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## Fort Greely ACS opens doors in Sept

The Fort Greely Army Community Service will officially open its doors in September. Fort Greely ACS will be located in Bldg. 655, the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Administrative Office, across from the Fort Greely Chapel.

ACS is an aligned component of the U.S. Army with its primary and immediate mission to promote both readiness and the highest quality of life attainable for soldiers and family members. Considered as a Social Service Agency for the U.S. Army,

ACS services are diverse in supporting soldiers, their family members, retirees and Department of Defense personnel at selected installations.

“Army Community Service, Fort Greely, Alaska, is designed to promote awareness, sense of community and enriched quality of life,” said Ricardo Raphael, Fort Greely ACS director. “With so many programs provided, please take advantage of what we have to offer to make your assignment at Fort Greely a successful one. Our pro-

fessional services are just a walk or phone call away. This is your resource center.”

Here is a list of primary programs, and their services:

### Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program provides community support, housing, personnel, educational, and medical services to families with special needs. The EFMP works with other military

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Photo by Sgt. Jack W. Carlson III

### Sling load

Students in the recent Air Assault Course at Fort Richardson, Alaska, wait to hook up their sling load as a Blackhawk from the Alaska Army National Guard approaches. Ten Soldiers from the 49th Missile Defense Battalion participated in the two-week course.

## Easy way to conserve energy

by Morgan Benson

Resource Efficiency Manager

In this day of rising costs, people are looking for ways to save a few dollars. One very easy way for people to get a quick return on their dollar is to replace the incandescent light bulbs in their house with the new Compact Fluorescent light bulbs. CF bulbs save about 75 percent of the electricity over a similar incandescent bulb.

Thomas Edison invented incandescent bulbs in the 1880s and they haven't improved much since. Most of their energy goes into creating heat and not light. Light bulbs are rated by the power they consume, measured in watts (per hour of operation), rather than their light intensity, measured in foot-candles. The average consumer has now become so used to the terms 40 watt, 60 watt, 75 watt and 100 watt to refer to light bulb intensity, that it is almost impossible to not use these terms when describing light bulb intensity. Thus, this article will continue to use this most familiar although scientific-

cally incorrect term to describe common light bulbs.

Most lamps in a house are designed to use the 60-watt incandescent bulb, and as expected, a 75-watt incandescent bulb uses more electricity than a 60-watt bulb, and likewise, a 100-watt bulb uses more than a 75-watt bulb. As the power term implies, a 60-watt incandescent bulb uses 60 watts per hour to light the bulb, and so forth for each type of incandescent bulb.

CF bulbs typically use about three-fourths less electricity than its counterpart incandescent bulb. For example, a 60-watt equivalent CF bulb uses only 13 watts of power, while a 75-watt equivalent CF bulb uses only 19 watts, and a 100-watt equivalent CF bulb uses just 23 watts of power. This equates to an annual maximum potential savings of \$70, \$83.40, or \$114 per bulb for a 60-watt equivalent, 75-watt equivalent, or 100-watt equivalent CF bulb. It doesn't take much to start saving this money.

Although the CF bulb costs

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# Command Corner

## Fort Greely Garrison

# Commander addresses questions

I've had my boots on the ground for a little more than a month now and I can say I'm very impressed with the people of Fort Greely and Delta Junction.

Every where I've visited on Fort Greely I've met motivated, enthusiastic and hard-working people. When I've traveled off the installation, I've run in to some very friendly people.

I've attended numerous meetings in the local community and the comments I have received about Fort Greely have been overwhelmingly positive.

However, there are a few recurring questions that I would like to address here.

**Q: What is the projected growth of personnel at Fort Greely over the next several years?**

A: There are currently about 1,400 Soldiers, Department of Defense Civilians, Contractors and Family Members at Fort Greely.

I don't see these numbers increasing significantly or declining over the next several years. I can tell you that we have an enduring mission here ... Fort Greely will be

alive and well for many years to come.

**Q: Why is Fort Greely a closed post? Access was easier in the past.**

A: Access to Army installations throughout the world changed dramatically after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Access to Fort Greely is restricted due to the heightened security measures implemented after 9/11 and, of course, due to our primary missile defense mission. We do allow Delta Junction residents to attend open post events and I'm looking at various ways they can come on post to participate in more activities within security guidelines.

**Q: What is the policy concerning use of the commissary at Fort Greely?**

A: The Commissary is primarily for active and retired military members and their families. Because of our remote, isolated location, Department of Army civilians are also allowed to use the commissary.

Generally, contractors are not allowed to use the commissary with a few exceptions, such as temporary duty



Lt. Col. Chris Chronis  
Installation Commander

status for short periods of time, or if they are retired military, Guard or Reserve members.

**Q: What is the policy concerning use of the PX at Fort Greely?**

A: The PX is primarily for active, retired military members and their families.

Per Army policy, U.S. Government Civilian Employees on Fort Greely can use the PX but are not allowed to purchase tobacco or alcohol. Contractors residing on Fort Greely in a short duration temporary duty status are also allowed use of the PX.

The Army Air Force Exchange Service policy states that employees check ID

cards to ensure people utilizing the PX are eligible.

**Q: What is the latest status of Fort Greely using the city landfill?**

A: The city and Fort Greely negotiated for the post to utilize the city landfill but after numbers were crunched on both sides it ended up not being financially prudent.

The bottom line is it would not have been good stewardship of taxpayer's money. However, we remain open to the idea as long as it could be made a fiscally-viable option.

**Q: Can the public use facilities at Fort Greely such as the swimming pool, gym, movie theater or indoor playground?**

A: We are looking at various ways to involve the Delta Junction community in more events and activities at Fort Greely. We have some restrictions due to security policies but I'm working hard to see if we can open more events and activities to the general public.

**Q: What are the latest Quality of Life initiatives in the works?**

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**A.** The highlight in this area is our planned Community Activities Center. It is approved for Non-Appropriated Fund construction for Fiscal 2009.

It will include an eight-lane bowling center, public lobby and gathering area with large fireplace, large game room, multi-purpose room with capacity for 350 people, a dining area with indoor and outdoor seating and Arts and Crafts Center.

**Q.** Are there any plans to expand the medical facilities at Fort Greely?

**A.** At this point, there aren't any plans to further expand the facilities here. We now have a Physician's Assistant full-time for the soldiers and we bring in a pediatrician and OB-GYN on a regular basis to see patients. We rely a lot on the local Family Medical Center in Delta Junction and thank them for their services.

**Q.** What is the future of the school on Fort Greely...will it remain on post?

**A.** There aren't any plans to move the Fort Greely Middle School off post. They are an important part of the Fort Greely family.

**Q.** What are some of the partnerships Fort Greely has with the local community?

**A.** We have a great relationship with the people of Delta Junction ... from the mayor, school district and local businesses. We provide mutual aid emergency response to the local community with our firefighters and law enforcement personnel. Delta Junction and Fort Greely are "a" community, I don't draw a distinction between the two ... many people who work at Fort Greely live in Delta Junction. Many Delta Junction residents have family or friends who work here. We are truly one team, involved in one fight!

# TMP offers fuel saving tips

by Ronald D. Gibbens

Transportation Motor Pool Supervisor

■ **Slow down** - One of the best ways to save gas is simply reduce your speed. As speed increases, fuel economy decreases exponentially. If you are one of the "10-over" set, try driving the speed limit for a few days. You'll save fuel and your journey won't take much longer.

■ **Check your tire pressure** - Under-inflated tires are one of the most commonly ignored causes of crummy mpg. Tires lose air due to time (about one psi per month) and temperature (one psi for every 10 degree drop). Under-inflated tires have more rolling resistance, which means you need to burn more gas to keep your car moving.

If you don't have one, buy a reliable tire gauge and check your tires at least once a month. Be sure to check them when they are cold, since driving warms up the tires and the air inside temperature, which increases pressure and give a false high reading. Use the inflation pressure shown in the owner's manual or the data plate in the driver's door jam.

■ **Check your air filter** - A dirty air filter restricts the flow of air into the engine, which harms performance and economy. Air filters are easy to check and change, remove the filter and hold it up to

the sun. If you can't see light coming through it, you need a new one.

■ **Accelerate with care** - Jack-rabbit starts are an obvious fuel-waster, but that doesn't mean you should crawl away from every light. If you driven an automatic, accelerate moderately so the transmission camshaft up to the higher gears.

Stick-shifters should shift early to keep the revs down, but don't lug the engine - downshift if you need to accelerate.

Keep your eye well down the road for potential slowdowns. If you accelerate up to speed then have to brake right away, that's wasted fuel.

■ **Hang with the trucks** - Ever notice how, in bad traffic jams, cars seem to constantly speed up and slow down, while trucks tend to roll along at the same pace?

A constant speed keeps shifting to a minimum - important to those who have to wrangle those 10-speed truck transmissions - but it also aids economy, as it takes much more fuel to get a vehicle moving than it does to keep it moving.

Rolling with the big trucks saves fuel and aggravation, but remember if you can't see his mirrors - he can't see you.

■ **Get back to nature** - Consider shutting off the air conditioner, opening the windows and enjoying the breeze. It

may be a tad warmer, but at lower speeds you'll save fuel.

At higher speeds the air conditioner may be more efficient than the wind resistance from the open windows and sunroof.

■ **Back off the big tires** - Sure new wheels and tires may look good and they may improve handling. But if they are wider than the stock tires, chances are they'll create more rolling resistance and decrease fuel economy.

If you do upgrade keep your old ones for long road trips.

■ **Clean out your car** - If you are the type who takes a leisurely attitude towards car cleanliness, periodically go through your car and see what can be tossed out or brought into the house.

It doesn't take much to acquire an extra 40-50 pounds of stuff. The more weight your car has to lug around, the more fuel it will burn.

■ **Downsize** - If you are shopping for a new car, now might be the time to re-evaluate how much car you really need.

Smaller cars are inherently more fuel-efficient and today's small cars are roomier than ever.

■ **Don't drive** - If you can avoid driving you will save gas.

Carpool, consolidate your trips, walking and biking is good for your wallet and your health.

# Going Beyond 'Don't Talk to Strangers'

## *Teaching children skills to prevent abduction*

by **Chris Graves**  
Chief of Police

Rather than teaching children to fear a stranger, which is, at best woefully inadequate, we need to use positive messages: children need to learn skills and confidence, not fear and avoidance.

Children should know their name, address and phone number (with area code) so, if lost, they can be reunited with their family.

Older children should know parents' work numbers.

Away from home, older children should always be with a friend, always tell an adult where they will be, and say "no" if they feel threatened or uncomfortable.

Children need to know that appropriate

strangers -- store clerks or police officers -- can offer assistance if they are lost or need help.

Parents need to listen and respect their children's feelings.

Children can sense unease in inappropriate relationships. They'll likely share their concerns if parents routinely take all of their concerns in life seriously rather than downplaying or shaming them.

Children need to know that they do not need to kiss, hug, touch or sit on the lap of anyone, relative or not, if they do not wish to. This respect for their wishes translates into self-respect and the ability for children to say no to unwanted contacts without generating fear.

Parents need to supervise children who use the Internet. Although still relatively uncommon, the practice of pedophiles and child molesters approaching children on the Internet is occurring more frequently.

Parents need to keep reinforcing safety

messages through middle school and high school. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, most victims of nonfamily abductions were 12 years or older (58 percent). Most were girls (65 percent).

Parents should realize the limitations of participating in programs where children are fingerprinted or otherwise identified. These programs can frighten children and raise fears in adults without giving perspective on the real nature or risk of abduction.

Parents should keep on hand a high-quality recent photo of each child, such as a school photo. Law enforcement officials consider photos the best tool in finding missing children.

Parents should promptly report a missing child. The Amber Plan, the national program to immediately flood a region with news of an abduction is credited with helping to recover more than 130 children since it started two years ago.

## Water safety tips for children

by **Colleen Pugh**  
Fort Greely Safety Office

You should never leave children alone when you're near the water, not even for a minute.

Make sure your children know how to swim. Children should only swim when there is a life guard on duty or an experienced swimmer is watching.

Children ages 5 to 14 most often drown at open-water sites (rivers, lakes and oceans). In fact, 29 percent of drownings involving children ages 5 to 14 occur in open bodies of water.

Use Life Vests when you are boating, and swimming in lakes, rivers or oceans. Make sure that the Life Vest fit and are comfortable. And young children need to wear life vests when playing near deep or moving water, on docks and on boats. Teens and adults need to wear life vests on boats and if swimming across a lake or river. Toys and mattresses that inflate will not keep you safe. The

only flotation aids that you can rely on are Life Vests.

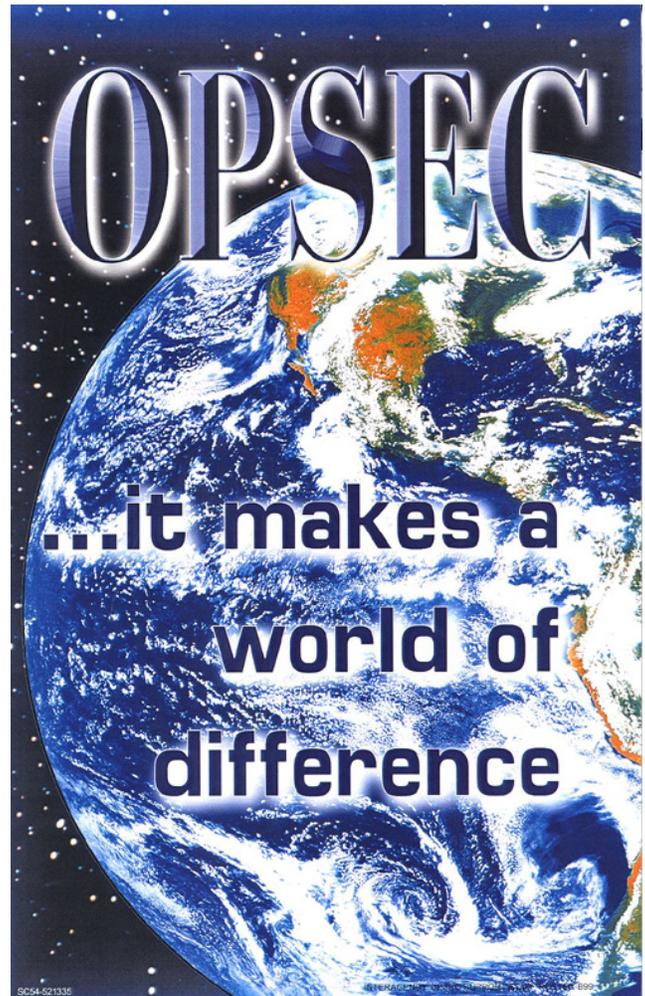
It is estimated that 85 percent of boating-related drownings could have been prevented if the victim had been wearing a life jacket.

Five gallon buckets, ponds and wading pools are a drowning hazard for very small children. Always make sure you drain any water bucket you have around your house.

More than half of drownings among infants under 1 occur in bathtubs. Many of these occur in the absence of adult supervision.

Since 1983, there have been at least 104 deaths and 162 nonfatal incidents involving baby bath seats. In addition, more than 327 children, most between the ages of 7 months and 15 months, have drowned in buckets containing water or other liquids used for mopping floors and other household chores since 1984. It is estimated that 30 children each year drown in buckets.

For more information go to [www.usa.safekids.org/water/](http://www.usa.safekids.org/water/)



# Homeowners: Steps to avoid foreclosure

by Rob Warren  
Legal Office

**F**oreclosure is a legal process in which a lender, such as a bank, repossesses and sells a home when the homeowner falls behind on payments to a loan secured by the home. The proceeds of the sale are first used to pay the expenses of the repossession and sale and are then used to pay the balance of the loan. If there is not enough left after the sale to pay the balance of the loan, the homeowner is responsible for paying the deficiency. There are several different types of foreclosure actions and foreclosure laws vary in each state.

According to a recent *USA Today* report, decreasing home values and rising adjustable interest rates have contributed to the over 1.2 million home foreclosures in the United States. The mortgage crisis has affected many Service Members which has led military support and financial advocacy groups to field an increasing number of requests for assistance from Service Members struggling to keep their homes.

Here are some tips provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD, for avoiding foreclosure. These tips can be found at the following website: <http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm>

**Don't ignore problem:** The further behind you become, the harder it will be to reinstate your loan and the more likely that you will lose your house.

**Contact your lender as soon as you realize that you have a problem:** Lenders do not want your house. They have options to help borrowers through difficult financial times.

**Open and respond to all mail from your lender:** The first notices you receive will offer good information about foreclosure prevention options that can help you weather financial problems. Later mail may include important notice of pending legal action. Your failure to open the mail will not be an excuse in foreclosure court.

**Know your mortgage rights:** Find your loan documents and read them so you know what your lender may do if you can't make your payments. Learn about the foreclosure laws and timeframes in your state (as every state is different) by

“If any firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may well be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home!”

contacting the State Government Housing Office.

**Understand foreclosure prevention options:** Valuable information about foreclosure prevention (also called loss mitigation) options can be found on the internet at: [http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?\\_pageid=33,717348&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=33,717348&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

**Contact a HUD approved housing counselor:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development funds free or very low cost housing counseling nationwide. Housing counselors can help you understand the law and your options, organize your finances and represent you in negotiations with your lender if you need this assistance. To find a HUD-approved housing counselor near you call (800) 569-4287 or TTY (800) 877-8339 or <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm>

**Prioritize your spending:** After health-care, keeping your house should be your first priority. Review your finances and see where you can cut spending in order to make your mortgage payment. Look for optional expenses (cable TV, memberships, entertainment) that you can eliminate. Delay payments on credit cards and other “unsecured” debt until you have paid your mortgage.

**Use your assets:** Do you have assets (a second car, jewelry, a whole life insurance policy) that you can sell for cash to help reinstate your loan? Can anyone in your household get an extra job to bring in additional income? Even if these efforts don't significantly increase your available cash or your income, they demonstrate to your lender that you are willing to make sacrifices to keep your home.

**Avoid foreclosure prevention companies:** You don't need to pay fees for foreclosure prevention help ... use that money to pay the mortgage instead. Many for-profit companies will contact you promising to negotiate with your lender. While these may be legitimate businesses, they will charge you a hefty fee (often two or

three month's mortgage payment) for information and services your lender or a HUD approved housing counselor will provide free if you contact them.

**Don't lose your house to foreclosure recovery scams:** If any firm claims they can stop your foreclosure immediately if you sign a document appointing them to act on your behalf, you may well be signing over the title to your property and becoming a renter in your own home! Never sign a legal document without reading and understanding all the terms and getting professional advice from an attorney, a trusted real estate professional, or a HUD approved housing counselor.

## Additional Help

**Federal Assistance through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Housing Administration *FHASecure*:** Phone number: 1-800-CALL-FHA (225-5342). Website: [http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?\\_pageid=33,717446&\\_dad=portal&\\_schema=PORTAL](http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page?_pageid=33,717446&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL)

*FHASecure* is a refinancing option that gives homeowners with non-FHA adjustable rate mortgages, current or delinquent and regardless of reset status, the ability to refinance into a FHA-insured mortgage. With *FHASecure*, the lender will not automatically disqualify you because you are delinquent on your loan, and the lender may offer you a second mortgage to make up the difference between the value of your property and what you owe.

**Assistance through Army Legal Assistance and Army Community Service:** To make an appointment with an attorney on Fort Greely to discuss foreclosure actions call 873-5034 or visit building 501, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Questions about financial management and debt counseling can be directed to the installation Financial Readiness Specialist, Army Community Service by calling 873-2479.

# 28th Annual Deltana Fair



49th Missile Defense Battalion Color Guard leads the Deltana Fair Parade.

Photo by Mike Paschall



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Photo above, Fort Greely's Fire Engine 19 participates in the Deltana Fair Parade. Photo right, 49th Missile Defense Battalion Up-Armored Humvees help lead the Parade.



Photo by Deb Coble

**T**eam Greely joined forces to support the 28th Annual Deltana Fair held July 25-27. The annual community event included a parade, carnival, games, mud bogs, Alaska State Blueberry Pie Contest, exhibits and much more!

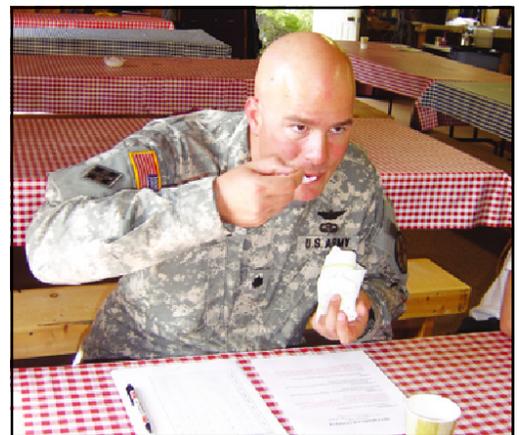


Photo by Denise Wilhelm

Lt. Col. Chris Chronis, Fort Greely Garrison Commander, judges the Blueberry Pie Contest.

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and civilian agencies.

**Family Advocacy Program**

The Family Advocacy Program addresses prevention, identification, reporting, investigation, and treatment for child and/or spouse maltreatment. The primary focus is to prevent domestic violence and support treatment of victims, family members, and identified offenders. Enhanced strategies on strengthening families will also be available.

**Deployment, Mobilization Readiness**

Mobilization and Deployment services ensure that a comprehensive realistic, effective, and coordinated assistance system is in place prior to military operations. This system includes establishing Family Assistance Centers, providing unit family readiness training to groups and unit rear detachments, and reunion preparations. Mobilization and Deployment services provide the support to families so they can function independently, efficiently, and effectively on their own while the military member is gone for extended periods of time.

**Relocation Readiness**

Relocation Readiness services provide the following:

- Pre- and post-moving group training
- Cross-cultural training for bi-cultural families
- Counseling

- Outreach
- Sponsor training
- On-line Installation Exchange (information on duty stations and the surrounding communities worldwide)

**Employment Readiness**

Employment readiness affords spouses, soldiers and teenagers the opportunity to develop a career, or become employed. The ERP provides information and referral services in the areas of employment, education, training, transition, and volunteer opportunities to give family members a competitive edge needed to secure employment in their mobile Army life.

Job preparation workshops may include job search, interviewing skills, career dress, career planning, and self-assessment.

**Financial Readiness**

Financial Readiness offers a wide range of services to assist Soldiers and their family members with their financial affairs. Emphasis is on training designed to educate Soldiers and spouses in money management, proper use of credit, and check writing principles.

The Financial Readiness program also instructs Soldiers and family members in consumer awareness to assist them in making sound financial decisions. The Army Emergency Relief Program provides limited emergency financial assistance and emergency food lockers and vouchers.

**Volunteers**

Volunteering for community service is a longstanding tradition in the Army. In the early years of our country's history, volunteers mended uniforms, cared for the sick and wounded, and comforted families of fallen Soldiers. Today, Soldiers (active duty and reserve), spouses, civilians, and retirees volunteer in schools, hospitals, on sports fields, in teen centers and in many other on-post programs as well as the surrounding community. ACS is the central information point for volunteer opportunities in the community.

**Army Family Action Plan**

The AFAP uses input from Soldiers and their families, and civilian employees of the Army to inform the Army leadership about what is working and what is not, and makes recommendations to fix it. Through AFAP, issues of concern come to the attention of commanders and Army leaders, giving them the opportunity to work on resolving the issues. Many AFAP issues have resulted in raising the standard of living for all branches of service. AFAP is a year-round process; issues are continually being monitored and worked toward resolution at local installations, major Army commands, and at headquarters, Department of the Army.

If you have any questions regarding ACS and its programs or how to improve the quality of life at Fort Greely, call Raphael at 873-4346.

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about four times as much as an incandescent bulb, a single CF bulb can be purchased for about \$3.49, and will last for 7 to 10 years, nearly twice as long as its incandescent cousin. The payback for the increased purchase price will occur in about nine months. After that, the savings goes into a person's pocket. In less than a year, people will enjoy a significantly reduced electric bill.

What about the environmental hazards of CF bulbs? CF bulbs contain a minute amount of mercury, less than one one-hundredth of the mercury of an old baby thermometer, but disposal of unbroken worn out

bulbs is not a problem. The Fort Greely Hazardous Waste Contractor, ECC, in building 637 has special bins for hazardous wastes, and the CF bulbs should be disposed of there. For safety reasons, worn-out CF bulbs should be placed in a plastic, sealable baggie for disposal.

If a CF bulb accidentally drops and breaks, you can easily dispose of it by ventilating the area about 15 minutes to get rid of any vapors. Next, using rubber disposable gloves, clean up the liquid and broken glass with a wet paper towel. Dispose of the glass and paper towel in the plastic baggie.

Pick up any loose, small glass shards with duct tape and place that into the baggie. Next, double bag the baggie into another, larger baggie, and dispose of the entire contents into the hazardous waste bin at ECC. Finally, wash hands thoroughly.

Another complaint about the early CF bulbs is they took forever to light up once the switch was thrown on. The new bulbs now come on at full intensity within one second.

There are now variations of CF bulbs that look like ordinary incandescent light bulbs, round globe decorator bulbs, flame shaped decorator bulbs, and even a yellow bug version for

the outdoor porch light. Unfortunately, CF bulbs do not do well in extreme cold, and experts recommend leaving the old incandescent bulb in outdoor light fixtures, until a cold weather CF bulb becomes available.

Regardless of how consumers feel about them, CF bulbs will soon become a part of their life. On Dec. 19, 2007, President Bush signed the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, which among its many provisions, sets efficiency standards for electric lights that will see the incandescent bulb phased off the U.S. market beginning in the year 2012.

# News Notes

## Team Greely Day

Team Greely Day is 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 16 at the Parade Field and Fitness Center.

Team Greely Day includes a 5K/1-mile run; a Kids Movie in the Pool: Nim's Island (G); Teen's X-box Tournament; Golf-Closest to Pin Contest; BBQ for \$5 (kids 6 and under are free); music; basketball; horseshoes; coloring contest; horse rides; Teen/Adult Movie in the Pool: Jaws (PG); and much more.

Registration for the 5K/1-mile run begins at 10 a.m. Registration is free, T-shirt is \$5.

Coloring contest sheets are available at MWR (Bldg. 655) or at the Delta Community Library. Return completed sheets to either location by Aug. 14.

This event is open to the public. To drive on to Fort Greely for this event you will need the following information: current drivers license, registration, and proof of insurance. Adult passengers will also need to show current identification.

For more information call 873-4336 or 873-5662.

## Computer Conservation Policy

The U.S. Army, Pacific has directed that all computers shall be shut off by users after duty-hours except for servers and any equipment that supports a 24/7 operation.

Also, personnel should turn off general office equipment, copiers, printing devices, all-in-one devices and similar equipment at the end of each business day and turn off computer monitors and peripheral equipment such as speakers, scanners and external drives when not in use.

This policy is part of an overall Army energy campaign to effectively use our energy resources and meet federal energy reduction mandates.

For more information, contact Morgan Benson, Resource Efficiency Manager, Aiken Global Group at 873-4293.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

A Household Hazardous Waste Collec-

tion is slated for Aug. 6.

People can drop off unwanted household hazardous waste from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parking lot across from the Transportation Office, building 601 or the Fort Greely Middle School parking lot at First Street and Clearwater.

Items that can be dropped off include batteries, mercury thermometers, fluorescent light bulbs, propane tanks, fuels. People also can drop off household cleaning products, automotive products, workshop and painting supplies.

The following items will not be accepted: tires, appliances, medical waste and explosives or incendiary devices.

For more information, call DPW Environmental at 873-4664 or ECC at 873-1007.

## School's Back!

First day of school for the Delta-Greely School District is Aug. 18.

## Elementary School Registration

New student registration for Delta Elementary is Aug. 6-8.

Bring birth certificates and updated shot records.

## Middle School Schedule Pick Ups

Fort Greely Middle School student schedule pick ups are slated for 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 8 at the Delta Junction Community Center and 3 to 5:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the High School lobby.

School officials will be handing out student schedules that students should bring to their first day of school as well as the new bell schedule.

Badge Request Forms for parents also will be handed out or parents can stop by Fort Greely Middle School on Aug. 13 to pick up the forms.

## Middle School Walkthrough

A Fort Greely Middle School Parent and Student Walkthrough is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15.

School officials encourage parents and middle school students to meet at the High School and ride out to Fort Greely Middle School to check it out, meet the teachers and get some early insight into the new school year.

## Middle School Parent Meeting

Fort Greely Middle School officials are hosting a back-to-school Open House and Parent Group Organizational Meeting from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Delta Junction Community Center.

There will be door prizes, refreshments and a chance to meet teachers. We will also present our Report Card to the Public.

## Youth Soccer Registration

Youth Soccer league registration for ages 5 through 14 is ongoing. To register call 873-3406 or 873-4599. Cost \$15 per youth.

## Youth Gymnastics Registration

Youth Gymnastics (ages 5-13) registration is set for 4 to 6 p.m. Aug. 15 at the PX. For more information call Kim at 895-4001 or Kathi at 895-1946.

## Valdez Campground

To arrange a fishing or sight-seeing trip out of Valdez Glacier Campground, call 322-1930.

## RAB Meeting

The Fort Greely, Alaska Installation Restoration Advisory Board Meeting is slated for 6 p.m. Aug. 27 at Delta Junction City Hall.

The RAB meeting will include a review environmental restoration progress at Fort Greely. Responsible decision makers will be present. The aim of the RAB is to increase public understanding and program quality. The meetings are held quarterly and are open to the public.

For more information, call Stephen Hammond at 895-5441, or Wayne Tolliver at 873-4664.

## Delta Library

The Delta Junction Public Library is extending their hours of operation.

**Mondays & Thursdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**

**Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**Sunday, noon-5 p.m.**

Story Hour and Laptime are on hiatus until September. Story Hour is a program for children ages 3 to 5 years. Registration is required at 895-4102. Registration is not necessary for Laptime.