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Dec. 7, 2010 - A variety of important topics for post residents, employees and their families were discussed with the Army War College and garrison leadership during a town hall meeting held Dec. 6 in Bliss Hall.

Among the topics discussed were snow removal, an update on the post development projects, events for college age kids this holiday season and when the income tax service would be open.

Kicking off the meeting was Maj. Gen. Gregg Marin, USAWC commandant, who outlined the new mission and vision statements of the college.

“The old mission statement prepared leaders, we want to develop leaders because we see this experience as a life-changing transformation that will continue to develop long after you graduate,” said Martin.

The new vision is to be, “the world's best institution for developing strategic leaders and thought – the international institution of choice.”

Winter Weather

Tom Kelly, the head of the Department of Public Works, pointed out the importance of the bright-green snow markers that have been placed around post.

“The snow markers protect my people because it helps them find dangers so we can go around them,” he said.

Kelly went on to say that when the snow comes his first responsibility is to plow the main roads so emergency vehicles can, if needed, get on and off post.

Heidi Puente, of Balfour Beatty Communities, reminded post residents that they were only required to shovel their drive way and the sidewalk in front of their homes.

“We have ice melt available outside of Young Hall, but please bring your own container,” said Puente.

Post residents and employees were also reminded to call 245-3700 or check the Carlisle Barracks Facebook page at, www.facebook.com/usawc for weather related closings or delays.

Post housing update

The ongoing development at Carlisle Barracks is almost complete. Ty McPhillips, the BBC project director said that the next phase of the Heritage Heights project was scheduled to begin on July 1.

“We will tear down the farm house and the remaining Smurf Village houses, and replace them with 56 new duplexes,” said McPhillips. “The entire plan should take about 20 months.”

Holiday activities

During the holiday season many college age kids will be coming to Carlisle to spend the season with their family.

Liz Knouse, the director of the Carlisle Barracks Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation said that FMWR was hosting two events to help the students meet other people their age and stay in shape.

“The first thing we have is a college age social at Quarters 2,” said Knouse. “This will give them a chance to meet other people their age. It is on Dec. 19 and it starts at 7 p.m.”

For college students who would like to stay in shape during their break or learn how to defend themselves, a combatives level 1 class is being offered. The class which runs from Dec. 20-23 and Dec. 28-30 will be held from 10 to 11 a.m.

Finally the coming of the New Year also brings W-2 tax forms in the mail. Carlisle Barracks will once again be offering a free tax service to anyone wishing to partake. The tax center will be housed at building 309, which is near the pool, and will be open, by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you are interested in making an appointment or volunteering at the tax center please call 245-4940.