**Spring Break & Community Center Expectations**

Spring break for the Madison Metropolitan School District (MMSD) is just around the corner, April 10 – 14, 2017. This can be challenging for some parents because UW-Madison’s spring break and MMSD’s spring break do not coincide. While some of you may be leaving Madison for a spring vacation, others of you will be right here and your children will be having a lovely “stay-cation.”

Children ages six and older are welcome to hang out at the Community Center over their spring break, but you should keep in mind that they will not be supervised by staff. Please use your best judgement in terms of your child’s ability to be at the Community Center on their own. Some children are more able than others to navigate their way around and problem solve issues that may arise. Remember, there are no staff to supervise the children at the Community Center, although there will be times that our awesome Rec Staff will have some special activities planned. Keep up to date with these special activities by watching our Facebook posts and programming emails! Children are also free to come and go at will from the Community Center, even if you send them up for an activity. There have been times that parents have told their children to stay at the Community Center, only to find later in the day that their children are roaming around the community. Children accompanied by adults are always welcome at the Community Center.

We know that a day or two of time for children to relax a bit is important but, sooner or later, children may become antsy and be looking for something else fun to do. We’re hoping for pleasant spring weather so that you can enjoy the grounds with your children. Always exercise caution if exploring along the lake edge with your children.

- There are a variety of climbers, swings and sandboxes throughout the community that are fun to visit.
- A walk through the gardens prior to planting lends itself to some amazing observations on how various plants have transformed over the winter months.
- Exploring in the woods to listen for birds and look for budding trees, bushes or early grasses breaking through the soil can peak children’s interest in their natural surroundings.

If you find that your schedule won’t allow you to be up at the Community Center with your child under six:

- Combine resources: Take turns with some of your neighbors and friends. Five friends can each “host” the children for one day. That gives you four days free.
- See if one of the neighborhood grandparents is planning to be up at the Community Center and wouldn’t mind watching your child play.
- MMSD High Schools are also on spring break the week of April 10th. High schoolers might be interested in earning some extra college fund or spending money. Ask around the community for babysitters.

**Please note:**

Eagle’s Wing infant, toddler and preschool classes will all operate as usual during MMSD spring break. 4K as well as before and after school programs (Early Birds and Gliders) will be closed as they follow the MMSD calendar.
Winter Ends

Tornado and Severe Weather Season Begins

Every spring, there is a state-sponsored tornado drill. This drill allows you practice the cautions you should take when there is a real tornado watch or warning. A tornado watch means there are weather conditions in your area that could produce a tornado. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted (by radar or a person) somewhere in your area.

You may already be familiar with the year-round testing of emergency sirens at noon on Wednesdays.

You are encouraged to pay attention to two different drills on Thursday, April 20:

- At 1:00 PM, there will be a drill for a tornado watch. At 1:45 PM, that drill will turn to a tornado warning.
- There will be another drill for a tornado warning later that same day, at 6:45 PM.
- You are not required to participate in the drill (to practice seeking shelter), but you are encouraged to – or at least review the best place for you to go in case of a real tornado.
- If there really is severe weather anywhere in the state on that day, drills are postponed until the next day: Friday, April 15. If actual severe forecast is in the forecast for Friday, April 15, drills are postponed until Friday, April 21. The Weather Service wants to be careful not to confuse anyone!

In Wisconsin, severe weather is announced via radio, television, and alert texts. The announcements will mention the affected areas; Madison is in Dane County, and is located in south-central Wisconsin.

If there is a tornado warning, there are some things you should keep in mind as you find shelter:

- Go to the lowest level you can in the building where you are (basements or 1st floors)
- Take shelter in interior rooms or hallways (bathrooms and laundry rooms are sometimes the best places)
- Avoid areas with windows
- Do not open any windows
- Watches and warnings are also issued for severe thunderstorms and flash floods.

What is a Tornado?

A tornado is as a rotating, funnel-shaped cloud that extends from a thunderstorm to the ground with whirling winds that can reach 300 mph. Damage paths of tornadoes can be in excess of one mile wide and 50 miles long. To learn more about tornadoes visit http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/severe-weather

According to the National Weather Service:

- Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes per year, with most tornadoes occurring in the 3 to 9 P.M. timeframe.
- The busiest spin-up hour is 6 to 7 P.M. A record-setting 62 tornadoes occurred in 2005, followed by 46 in 2010.
- In 2008, Wisconsin had 38 tornadoes.
- The ‘average’ Wisconsin tornado has a 7 to 8 minute duration, a path length of about 4 to 5 miles, and a damage width of about 120 yards.

Tax Credits on Wisconsin State Income Tax Returns

Please note that rents paid by the residents of University Apartments do not qualify for either the Homestead Credit or the Renter’s and Homeowner’s Property Tax Credit because the University of Wisconsin is exempt from paying property taxes. Please see the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website or contact your tax advisor if you have additional questions.
EVENTS THIS MONTH

You can sign-up for our events on our website located at [www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news](http://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-news). Please follow the instructions on the page to sign-up.

**Adult INSANITY Workout**
Eagle Heights Community Center Room 135
Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Insanity is a total body workout that requires no gym or equipment. You exercise using your own body weight for resistance. The program is based on a fitness method called max interval training.

**Milwaukee Zoo Trip**
Saturday April 15: 8:00 am - 3:00 p.m.
Join us for a fun trip to animal kingdom! We will have a chartered bus from the Community Center to the Milwaukee Zoo and then come back. Fee, which includes the ticket and bus seat: Adults $10.25 Children ages 3-12 years old $7.25. Registration Deadline: April 8th! No cancelations after the registration deadline. Once the deadline date has passed, you will be responsible for the cost of the tickets you have signed up for!

**Adult Zumba**
Eagle Heights Community Center Large Gym
Saturdays 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Mondays 5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.

**Kidsville**
Kidsville is a FREE program that teaches children a variety of topics in a town square-style classroom. Kids who are four to seven years old will learn the basics of many topics that will help them succeed in school. Sessions normally run 60-90 minutes and include 24-30 children divided into groups of five or six, plus a chaperone. Registration required!

**Bike Fest**
Saturday April 22: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Bike season has begun! Celebrate with us during this year's "Go Green Bike Festival". Spend a super Saturday learning and receiving information about bike repairs, biking paths, and bike safety. As a bonus addition, we are combing Earth Day activities with this event. Residents will receive free bike helmets, minor bike repairs, and tickets to win dozens of bike and earth day prizes and a healthy grab and go snacks! This is a free event, open for all ages. Registration is not required!

**Teen Night Out**
Friday April 14: 6:30-9:30 p.m.
We are going to have a great night full of activities in Rockin' Jump Indoor Trampoline Park. Recreation Leaders will accompany teens. We will be taking a chartered school bus from the community center to the park and then come back the community center. Registration required.

**Dejope Fire Circle**
Sunday, April 30: 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Take the 80 Bus to Dejope Fire Circle for a community campfire. All ages welcome! Registration required. There is a makeup date for the Campfire that was cancelled on March 25 for April 29th 5-8 pm for those who registered for the cancelled campfire only.

**Spring Election**
The 2017 Spring Election will take place on Tuesday, April 4. State offices to be elected are State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Supreme Court Justice, Court of Appeals Judge (Districts 1, 2 and 4), and Circuit Court Judge. For more information, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission: [http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/elections](http://elections.wi.gov/elections-voting/elections). The Community Center is a polling place, open from 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.


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**Slichter Hall**
Cashier’s Office
NEW HOURS
Monday - Friday
10am - 4pm
Starting March 15th
We are excited to introduce Asenna Kitina. Asenna is one of our Nido Room, Yuwa Room and Gliders teachers, so she has the opportunity to work with toddlers, preschoolers, and school-aged children. She loves working with children and started working with us when her youngest daughter was a student the Eagle’s Wing 4K Room back in December of 2014. Her daughter is now 7.5 years old! Asenna became a permanent part time teacher with Eagle’s Wing in 2015.

Asenna comes to us with a unique background as her undergraduate degree is in landscape architecture. She has lived, studied and worked in Bulgaria, Japan, and the U.S. She studied traditional landscape art in Japan for several years. She is thankful for her cross-cultural experience and has enjoyed meeting people from all over the world. She enjoys the diversity in the community and in Eagle’s Wing. She speaks Bulgarian, English, Japanese, and Russian.

Asenna’s experience with landscape as well as Japanese gardens has been a great benefit to Eagle’s Wing. She teams with teacher Mao Thao to coordinate the Eagle’s Wing Children’s Peace Garden. Each year they start seeds in the classrooms in early spring – the seeds are then transferred into a small green house next to the garden. Asenna and Mao plan and implement all sorts of gardening projects for the children. A few of their fun projects have been planting hanging flower pots, watering the garden from our rain barrel, planting a “pizza garden” in a wading pool (tomatoes, garlic, onions, peppers – all fun things to put on their pizza dough), making basil pesto (big hit!), salads, printing leaves and flower petals on fabric etc. Children not only enjoy being outdoors in the garden, but are experiencing different types of fruits and vegetables. Asenna brings us a focus on nature as well as nutrition.

For fun, Asenna, likes to make terrariums with small plants in fish tanks or big glass jars. She thinks this a good way to bring nature inside the classrooms. Asenna also loves nature and is an avid photographer. Asenna is married and has two daughters. She and her husband are from Bulgaria. Her daughters are 14 and 7.

Asenna’s advice for parents is to (1) always try to get involved with the activities going on at school, (2) label everything, and (3) speak your mother tongue to your child, an extra language is always a benefit.

Stay Grounded with the Grounds Department

Storage

On April 1st the summer storage policy will be in effect. Please ready your storage policy and make sure property is correctly labeled and stored. Plants must be in plastic planters or pots and cannot be on fire rescue platforms and lawn areas or they will be removed.

Parking

The Parking Policy is a great resource to avoid fines and towing, so we strongly encourage you to read it. We will be strictly enforcing it because parking is very limited and everyone needs a place to park. Visitor parking near 912 Eagle Heights and Harvey Street will be open for the spring and summer. Garden parking will be allowed on Haight Road until construction begins this summer. Lot Z parking will be limited this year due to construction projects starting this spring and lasting until this fall. Please park on the north side of Lot Z as much as possible. Trailers, boats and canoes must be registered with the office at the Community Center.

Garbage

April is a windy month. Please make sure all garbage is placed in the dumpsters and not on them or on the ground. In late April or early May, we will be replacing more dumpsters with new ones. Some of the blue dumpsters will be eliminated, so you should place all recyclables in the green dumpsters.

Bikes

All bikes must have a property label and be stored in bike racks. If you no longer want your bike, we encourage you to donate it. You can donate adult and children’s bikes to St. Vincent DePaul or Goodwill. If you have children’s bikes that are in good condition and have rims less than twenty inches, you can donate them to Free Bikes 4 Kidz on their website: http://fb4k.org/. You may also donate tricycles and scooters. If bikes are in bad condition, you may leave them at the dumpsters. Bikes left behind and picked up by University Apartments will be held for thirty days and disposed of. After 30 days left outside, University Apartments will dispose of your bike and owners will be charged a fee. To avoid this fee, donate your bike or leave them by dumpsters if you no longer want them.

Have you signed up for campus emergency notifications?

Did you know you can sign up to make certain you hear about campus emergencies? The UW Police Department has information about the WiscAlerts system, which has been used for weather, police, and health emergencies (such as a fire, or a chemical spill). You can sign up by visiting https://uwpd.wisc.edu/services/wiscalealerts and entering your Wisc.edu username and password.

In addition to the messages that are sent via text, phones, and email, the UW Madison homepage will also have up to date information in case of any emergency. If you have a Twitter account, you can also sign up for emergency tweets: Tweets by @WiscAlerts.
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https://housing.ems.wisc.edu
Do you have an upcoming event? The Community Center has space for you! The cost is more affordable than many other locations, and it is easy to find out what space is available, and how much it would cost. If you have a UW NetID, you will sign in with that. If you do not have one, there is no problem! Sign in as a guest!

Contact the Leasing Office
Leasing@housing.wisc.edu
Do you have a question for Peggy? Do you need to talk to Leasing for any reason? Email first! She will be able to answer your questions, or make an appointment for you. That way, you won’t be disappointed if she is already busy with other residents when you stop by.

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