

Town Hall Feedback

1. A Town Hall Meeting was held on 12 April 2012 at Choices, Bldg 34. The Unit Fund sponsored dinner at 1730. The meeting was called to order at 1745.
2. The Agenda was:
 - a. Welcome by LTC Koehler
 - b. AER Update/Events by LTC Koehler
 - c. Balfour Beatty Update by Delores LaRosa
 - d. Pest Management Briefing by Greg Mitchell
 - e. FMWR Programs by Andy Ciccolella
 - f. Open Discussion/Question & Answer

Welcome

- LTC Koehler welcomed all attendees.
- The impact of budget shortfalls was discussed. Mt. Hope gate will be closed on weekends, even during the summer. Lawn maintenance will not be as often. FMWR has to be self-sufficient. Overall this will not affect Housing.
- The Christmas tree was damaged during Hurricane Irene and was removed. They are currently looking for a replacement. The Tree Memorial for 2011 will go there in place of the Christmas tree.
- Families can attend Right-arm Night on 17 May and check-out the new porch at Bucky's.

Army Emergency Relief Campaign

- Upcoming events were briefed. Slides are available on Town Hall Website. www.pica.army.mil/mwr/ACS/TownHall.htm
- Duck Derby will be held at Frog Falls this year.

Balfour Beatty

- There are procedures if PCSing to include 30-day notice, paperwork and cleaning requirements. Call Dee or Robin if you have questions.
- BB is planting a Cherry Tree on 27 Apr by 3209E-3205. All are welcome to participate.
- There will be three more fertilizations for this year. Not dangerous if pets or kids walk on it, but they ask that you don't. BB has the MSDS sheets in the office.
- Maintenance will be coming around to do an annual inspection. Do not bother them with maintenance or service requests at that time. Instead, call if you have a service and maintenance need and it will be handled.
- Dumpster issues. Bears are getting into the dumpsters, because Families aren't using the bear locks. In fact the bear locks are being moved and thrown around. Also, people are throwing trash in the recycling bins. If children are taking the trash out, please make sure they are doing it correctly. If you have bulk items, place on the curb the last Friday of the month for pick-up or if you need a pickup before that day

- (i.e. PCS), notify BB and they will schedule a special pick up. If you have lots of cardboard boxes, break them down, bundle them up and place by dumpsters.
- Bears are starting to come around the playgrounds because toys and trash are being left at the end of the day. Please clean up after yourself.
 - Speed limits – be aware around housing and Frog Falls. Also, speeds around walkers and joggers are 15 mph. This is enforceable in a court of law. Although it is hard to catch. Call if you spot a government vehicle to include fire truck and police cars if they are speeding by a jogger.
 - Joggers do need to follow rules regarding no head phones, wearing of bright clothing, going against traffic and reflective items when dark.
 - Don't put hot grills next to the houses, this will melt the siding.
 - Caisson court is doing a good job with the "Yard of the Month" program.
 - Current residents are getting mock utility bills. New residents in Harrison Court and potentially Farley Avenue (after some upgrades) will receive real utility bills.
 - Mulch piles weren't being used and becoming a mess, so program has ended.

Pest Management

- Pest Management does not handle bears, that's the responsibility of Picatinny Police and NJ Fish & Wildlife. Feeding wildlife on Picatinny is strictly prohibited. Bird feeders are ok, but they will attract bears.
- Morris County has the most heavily infested with deer ticks. Deer ticks can spread Lyme disease.
- There are 4 –poster tick stations on Picatinny. These boxes are successful at reducing the tick population by 78-92% around the boxes.
- The warm winter and early spring has brought mosquitoes early to Picatinny. The current dry spell has reduced the mosquito population. When the rain comes, the mosquitoes will too. Reduce mosquitoes by not leaving containers outside; anything that can hold water otherwise there will be mosquitoes within a few days.
- Rattlesnakes are protected in NJ. There are only 5 individuals on Picatinny allowed to handle them. Call Picatinny Police and they will handle the rattlesnake issue.

FMWR

- Upcoming events and programs were briefed. Slides are available on Town Hall Website. www.pica.army.mil/mwr/ACS/TownHall.htm

Question and Answer

- Question: Causes of all the black-outs and pipe breakages?
Answer: Meteorological events (i.e. hurricane, blizzard, warm weather, wind storms). Pipe breakage is due to the warm weather. Many pipes are supported by the dirt around it. Cold soil is harder
- Question: Are they considering instituting a curfew on Picatinny?
Answer: No curfew on installation, yet. They have been checking with legal. Also, discussed the issue with the Youth Review Board.
- Question: Does FMWR have a Consumer Panel?

Answer: No, but they solicit input through surveys, focus groups and ICE comments.

3. The next meeting will need to be scheduled. All Town Hall information and slide briefings will be posted on the ACS Web site www.pica.army.mil/acs.htm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Herb Koehler".

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