

# Iroquois Village

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## Contact Us!

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## Facebook

Iroquois Fort Carson is the name of our page and we would love to have you become our friend! We share tons of the events going on around post through various organizations.

## Babysitting & Dog Walking List

If you have children/teens that would like to get on either list let me know. We currently have a list so if you need a babysitter for date night or that holiday party or a dog sitter or walker for an out of town trip let me know and I will get you the info!

## Village Beautification

Have you noticed a street lamp that is out or perhaps a sidewalk that might need some work? Let us know your concerns. You are the eyes and ears of this village, so let us know so we can make Iroquois look its best!

First off, we hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season, vacation, etc. with their families! A part of our job as a Mayor & Deputy Mayor is to attend monthly meetings with all of the liaisons for the different organizations on post: AAFES, DECA, Department of Public Works, Balfour Beatty Housing, Evans Army Community Hospital, The Red Cross, USO, Vet Clinic, and many more. It gives them a chance to put out information to us that you might only hear about through your unit, a friend, or maybe not until the event is over at all, and gives us the chance to voice concerns, put in the voice of our neighbors, and help create solutions to objectives that present themselves. Here are after of the things that were put out for January:

- 1) You can pick up driveway salt at Self-Help for free! Housing provides this so that we can keep our driveways clear. Apparently it's a delightful pink color this year ☺. If your spouse is deployed, you can get on the list to have your driveway shoveled as well. Just contact housing and get them a copy of the orders.
- 2) If you purchased a live tree this year, you can drop them off at the Recycling Center located at the PX from December 31<sup>st</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup>. They will also have extra space and bins for cardboard, so all those present boxes can be disposed of without having to go to the landfill. There is another drop off for live trees located at 6271 Mekong. Also, if your spouse is deployed and you would like to have your tree taken off for you, just contact housing and provide them with a copy of their orders.
- 3) From December 28<sup>th</sup> until January 4<sup>th</sup> you can get 10cents off of every gas purchase through AAFES with the use of your STAR card. Speaking of AAFES Expresses here on post – if you have recently moved here and have been having problems with the pumps not accepting your new zip code, AAFES has discovered that most companies just change the address for your entire account, but not on your individual cards. Sometimes this can cause problems which can lead to the card becoming locked temporarily. To save the hassle, make sure when talking to your card company that you specify to have them change the address on all accounts and cards.
- 4) The Red Cross here on post will be offering Medical Assistant Training at EACH. Just see the volunteer office in the hospital for requirements and an application.

- Jennifer Grimes and Leslie Kelley



Congratulations to WO2 and Mrs. David Gesinger of 6806 B Sasser Drive! Your happy holiday themed yard was selected for Yard of the Month for December! Get ready for YOM for January and February! Remember that decorations must be down 14 days after the holiday – if they are holiday specific. We look forward to the creative decorations

## Spring Cleaning

With the holiday rush finally over, some people are now setting their sights on getting things ready for spring. Perhaps it's a thorough cleaning of everyone's closets or maybe you are someone who likes to start the New Year off with a comprehensive cleaning of every room in your house. If you are the first then we applaud you and you can find some great organizations to donate to where your goods actually get to those in need.

If you are the second then you get on with your bad and organized self! Our Deputy Mayor, Leslie, has been working with natural cleaning remedies for a long time and we thought we would share some of the basics of baking soda. Baking soda has 3 major things going for it as a cleaner: it's non-toxic, it's multi-purpose, and best of all...IT'S CHEAP! A small bowl or an open box in the fridge or freezer or even a sprinkle in the bottom of the trash pail will keep away unpleasant odors. It can be used to clean the counters, put out a grease fire, and take burnt food off of bottom of pots and pans. Did you know that it can even be used to remove scuff marks from floors; just sprinkle with baking soda, and wipe up with a warm damp cloth. This even works on no-wax floors.

Baking soda is not limited to just the kitchen. In the bathroom, use 3 parts baking soda to 1 part water to create a paste that will remove stubborn stains from most surfaces. Pour  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup down the drain weekly and rinse with hot water to prevent clogging. For the carpet in the house: sprinkle with baking soda, let stand for at least fifteen minutes, then vacuum. Repeat as needed to keep unpleasant smells away. Even children's toys can be cleaned using  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup baking soda in 1 quart warm water. Submerge in this mixture (or wipe with a cloth dampened in it), then rinse with clear water. For the laundry, did you know that baking soda increases the effectiveness of chlorine bleach. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup to your laundry, along with the usual amount of bleach. To remove burnt food from the grill, sprinkle with baking soda, then soak. After several hours, the charred pieces will come loose easily.

If you really get into using baking soda for cleaning, consider buying it in bulk; see if you can join a co-op, or if your bulk store can order it for you. After all, it doesn't spoil, and the uses for baking soda are nearly endless! For all of the possibilities on cleaning with baking soda, contact us for the entire list.

## Great Happenings!

**4 January** is the Wine & Whiskey Tasting at the Ivy Irish Pub from 4 – 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person and it will include hors d'oeuvres and delicious local wines and whiskeys to sample. Call (719) 576-6646 for more information.

**6 January** at 1:00 p.m. head out to The Foxhole for Real Warriors NFL Game Day. Come out to watch the game with former NFL players and discuss the challenges faced during the reintegration process.

**12 January** is your chance to go Cross Country Skiing. The cost is \$40 with ski rental and \$35 without ski rental and the event is from 7 – 4 pm. Instruction and transportation will be provided. Head over to the Fort Carson MWR page for more information.

**15 January** is Spring Kickoff 2013 for PWOC at 9:30 a.m. Come out to make new friends, enjoy some fellowship, and discover the classes offered for 2013. Free Childcare is offered onsite for *ALL* age groups!

**30 January** from 9:00 – 3:00 p.m. is Destination Fort Carson at the Special Event Center. Come out to learn all you can about living in the Pikes Peak region and enter for the chance to win some great prizes!

*There are a ton of things going on this month so to keep up with all that's going on check out our Facebook Page for more events!*

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