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Fort George G. Meade Community Council

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***Our mission is to provide the required infrastructure,
a safe and secure community, and a quality of life that enables
Fort Meade to be the Center of Excellence
in Information, Intelligence and Cyber.***

We are the Army's Home



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Upcoming events

- **Dec. 3:** VA Clinic opening on post *Working on getting hours
- **Dec. 4:** New USO center soft opening
- **Dec. 5:** Installation Army/Navy football game *Free Tailgate
- **Dec. 6:** U.S. Army Field Band holiday concert
- **Dec. 7:** Tree lighting ceremony
- **Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve at The Lanes
- **Jan. 10:** Martin Luther King, Jr. luncheon
- **Jan. 15:** USO center ribbon cutting
- **Jan. 22:** Tax center ribbon cutting
- **Jan. 31:** Community Council meeting
- **Feb. 14:** Black History Month Observance
- **Feb. 20:** National Prayer Luncheon
- **Feb. 21:** Facebook town hall



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Issues from the last Community Council meeting

Issue	Response/Plan	Status
Is there a way to let incoming personnel know about opportunities here such as the AACPS STEM program through other school liaisons?	The garrison commander has approved the distribution of an “organizer” for each AACPS school – starting with the seven on-post schools – to share resources and references with school personnel about military life and culture. Completion is expected next month.	Open
The street lights on Cooper Avenue before Rockenbach Avenue are not working.	The lights are working.	Closed
Building T4 has an issue when it rains; the building leaks. There may be a problem with mold under the carpet.	Additional repairs are on hold pending a decision whether to fund the work. Command group is looking to offer space that will soon be vacated by garrison organizations to private organizations.	Open



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<p>Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center pharmacy does not accept outside prescriptions.</p>	<p>The pharmacy accepts "hard copy" prescriptions (i.e. patient must physically present it to the pharmacy) for all JOA/NCR formulary medications. It does not accept fax or scans, call-in, or e-Scribe. For the list of medications, visit http://ow.ly/fDXnt.</p>	<p>Closed</p>
<p>There are safety concerns about crosswalks in Potomac Place on Cooper Avenue near the running trail.</p>	<p>A project to install crosswalks has been funded. Work is expected to begin by this spring.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>The turning radius at the intersection of Reece Road and Ernie Pyle Street needs to be increased.</p>	<p>A digging permit was received and processed Nov. 20.</p>	<p>Open</p>



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

Army Community Service

- Army Family Action Plan Steering Committee
- ACS needs assessment
 - <http://ow.ly/fGAG5>
- Military Saves Campaign



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

- **Club Meade renovations**
 - Jan. 7 to April 6
 - 301-677-6969
- **The Conference Center**
 - Daily lunch service will begin Jan. 7
 - 301-677-4333
- **New Year's Eve Party at The Lanes**
 - Family party: 5 to 8 p.m.
 - Adult party: 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.
 - 301-677-5541

Visit ftmeademwr.com for more information.



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

- **Enlisted Spouses Club
Holiday Children's
Party**
 - Sat., Dec. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the CYSS Youth Center, 909 Ernie Pyle St.
 - No pre-registration required
 - Santa will visit and fun for all





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- **Brunch with Santa**
 - Sat., Dec. 15 at Club Meade
 - Two seatings
 - 10:30 a.m. to noon
 - 1 to 2:30 p.m.
 - Tickets are only available at the Youth Center on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Advanced ticket prices
 - 3 years old and younger: Free
 - 4 to 11 years old: \$8
 - 12 years old and older: \$15
 - Parents are encouraged to bring cameras.



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

- **Parents' Night Out**
 - Friday, Dec. 21 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at CDC I, 4725 Ruffner Road
 - \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child
 - Limited spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis for children six weeks to 12 years old.
 - Register by Dec. 14 through Parent Central Services at 301-677-1149, 301-677-1156 or 301-677-1104.



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

- **Army/Navy Game**
 - Dec. 5 (rain or shine) from 3 to 6 p.m. at Mullins Field
 - Tailgate party sponsored by West County Chamber of Commerce, Military Affairs
 - Tailgate party at 3 p.m.
 - Game at 4 p.m.
 - Event is free and open to the public.



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Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation

- **U.S. Army Field Band Holiday Concert**
 - Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Meade High School auditorium
 - Event is free and open to the public.
 - To reserve your seat and print your ticket, visit armyfieldband.com.
 - For more information, call 301-677-7785 or 301-677-3981.



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Religious Support Office

Tree lighting

- Friday, Dec. 7, 5 p.m.
at McGlachlin Parade
Field near the gazebo
- Holiday music
- Visit with Santa
- Festive refreshments
- For more information,
call 301-677-6703.





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Directorate of Emergency Services

Winter and holiday safety

- **Heater safety**
 - Remove objects on or near heaters
 - Turn off portable heaters when you leave the room or before you fall asleep
 - Keep the fireplace door or screen shut to protect your home from sparks
 - Have your chimney inspected and serviced before each heating season
 - Change the batteries in your smoke detectors



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Directorate of Emergency Services

Winter and holiday safety

- Put candles in candlesticks before lighting them
- Don't use lit candles near flammable decorations and curtains
- Never leave candles unattended or within the reach of young children
- Provide guests with large ashtrays and empty them when the ashes are cool
- Remind guests that smoking in bed is not allowed
- Remove tree and dispose of it properly following your celebration



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Directorate of Emergency Services

Holiday crime prevention

- Leaving home for the holidays (extra patrol)
- U.S. Mail and packages (verifying delivery)
- Shopping safety (shop with a friend)
- Identity theft (keep your receipts)
- Social media (any information is valuable to a thief)
- Vehicle preparation (always have emergency equipment)



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Directorate of Public Works

- HVAC upgrades
- Nathan Hale Hall
- Soldier and Family Assistance Center parking
- Club Meade renovations
- Roofing projects
- Reece/Ernie Pyle intersection improvements



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Residential Communities Initiative/ Picerne Military Housing

- December in the City
- Holiday decorating contest
- Preventative maintenance
- Fall clean-up and landscaping
- Recycling bins
 - Residents that desire another bin or larger bin should contact their neighborhood office
- Speed humps
- Referral program – Pick your neighbor!



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AAFES

- Abatement will start Dec. 3.
- 540 days for building construction
- 90 days for demolition and parking
- Laundry and dry cleaning moved to 392 Llewellyn Ave.
- Watch repair shop moved to the flower shop at the other end of Building 2790
- Contract for new Express at Maryland Route 32 gate should be awarded in the next two weeks





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AAFES

Special events

- Book signing: Donna Lyons, military journalist and author
 - Dec. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Dexter Manley, former Washington Redskins player
 - Dec. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m.
- Early bird special from 7 to 9 a.m. on Dec. 15 to 22 and 24
- Franco Tomassi will hold a bottle signing Dec 9 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Express to introduce several new Italian wines.

Ongoing programs

- Price matching program
- shopmyexchange.com
- Military Star Card



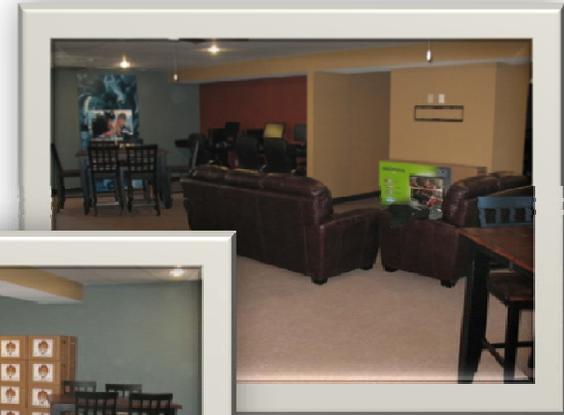
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USO-Metro

- New center, 8612 6th Armored Cavalry Road, is scheduled to open Tuesday, Dec. 4
- Formal dedication in mid-January
- Center features a snack counter, casual seating area with TV, gaming stations, computer lab, wireless Internet access, small theatre and large patio area.
- Recurring volunteers are still needed.
 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - 1 to 5 p.m.
 - 5 to 9 p.m.
 - POC: Queen Waddell, queen@usometro.org
- We will continue to offer the food pantry to those in need.





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Installation Safety Office

- Winter safety (Publicity and support)
- Holiday safety (Christmas, etc.)
- Hazard reporting
 - 301-677-2396
 - <http://www.ftmeade.army.mil/safety>



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Public Affairs Office

- **New point of contact for Community Council meeting**
 - Phil Jones, chief of Command Information
 - Philip.h.jones.civ@mail.mil or 301-677-5602
- **No Soundoff Dec. 28 or Jan. 3**



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***Garrison Commander
Col. Edward Rothstein***