# April 2021

## LITTLE ROCK INSIGHTS





## **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 military members

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serving at home and overseas. Since 9/11, over 2 million children have had a parent deployed overseas, and some 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 fi-tting 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

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#### Preparing for April Showers

We have all heard the saying, April showers bring May flowers, and the May flowers are beautiful. But, April showers also bring along thunderstorms, hail and tornadoes. The best way to protect yourself and your family in any emergency situation is to be prepared. Make a plan, go over your emergency plan with your family and stay where

you are. It is more dangerous to be out of your home in severe weather. In the event of severe storms and tornado activity, sheltering in place is the safest thing you can do. Some thing to remember in severe weather: Have a first aid Kit, Charge your cell phone, Wear good shoes, not flip-flops, Know where leashes are for your pets, Have extra batteries on hand and keep calm. We want everyone to have a great spring and be safe and happy here at Little Rock Family Housing.



### Dog Park History

The park is named for a fallen 19th Security Forces Military Working Dog, Uran, a veteran of 5 deployments in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Uran passed during a training accident in March 2010. Uran's search effort yielded four explosive finds along Baghdad roadways in Spring 2003 while aiding US Army infantry unit.

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# Employee Spotlight Meet our April Employee Spotlight, Ashley Fairchild

Fun Fact about Ashely:

She has traveled extensively though out the world.

What do you love most about your job so far?

" I like learning about the different aspects of the military community.

### Neighborhood Manager Ridgecrest



We are so excited to have Ashely as part of our team! If you speak with her feel free to Welcome her to Little Rock Family Housing.

## Meet Our Office Team

Julie Wickersham-Community Director

Ronni Marshall-Community Manager

Whitnee Nicholson-Community Manager

Thomas Ruhter-Quality Assurance and Quality Control Specialist

Shelli Rose– Lakeview and Upper Meadows Neighborhood/Marketing Manager

Kendra Lytch- Lower Meadows Neighborhood Manager

Ashley Fairchild -Ridgecrest Neighborhood Manager

Dan Guterize- Leasing Specialist

Gabi Stark Leasing Specialist

Nicole Laurain- Leasing Specialist

#### Spring Has Sprung

Its's time to start spring cleaning if you haven't already!

Let's not forget the yards. Please:

- -Poop and Scoop, mow and mulch the leaves for your fenced in back yards.
- -Pick up the trash that has blown in on the wings of the wind.

-De-Clutter carport.



### We are entering the season again for sunshine.

Coming up is the season for fishing sitting on the deck back porch patio or under the carport, chatting with the neighbors and just enjoying life. If you are new here, yyour will be in for a treat- but might need to know just a couple of things that may be specific to our area. The veteran residents already know about the smoky browns, the moving clay and the ubiquitous loop lines. We will go over a quick refresher.

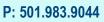
Smokey browns are also called water bugs. As clean as we all are as grease free as our stoves are, as meticulous as we are at closing the dog food bags and using freezer bags for left overs, chances are you will see a water bug during your stay here. Truth, is you have much more control than us just by keeping the house and area around the home clean, neat and uncluttered. We have our share of insects, but we have a great pest control service here that can help with the control.

A lot of the land here is clay or dirty with lots of clay in it. As the ground gets saturated and/or dries out, we get lots of movement in foundations and frames of houses. That means you will likely see small cracks in the drywall of the homes. This doesn't mean your house is going to fall down or that you need to water more often, its's just a natural state thing.

#### Loop Lines

A lot of our homes here are geo-thermal units. That really means they are heat pumps that use water-filled lines, going down into wells to heat or cool the homes. The units we have here are absolute work horses; but, again, you can have a huge influence on how well they work. Change out the HVAC filter once a month. We have filters you can call in a work order for and once of our maintenance techs will be happy to drop one off to your front door. Keep your thermostats turned to 68 to72 degrees. The geo-thermal units have to be able to cycle on and off to work properly and cannot do that if thermostats are set at 55 for cooling or 85 for heating.

You are in for a treat being in Arkansas now that you know a couple of ticks that may make your stay a bit more enjoyable. Our maintenance staff is the absolute best around so please give us a call if we can do anything to help.



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