

# GREETINGS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY DIRECTOR - KATHLEEN CHAPMAN

### The end of one year brings endless possibilities for the year ahead.

As a reminder we have updated our community guidelines, we invite you to please take a moment to review the updated guidelines <u>Link to PDF</u>. These updates are designed to improve our community environment and create a positive living experience for all residents.

From myself and the rest of the Cherry Point Team we wish you a happy and safe New Year.

## **COMMUNITY UPDATE**

We are excited to inform you about ongoing improvements in our community aimed at enhancing the quality of our living environment. Cherry Point Family Housing is currently working on a drainage repair project expected to commence this month

### **What to Expect**

During this process, you may see crews and equipment throughout the communities. We appreciate your understanding as we work to complete these essential repairs. The maintenance teams will strive to minimize disruption and ensure safety for all residents.

#### Why Are These Repairs Necessary?

Storm drains play a crucial role in our stormwater management system. By ensuring these drains are in good condition, we can help prevent flooding, improve drainage, and maintain a safe environment during inclement weather.

#### **Your Cooperation is Appreciated**

We kindly ask residents to be mindful of the work areas and follow any detours or signs that may be posted. Your cooperation will help ensure a smooth and efficient repair process.

# **COMMUNITY REMINDER**

### **Holiday Decorations**

In accordance with community guidelines, all Holiday lighting and decorations including any hooks and stakes in the grounds need to be removed by **January 10th**.

#### **Tree Disposal**

Green waste accumulated through the holiday, i.e., live trees or wreathes, should be placed out with your trash and recycling on your regularly scheduled collection date. Please note that live trees must be less than six (6) feet in length.





# **COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

## **MAINTENANCE TIPS**

### **Heating & Ventilation,**

If traveling during the winter months, please be sure to let your community team know and please ensure you keep your thermostat on and set no lower than 65 degrees to ensure your heat system continues to operate. Turing your system off may lead to the water pipes bursting and poor air circulation.

### Don't Forget to Change Your AC Filter

To ensure optimal performance and energy efficiency of your air conditioning system, it's crucial to regularly replace your air filter. A dirty filter can restrict airflow, leading to higher energy consumption and potentially damaging your unit.

**We recommend** changing your AC filter at least once a month. If you have pets, please change it more frequently, ideally every other week, as pet dander and hair can clog the filter quickly. **Need a new filter?** You can conveniently pick up replacement filters at our self-help location located at Slocum Village Community Center at 102 Bern St. in Havelock or the Grants Landing Community Center at 494 Wilson Dr. on base.

# **SAFETY TIPS**

### **During Winter Weather and Extreme Cold**

**Listen for the weather forecast** and develop a cold weather safety plan in advance to ensure that safety concerns are addressed when it's very cold, or when the wind chill is significant. For example, those involved in winter recreation should reduce the amount of time they spend outdoors.

**Dress Warmly**- Dress in layers with a wind resistant outer layer, gloves, and boots. Most importantly, avoid wet clothing as it will rapidly drop the body's temperature. Remember to watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia.

**Stay indoors during extreme cold.** Look out for each other and check on your friends and neighbors to ensure they are warm enough and have sufficient supplies.

In the event of snow and ice, drive only if it is necessary and walk carefully on snowy, icy, walkways.

**Bring pets inside**, to protect them from frostbite, hypothermia and other health issues.





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THIS MONTHS RECYCLE WEEKS
January 8th - 12th
January 22nd - 26th





# **COMMUNITY REMINDERS**

# **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **BAGELS & BREWS**

Date: January 9, 2025 Time: 9 - 10:30am

Location: Grants Landing Community Center

Do you have questions, ideas or have something to share? Stop by

and enjoy a bagel and coffee with your Community Director

### CHILI COOK OFF

Date: January 31, 2025 Time: 5:30 - 7:30pm

Location: Grants Landing Community Center

If you are interested in entering the competition **CLICK HERE** 

to register.





### **RESIDENT REVIEWS**

Kudos to our Teams on their 5 Star Reviews. Here is a few of our favorites

"Everyone was very professional and answered all of our questions. They were never hard to contact. Love working with them."

"Jason was awesome, he come within less than 15 mins of me requesting maintenance, very fast at the things needed alone and making sure my maintenance requests were taken care of."

# **LOCAL EVENTS**

### **PENGUIN PLUNGE**

Date: January 1, 2025

Time: 10am

Location: Atlantic Beach - Get a shockingly refreshing start to 2025 with this Annual Event for 20years. The Annual Penguin Plunge is a favorite New Years event for participants and spectators alike with an

ice-cold dip in the Atlantic Ocean

## **ART WALK**

Date: January 10 & 14 2025

Time: 5 - 8pm

Location: Downtown New Bern - Downtown Arts and Theatre. Downtown entertainment and fun for the

whole family.

If you have already contacted our local Management and Housing office team and are not satisfied with the outcome, or if you have words of praise to share, we encourage you to reach out to our senior management.

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