CAR WASHING IS NOW ALLOWED IN HOUSING!!

Thanks to your outstanding water conservation efforts, the installation has approved car washing beginning March 1st.

- Permissible only using a sponge and bucket
- Hoses should only be used only during rinsing
- All hoses must be equipped with a nozzle capable of shutting off water flow during other washing activities. Please ensure your hose has the proper gasket inserted at your hose bib.
- No water is to run from unattended hoses at any time
- Care must be taken to prevent excessive water from running in to the street
- Absolutely no engine cleaning is allowed in the housing areas

Dates to Remember

March 7
Community Town Hall

March 12
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13-17
Installation Spring Clean-Up

March 17
St. Patrick’s Day

March 18-26
SVUSD Spring Break

April 16
Easter Sunday

April 22
Earth Day & Neighborhood Beautification Winners Pizza & Pool Party

The Villages at Fort Irwin housing is open to all active duty, retirees, DOD civilians, contractors & subcontractors. If you know anybody that may be interested in living on Fort Irwin, they may contact the Housing Management Office at 760-386-4663
**Installation Clean-Up and Neighborhood Earth Day Challenge**

The Installation clean-up is from March 13th through March 17th. We would like to encourage all our residents to get out, clean-up, and make a difference.

The Villages at Fort Irwin will provide trash bags, rubber gloves, and designated pick-up areas for trash. Stop by self-help at the maintenance office (3559 Goldstone) to get these items to assist you in helping to keep our installation clean.

In celebration of Earth Day 2017, The Villages at Fort Irwin will be hosting a neighborhood clean-up and beautification challenge. Starting March 11th and running through April 17th, free plants and flowers will be available at self-help for our residents to encourage beautification of their yards. The PX will offer a 25% discount on all lawn and garden items, and Home Depot offers a 10% discount to all active duty and retired military. This is your chance to come together with your neighbors, challenge other neighborhoods, and show how much the earth means to you.

There will be a children’s Earth Day event on Saturday, April 8th, on the grassy area outside the Sandy Basin Community Center. We will provide pots to decorate and flowers to plant, that the kids can take home to promote Earth Day awareness and encourage pride in their homes and yards.

The winning neighborhood will be announced on April 17th, and those participating in the competition will be honored at a Pizza and Pool Party at the Sandy Basin community pool on Earth Day, Saturday the 22nd of April. There will be food, games, swimming, and giveaways to applaud your time and efforts in helping to make Fort Irwin a beautiful place to call home.

** Special thanks to AAFES, Wallace Commercial Landscaping, and Home Depot for providing donations and discounts in support of our community.**

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**PARENTS:** the fenced-in construction yard on the corner of Barstow and Normandy is private property and off limits to all unauthorized persons. Please instruct your children that it is very dangerous to enter and play in there, no matter how appealing those dirt piles are.
Did you know...

- Recycling is a $200 billion industry in the U.S.
- Recycling generates 7-10 more jobs than landfills and waste-to-energy plants.
- According to a recent EPA study, the U.S. recycles less than 22% of its discarded materials.
- Despite only representing 5% of the world population, the U.S. generates more waste than any other country in the world.
- The U.S. recycling levels have improved little in 20 years, despite the billions of dollars spent on recycling awareness and education.
- In less than 10 years, worldwide waste is expected to double.

Did you know...

- Recycling one ton of plastic bottles saves the equivalent energy usage of a two-person household.
- Recycling a single aluminum can saves enough energy to power a TV for 3 hours, and the average person has the opportunity to recycle more than 25,000 cans in a lifetime.
- Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree.
- Americans throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every year.
- Almost half of the food in the U.S. goes to waste – approximately 3,000 pounds per second. Food scraps make up almost 12% of U.S. municipal solid waste.

If you can’t get away from the house or office, the monthly Community Town Hall and Facebook Round-up are now being broadcast live on Facebook. You can catch the Facebook Round-up broadcast every Wednesday at 2:30pm on 88.5FM KNTC.

Important!

Please update The Villages at Fort Irwin housing office with any changes or additional phone numbers, email addresses, rank changes, family members and pets.

It’s very important that we have your current information for any critical announcements that may affect you and your family, or in the event of an emergency.

Thank you!
ATTENTION
Smoking is **not** permitted in any indoor area, including residences, at any time.

If smoke damage is found in the Resident’s home, they will be charged for costly repairs of smoke discoloration and odor damages, including but not limited to: extensive cleaning; priming and repainting of walls and ceilings; replacing mini blinds, light fixtures and flooring; duct cleaning; and cabinet refinishing.

There is an increased risk of fire and insurance costs associated with smoking.

Violation of this policy constitutes material breach of your lease agreement, and grounds for immediate termination of your tenancy.

Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter?
Do you have any positive information that would benefit your neighbors at Ft Irwin?
Maybe some inspiring pictures of your community?
Or even a feel-good story?
Please send your ideas or information to sloucks@themichaelsorg.com and we’ll do our best to share with everyone.

Remember to join us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/thevilagesatfortirwin/

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**SOME INFORMATION ABOUT UTILITIES…**

Totals for December & January:

- $729,752 = Total Utility Bills MMS Paid
- $70,090 = Total Billed to Residents
- $35,413 = Total Refunded to Residents
  *(Includes electric, gas, water, sewer)*