

# Village Forum

Naval Station Great Lakes  
Housing Newsletter June/August 2004

June/July 2004  
Yard of the Month Winners



*Forrestal Village - Congratulations to BMI Teresa Huynh, son Christopher, and daughter Kristina, as they receive their Yard of the Month certificate from Mr. E. E. Barnes, Family Housing Department Director. The Huynh's who reside in Forrestal Village family housing area, were one of our June winners in the 2004 Yard of the Month Competitions.*

**D**uring the months of June and July 2004, Yard of the Month awards were presented. Mr. E. E. Barnes, Director, Family Housing Department, presented families with a certificate of appreciation, MWR gift certificates, letter of appreciation, and parking pass at Burkey Mall. These are the first two Yard of the

Month presentations conducted so far this year. Even if you were not a winner for June and July, we appreciate the time you took to make your yard great and you have another chance in August. Congratulations to all of our residents for their extra efforts in making Great Lakes a super place to live.

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# Family Housing News and Information

Visit our website at: [www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/housing/index.htm](http://www.nsgreatlakes.navy.mil/housing/index.htm)

**W**e here at your Family Housing Department are looking forward to providing you with the assistance needed to make your stay in 2004 as comfortable as possible. Upon your check-in at the Great Lakes Family Housing Department, you were given a Family Housing Handbook. Please take the time to read this handbook carefully, as it contains pertinent information of which all residents are expected to comply. You may find that many of your questions concerning family housing are answered in the handbook.

**It is our goal to make your stay in family housing an enjoyable one.**

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding your stay in family housing, please refer to the phone directory on page 2 of this newsletter and use it to contact your area manager. The Family Housing Department staff are ready to provide you with the assistance needed to make your stay a comfortable and happy one.

## Tornado Preparedness

It's that time of year again. Please familiarize yourself with the procedures for tornado warnings. The NAVSTA Command Duty officer directs activation of the tornado warning system. This is in response to an alert within the area that conditions are favorable and/or there is a sighting of a tornado. The siren and loud speaker are mounted by the NAVSTA Main

Gate, Building 130. Residents of the mobile home park within Forrestal Village are to evacuate immediately to the Forrestal School, off Meridian Drive, on East Washington Avenue. If the school is closed, Great Lakes police or Fire Department officials will open the school. Building 3200, located in north Forrestal Village, between Great Lakes and Mississippi Avenue, also may be utilized for cover. (This building is manned 24 hours a day.) Residents in brick or concrete structures are to take shelter in basements or internal parts (closets/hallways of their home, away from windows). Get under a sturdy table and protect your head if no other recourse is available. If residents are concerned, they too may proceed to the Forrestal Village School. Residents are advised not to travel if they see a tornado. Their paths are erratic and move swiftly. Battery operated flashlights and portable radios are essential implements for any household. Residents can tune into WBBM AM 780 or WXLC FM 102.3 for up to the minute approaching storm information.

## Closure of Forrestal Village Mobile Home Park

Reminder: The mobile home park closes 30 April 2005. All mobile homes currently located in the park must be removed not later than the above date. Please contact Ms. Pam Syens, Director, Facilities Management Division, Family Housing Department, for any

additional information. Ms. Syens can be reached at 688-3440, extension 112.

## Family Housing Intra-Station Moves

Effective immediately, according to Commander, Navy Installations (CNI) guidance, relocation moves within the Continental United States (CONUS) from local economy off-base civilian housing into military family housing, will no longer be funded at government expense.

## Family Housing Waiting List Changes

Effective 1 October 2004, military personnel and their families applying for assignment to military family housing will be afforded only one declination (turndown), based upon the availability and offer of government quarters. If the first offer of government housing is declined, applicants will be permanently removed from the waiting list. This new CNI guidance will also be applicable to applicants currently on family housing waiting lists as well.

**Have a safe and happy summer!**



# Housing Units “East” of Great Lakes Drive *SUMMER IS HERE*

By Toni Greis  
Housing Manager

## *Summer is Here!!*

**T**hat means getting ready for the outdoor season ahead. There are so many things to do this time of the year if you want a nice looking yard through fall.

We all need to be on the look out for ways to help our community look great. A good raking of the yard, lawn mowing and trimming, weeding out flower beds and garden areas will give you a head start on the “Yard of the Month” Program. Please get outside with your family and show our Navy family spirit. Make the Great Lakes community shine!

## **Grounds Maintenance**

All occupants shall ensure that lawns are kept to a uniform height of 3 inches; 4 inches during extremely dry periods. The upkeep and fertilizing of lawns, flowers and plantings in the vicinity of assigned quarters is the responsibility of the occupant. Grounds will be inspected regularly by a representative of the Family Housing Department. Adequate arrangements must be made for acceptable lawn care during periods of extended absence. A name and phone number of person responsible for grounds in your absence must be provided to the Family Housing Department prior to leaving the area. Shrubs within the lawn area

are to be trimmed and cut away from the house. All shrubs are the property of the government and should not be destroyed or dug up. Please contact the Family Housing Department prior to removal of any plantings around your quarters.

Lawns and shrubs are to be watered, as required. Flowers and/or vegetables may be planted in beds around patios, area fences, garages, carports and around trees; however, lawn and/or seeded areas are not to be made into flower beds or vegetable gardens without prior written request and approval from the Family Housing Department. Vegetable gardens must be located in the rear of the unit. Unsightly plantings (seeded, dead, oversized, for example) should be removed. No lattice work, supporting wire, string, etc. is to be attached to any portion of the house for training any plants or vines. Illegal plants, such as marijuana or those known to be poisonous or present safety hazards (sharp cactus, yucca, castor bean, Japanese yews, oleander and similar plants) are not permitted.

Improving the appearance of the yard by adding plants and shrubs is encouraged; however, trees are not to be planted in lawn areas without prior written request and approval from the Family Housing Department. This stipulation is made in an effort to avoid damage to underground wiring, to retain continuity of landscape planning in new areas, and assure that planting

of less desirable (high maintenance type) trees is avoided. It is each occupant’s responsibility to ensure that pets and children (your own or others) do not damage lawns. Occupants are within their rights to request that other pet owners not allow their pets to use their lawn as a bathroom and that children do not make a playground or ball park out of their lawn, or use it as a shortcut to other areas.

## **Child Safety**

Please caution children about the dangers of playing in and around construction areas. This is for the safety of your children and to avoid possible lawsuits by private contractors for vandalism. Small children should never be left alone in the streets to wander off on their own.

## **House Guests**

Summer is a great time for families and friends to get together to share and enjoy time together. It is important to remember that our Family Housing Handbook is very clear on the 3 weeks maximum stay for house guests. The service member is responsible for submitting a written request, via their chain of command, requesting permission for any guest staying longer than the 3 weeks. We have received complaints and concerns regarding unauthorized guests in military family housing, so your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Housing Units “West” Of Great Lakes Dr., Including Mobile Home Park, Brick Row, Mainside, Hospital Cove, Nimitz and Halsey Villages

*By Ned Schmidkonz  
Housing Manager*

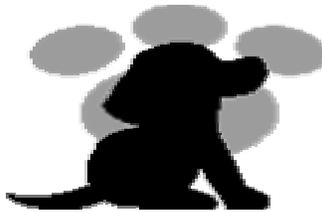
Hello and good day to all residents of Nimitz, Halsey, Mainside and the Forrestal Village areas west of Great Lakes Drive. My name is Ned Schmidkonz and I am your family housing area manager. I, along with my area managers, are here to help make your stay in family housing as comfortable and worry free as possible.



### Lawn Care

Lawn care is always a top priority to keep our areas looking their best. Grass cutting, hedge trimming, edging, and general grounds maintenance should be

done regularly. The Yard of the Month Program has begun and all residents are encouraged to compete either as individual quarters or as group projects with their neighbors. There are many rewards for participating in this program. The most significant being the pride gained from helping to make your housing area a model for others to follow!!



### Pet Care

Pet care is another area that needs renewed attention during the warmer weather season. Please make sure your dogs and cats are registered with the appropriate identification. Also, make sure that you have all pet medical records updated with the base veterinary staff. Consult your Family Housing Handbook in regards to the specific rules governing pets while residing in family housing.

### Do You Know Who Your Area Manager Is?

Get to know your area manager. If you have a question or concern please contact them. Customer service is our number one priority and we want to make sure you are a satisfied customer.

Please call us at (847) 688-3440 for any housing related questions that you may have.



### Recreation Vehicles

Recreation vehicles such as boats, campers, jet skis, etc; are a common part of summer fun. All residents should remember that these vehicles are not to be stored in the housing villages. The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department has vehicle storage spaces where these vehicles are required to be stored. Contact the MWR office at 688-2110 to check on the availability of storage space to secure any recreational vehicles. If you have any questions as to what may need to be stored in the storage space, please contact your housing area manager.

## Fort Sheridan and Glenview News

### By Bob Caselli

Fort Sheridan/Glenview Area  
Housing Manager

### Play Areas

Summer time is here and kids spend more time playing outdoors. Please remind your children not to play in or around the streets or parking areas. The military member is responsible for the actions of his/her dependents. This includes any damage to government or personal property. Let them have fun, but play safely.

### Yard Sales

Residents do not need special permission to hold a yard sale. However, please DO NOT tack yard signs on trees or utility poles causing damage to these areas. Residents are responsible to remove all signs after the sale is over.

### Wading Pools

Wading pools 18" deep or less and 6' in diameter are permitted in the housing area. Empty the water as soon as you are through using it for the day. Never leave the pool unattended with water in it where small children may fall in and drown. In addition, a pool full of water is an ideal breeding

place for mosquitoes and bacteria. After emptying your pool, lean it vertically against the side of your house or shed or store it in your garage.

### Bicycle Helmets

As required by The Great Lakes, Naval Station instruction, all bicyclists must wear a bicycle helmet when riding onboard Fort Sheridan and Glenview property.

### Curfew

Juvenile curfew applies to anyone 17 years old and under. The following times are Illinois state law and will be enforced: 10:30 p.m. weekday evenings and 11:30 p.m. on weekends.

### Pets

Owning a pet is a privilege extended to residents of military family housing. Sponsors are responsible for having total control of their pets at all times. Dogs must be on a leash and accompanied by a responsible family member. Dogs should not be tied or staked outside unattended. Pet waste must be cleaned up as it occurs. Protect the health and welfare of our children; when you walk your pet, please keep them out of the playground areas. When walking your dog(s), please have a bag with you to clean up any pet waste.

## Family Housing Dumpsters relocated near DRMO

The four dumpsters that are located on Mississippi Street near the Defense Reutilization/Marketing Office (DRMO) are for family housing residents. A valid ID will be required to obtain access to this area.

### Glenview

Dumpsters are located on the West side of the family housing building.

Regular scheduled trash pick up for Great Lakes family housing residents is every Friday. Glenview and Fort. Sheridan trash pick-up dates are every Wednesday. Residents are reminded to place their trash curbside between 0530-0600 on the day of pick-up. Family housing residents should only use the dumpsters on days other than their regular scheduled trash pick-up date.





**June 2004  
Yard of the Month  
Contest Winners**



**Nimitz Village**

HM1 Lyle A. Murphy, wife Lori, with daughter Sara, and son Sean smile as they receive their award.



**Halsey Village**

MMC John E. Kisslan's wife Jenny has done a great job!



**Fort Sheridan**

The front yard of DTCS Ronald Edwards and family, "nice job guys."



**Forrestal Village**

HT1 Scott K. Whitman's wife Elisabeth makes a house a happy home for kids Kristen, Katie and Matthew.



**Glenview**

HM2 John Harkness and son Conner add the Midas touch to their yard.



**Great Lakes Mobile Home Park**

Mr. Barnes quotes "awesome job" for Yard of the Month to ENC Jeffrey L. Schmidt's wife Bonnie and kids Rachael, Tim and Rebecca.



**Forrestal Village**

Job well done AT2 Jason J. Harry, wife Kim and daughter Autumn.



**Forrestal Village**

Congratulations! SW1 James A. Jones you and your family have done an outstanding job..



**Glenview**

Bob Caselli presenting SM1 John Yates, daughters Rebecca and Samantha with their Yard of the Month certificate.



**Glenview**

The front yard of GMC Roy Osborne and family.



**Mainside**

Red, white and blue, we salute you. Great job on your yard MAJ Steven C. Wieggers and family.



**Forrestal Village**

ET2 Scott W. Senecal and wife Berthina have done an excellent job in their yard. Thanks for all your hard work.



**July 2004 Yard of the Month Contest Winners**



**Fort Sheridan (Westover Road)**

A house is definitely a home on Westover. Great job to ENC Charles D. Griffith Jr. , wife Lori, and son Zackary.



**Nimitz Village**

OS1 Aaron Lee and family did a great job putting their decorations together.



**Halsey Village**

What a beautiful flower décor MAJ Curt Steinagel and wife Chun .



**Halsey Village**

Nice job! GSE2 Gregory Barkemeyer, wife Megan, son Justin and daughter Alana.



**Forrestal Village**

We appreciate all your hard work GSM2 Robert Walker and wife Fantasy.



**Forrestal Village**

MSG Aldrich and wife Carolyn's yard makes for a tranquil place of which to sit and relax.



**Forrestal Village**

Congratulations to FC1 Gary Kelly and wife May for doing such a wonderful job of beautifying their yard.



**Forrestal Village**

HM2 Mark Marquez, wife Patricia, and sons Brian, Thomas and David. Nice Job!



**Forrestal Village**

HM2 Dimetrius Carter and wife worked hard to make this single home look spectacular.



**Forrestal Village**

Pride is definitely on display in the yard of DTCS Leon Vorters and his wife Malee Jam Jure. The work of enhancing their yard is Outstanding!



**Mainside**

CDR Mark E. Snider and his wife Debbie's florally decorated yard is truly exquisite!

**GREAT LAKES POLICE DEPARTMENT**



**CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION**

**Operation Education Fraud Prevention**

Ever wonder what information is most needed by the police when calling to report a crime or suspected criminal activity? Remember the following:

**DO NOT MOVE OR CHANGE ANYTHING AT THE CRIME SCENE!**

1. Do you know the person involved? Name, address, nickname etc...
2. Provide a complete description of suspect or suspects involved.
3. Sex and race of the suspect.

4. Height, weight, and approximate age of the suspect.
5. Length and color of suspects hair.
6. Color of eyes.
7. Clothing worn by suspect.
8. Any unusual marks, scars, tattoos, jewelry, etc.
9. License plate number, make and model of vehicle. Color and direction of travel.
10. **WAS A WEAPON IMPLIED OR DISPLAYED!**

Citizens should practice developing their observation skills so that in the event of witnessing criminal activity, a timely identification and apprehension of the suspect can be accomplished. Here is a fun way to develop your observation skills that can be done at home and made into a family activity.

While watching television (especially police shows) pretend to be a witness to a particular scene. While watching a "previously agreed upon" television show, any family member can challenge any other family member to provide a complete description of any suspect.

The challenged member must leave

the room or close their eyes, whoever provides the most accurate suspect description wins. Give this a try and you will soon find your powers of observation increasing exponentially. For further information, please contact Sergeant Bruce Adams of the Great Lakes Police Department Crime Prevention Office at (847) 688-3440, extension 118.

*"In God we trust, all others we investigate"*

**Buyer Beware**

Never give out a credit card number P.I.N. or social security number to anyone who calls you on the telephone. If you call a reputable merchant to purchase items by phone or Internet, keep a written record of what you ordered and how you paid. You CANNOT be required to pay a fee for a prize you have won in a contest. If the caller tells you this, tell the caller he or she is breaking the law and hang up. Beware of people with stock tips, sure thing investment opportunities and similar "secret" ways to make you rich. The only person getting rich is the crook.

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