

**MAY  
2021**

WHIDBEY ISLAND INSIGHTS  
**NEWS & STORIES**



**Our President's Message**



*As we welcome warmer days and longer nights, we also look to a future of doors opening back up and life returning to a new normal. I want to personally thank you for your patience this past year as we all navigated the safest way to serve our residents, employees, and our partners. It was not easy to manage an unexpected pandemic, but we did so, always keeping our residents' best interests and safety first and foremost.*

*Over the course of the next month, we hope to begin opening up our amenities (as appropriate and approved by local guidelines) and see a full return of staff to our offices. Our teams look forward to seeing you and helping you in any way we can. And as a reminder, one of the best ways to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 is to get vaccinated. If you are having difficulties finding a location where you can receive your vaccination, please check out [vaccinefinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).*

Best,

**John Ehle, President Hunt  
Military Communities**



HuntMilitaryCommunities.com



**10 CREATIVE AND VIRTUAL WAYS TO CELEBRATE MOM FROM A DISTANCE**

1. Offer yard and garden services.
2. Decorate your mom's door or front porch.
3. Cook for Mom or set up a virtual brunch date.
4. Give your mom a long phone call or put on a virtual talent show!
5. Watch a movie or show together, side by side.
6. Get creative: Make Mom a video, a music playlist, or a piece of art!
7. Get outside! Go for a stroll in the park or how about packing mom a picnic?
8. Make a homemade gift!
9. Take a virtual tour of a museum or garden together!
10. Make your own card.

Find more fun ideas and more details at: [almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day](https://almanac.com/content/when-is-mothers-day)

**CONTACT INFORMATION**



Please see below for our updated contact information:

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Leasing Phone Line: 877-340-9055

Maintenance Work Orders: 866-616-3267

Email: [northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com](mailto:northsoundrso@huntcompanies.com)

# Memorial Day - Wear Blue Run!



Wear Blue: Run to Remember was founded following the redeployment of 5-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team, a unit that, while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, sustained a significant amount of combat losses and casualties. During that deployment, a small group of 5-2 wives and battalion support staff met weekly to run, seeking to create a support network for one another during this challenging and heartbreaking deployment. When the brigade returned, two of those Army wives and avid runners, Lisa Hallett and Erin O'Connor, turned this small group into a nationwide vision that now helps thousands heal from and work through the more challenging aspects of military life during a time of war. Lisa's husband, CPT John Hallett, was one of four soldiers killed in that unit on August 25, 2009, while returning from a goodwill mission in Southern Afghanistan.

Today, this group runs to honor all military members killed in combat and has evolved into a powerful network of active duty and retired service members, military families, Wounded Warriors, Gold Star families and community members.

Fine more info at: [wearblueruntoremember.org/history](http://wearblueruntoremember.org/history)



# Memorial Day Treats

## Red, White, and Blueberry Trifle

Recipe courtesy of Skinny Taste



### INGREDIENTS:

- 10 oz angel food cake, cut into 1-inch cubes\*
- 2 pints strawberries, sliced
- 2 pints blueberries

For the cream filling:

- 6 tbsp fat-free sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups cold water
- 1 4 oz package white chocolate or cheesecake instant pudding mix
- 12 oz frozen whipped topping, thawed

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Whisk the condensed milk and water in a bowl.
2. Whisk in the pudding mix for 2 minutes.
3. Let stand for 2 minutes or until soft-set; fold in the whipped topping.
4. Arrange half of the cake in the bottom of a 14-cup trifle dish.
5. Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries.
6. Spread half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread (I piped it using a plastic bag and cut the corner off).
7. Top with a layer of strawberries.
8. Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then add more blueberries and top with the remaining cream mixture.
9. Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a pretty pattern.
10. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour.

You can find the recipe here: <https://www.skinnytaste.com/red-white-and-blueberry-trifle/>

## Family Activity **Wear Blue Run!**

wear blue: run to remember and Team Red White and Blue (RWB) **challenge you to actively remember our nation's fallen service members this Memorial Day.** Our mission is to honor the 65,502 killed since the beginning of the Vietnam War, by personally matching each registered participant with the name of a fallen service member. On Memorial Day, speak the name of this honored hero and purposefully move in his or her honor. We will become a living memorial, ensuring that generations of sacrifice are not forgotten. Participation is **FREE OF CHARGE.**

Simply register and commit to run or walk a meaningful number of miles this Memorial Day. Together we will run for the fallen, for the fighting, and for the families.

**Register here:**

[wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day](http://wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day)



# 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 MAY

## APRIL 29 - MAY 5 | Mother's Day Raffle on Facebook

Join us on Facebook to enter into our Mother's Day Raffle for a chance to win a special gift!

Check us out at [facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing](https://facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing)

## MAY 5 | Cinco de Mayo

## MAY 7 | Military Spouse Appreciation Day

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

## MAY 9 | Mother's Day

Mother's Day Raffle winners will be announced on our

Facebook page: [facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing](https://facebook.com/whidbeyislandfamilyhousing)

## MAY 20 | Flower Pot Craft Pick-Up

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

## MAY 31 | Memorial Day - Office Closed

## MAY 31 | Memorial Day - Wear Blue: Rune to Remember!

We will be set up at the North Whidbey Middle School track. We will have a check-in table with plenty of water and snacks for energy. Check out the attached flyer for more information.

# 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.



**Self-Maintained Flowerbeds** - Spring/Summer temperatures have allowed many residents the opportunity to start yard/flowerbed upkeep. If you opted to maintain your flowerbed at the time of lease signing, please remember it is your responsibility to maintain the condition of the landscaping at your home.

**Watering Lawns** - Residents are responsible for watering the lawn (front and back) and flowerbed areas. If your home has an automated irrigation system, your front lawn and flowerbed will be watered on a schedule. Do NOT over water your lawn and/or flowerbed.



**Self-Service Options** - Our maintenance department has a few self-service options to help maintain your home and lawncare. Mowers and weed eaters are available to loan out, as well as long dusting poles to clear debris from the exterior of your home. Please give maintenance a call to inquire about self-service availability of any item.

**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



**BBQ Grills:** 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.

**Pools:** NO swimming pools or hot tubs are allowed on property. Wading pools are allowed and must be emptied and put away daily. Wading pools are only allowed in the backyard.



**Home Maintenance:** Spring/Summer weather allows for a great opportunity to open windows and air out your home. Also, consider cleaning window tracks at this time to remove any dust or debris.

## 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!

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!

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.



**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](https://whidbeyislandfamilyhousing.com)



## 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



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

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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)**

THEN. NOW. FOREVER.



# MEMORIAL DAY



# JOIN US

## IN HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES THIS MEMORIAL DAY.



*wear blue: run to remember* and Team RWB will personally match each registered participant with the name of a fallen service member to ensure that we remember and honor the 65,502 Americans killed in military service since the beginning of the Vietnam War.

The median age of a Vietnam veteran is 74-years old. Recognizing the critical moment before us, together we will collectively honor this generation's fallen service members within their lifetime.

### **REGISTER FOR A HERO MATCH**

- Scan the QR code or visit [www.wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day](http://www.wearblueruntoremember.org/memorial-day)
- Upon registration, *wear blue* will email you the name of a fallen service member to honor on Memorial Day.

### **RUN**

- On Monday, May 31, Memorial Day, join thousands across the nation in stepping out your back door and moving a meaningful number of miles (run, walk, bike, swim)
- Download the Motigo App to hear inspirational Memorial Day messages while you move in remembrance of your honored hero.

**MOTIGO** Event: *wear blue* Memorial Day 2021

### **REMEMBER**

- By intentionally running, walking, or moving on Memorial Day in remembrance of our fallen heroes, you become a living memorial honoring their sacrifices and celebrating their lives.
- As you log your miles, share your service member on social media using #wearblueruntoremember #65Kfor65K #forthe fallen

*wear blue: run to remember* builds community that honors the service and sacrifice of the American military through active remembrance. With more than 60 communities around the world, *wear blue* empowers families of the fallen, supports the military, and honors the fallen.

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run to remember®**



[wearblueruntoremember.org](http://wearblueruntoremember.org)