

**Office Phone: 360-679-4241**  
Available for Emergencies 24/7:  
866-616-3267

**Victory Terrace** - 2205 Egret Drive  
**Crescent Harbor** - 1930 Magnolia Way  
**Maylor Point** - 1093 Mt. Stewart Loop  
**Maintenance Shop** - 2372 Robin Street

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing](https://www.facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing)  
**Website:** [whidbeyislandfamilyhousing.com](http://whidbeyislandfamilyhousing.com)



# MAINTENANCE CORNER



**Filters** - Please ensure that your air filters are replaced regularly (every 3 months). Stop by the maintenance shop to pick up your FREE filter when you are ready to replace them.



**Smoke Alarms** - Test all smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly. Check the batteries and replace if necessary.



**Thermostats** - Check your thermostats to ensure they are working properly. Replace batteries if necessary. Always keep your heat ON. Reduce temperature to 55 degrees IF you plan to travel and leave the home. Contact your local neighborhood management office if you plan to be away from your home.



**Hose bib Covers** - As the temperatures begin to drop, frozen pipes become a concern. Check your outside faucets and disconnect any hoses that may be attached. Secure your hose bib covers over the faucet for protection. If you are in need of hose bib covers, stop by the maintenance shop to pick one up.



**Fireplace** - Please ensure your fireplace has been cleared and thoroughly inspected before use. Maintain proper safety precautions when fireplace is in use. Never leave a fire unattended and always ensure fire has been put out completely.

**Insect/Pest Control** - Residents are allowed and encouraged to treat any insect issues with insect sprays and/or repellents. If the issue persists or is recurring, please contact your maintenance shop for further assistance to resolve the issue.



## FRIENDLY REMINDERS



### Automotive Maintenance and Policies:

Due to environmental and safety concerns, automobile/vehicle maintenance shall not be performed by Resident, Occupant or Guest anywhere in the Neighborhood or Premises including garages, carports, parking spaces, or street. This includes but is not limited to repairs, engine cleaning, oil changing, and car washing.

### Outdoor Items:

Outdoor grills are permitted only outside the home no closer than ten (10) feet to the house or fence. Barbecue grills should not be left unattended when in use or while still hot. Cooking food in the front yard or on covered balconies, and/or patios using hibachis, grills, etc. is prohibited. Fire Pits, including free standing fire pits, Tiki Torches or like items are not permitted.



## We're Here for You!



**Matt Bush**  
Community Director



**Heather Carlon**  
Community Manager



**James Mauck**  
Community Supervisor



**Jan Jones**  
Community Manager



**Louise Aldana**  
Maintenance Manager



**Heather Eaton**  
Maintenance Manager



**Nathan Kline**  
Maintenance Manager



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GET INVOLVED & BE AN ACTIVE  
VOICE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY



HUNT IS EAGER TO CREATE A COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD  
**TO BETTER SERVE OUR RESIDENTS  
& MEET THEIR NEEDS.**

We are **LOOKING FOR MOTIVATED RESIDENTS**  
that would like to get involved and be an active  
voice for the community.

If you interested in being a voice for the community contact the Management Office at:

**360.679.4241 • [NorthSoundRSO@huntcompanies.com](mailto:NorthSoundRSO@huntcompanies.com)**