Go Green Bike Festival

On Saturday, April 22, University Apartments welcomed over 300 residents celebrating our annual Bike Festival with an additional bonus of Earth Day awareness and activities.

110 bike helmets, donated by the Office of Child Care and Family Resources as well as the University Apartments Assembly, were distributed along with free bike repairs, tote bags, bike bells, biking information, guides and maps. Residents were also treated to face painting, music, and healthy to-go breakfast, and a special mountain bike obstacle course set by our friends at Revolution Cycles. Children and parents put forth their creativity making bird feeders for our flying friends and clay pot painting with soil and seeds to take home. Keep a look-out for your neighbor’s fresh herbs.

Though the festival has come to an end, we’d like to encourage our community to keep going green-reduce, reuse, recycle, and yes, ride on fellow bikers!

This event would not have been possible without our community partners of Budget Bicycle, Revolution Cycles, Red Village Church, WI Bike Federation, Office of Family Child Care and Resources, University Apartments Assembly, University Wisconsin Police Department, UW Transportation Services, and WE Conserve. We would like to thank them all for their tremendous contributions and support.

Adding Household Members to Email Lists

Did you know that you can add anyone in your household to our email lists? If you or your partner or spouse does not receive emails about upcoming community events and would like to, please let us know by coming to the Community Center when we are open, calling us at 608-262-3407, or email us at universityapartments@housing.wisc.edu. All we need to add someone is the email address to be added and the associated apartment number to verify that they are on the lease.

Finals Week is Approaching

While we are a diverse community in University Apartments, the common thread that keeps us all living together is academics at UW-Madison. Final Exams for most of our students begin the first week of May and continue through Friday, May 12. Some schools and colleges within UW-Madison have already begun their finals. Please keep this in mind as you come and go in the community during the end of the semester. This is a very stressful time for many residents. Please be respectful of neighbors who need to study. We also ask you to please talk kindly with neighbors who are disruptive to your study time. Remember, the Quiet Study Room at the Community Center is available until 10:00 p.m. All of the University Apartments staff, as well as outside maintenance and construction contractors are aware of the finals schedule. We will do our best to keep our “work noise” to a minimum. Good luck to all during these busy times.
Summer is a great time to entertain friends and family visiting Madison. For many of our residents, summer is also a time to vacation or travel outside of Madison and to possibly sublet their apartment to help offset the cost of rent while they are gone.

As you are making plans for the summer, please keep in mind that there are lease terms and conditions that apply to hosting guests, and/or subleasing your apartment. Knowing the difference between a “guest” and a “sublessee” could prevent you from making arrangements that could be considered lease violations.

Under the terms on the University Apartments Leases, a “guest” is a person temporarily residing with a leaseholder, who does not meet the criteria for “family” (a spouse, partner or legal dependent), or “roommate.” A guest can stay with you for a maximum of 30 days in a one-year period, and they are typically friends and family.

A “sublessee” is an individual who makes financial arrangements to lease an apartment or room for any period of time from the lessee. A family member coming to stay with a resident for the weekend would be considered a “guest.” A visitor paying a resident money to stay in an apartment or a room would be considered a “sublessee,” or more importantly, they would be considered an “unapproved sublessee.” Hotel or hostel type arrangements for travelers or outside parties, such as accommodations arranged through Airbnb are also considered to be unapproved subleases. These arrangements are not allowed in University Apartments as they violate the lease conditions relating to both “Subleasing” and “Solicitation and Commercial Activities.”

In University Apartments, all sublets must be approved, in advance, by the Leasing Office. Sublets are only approved if the leaseholder is leaving Madison for a period of time, but will be returning to the apartment after the sublet period. For example, a resident might travel during the summer months, or leave Madison to do research during an academic semester.

Sublets are also not allowed if a resident has submitted a lease termination form.

Any potential sublessee must have an affiliation with the University of Wisconsin that makes them eligible for University Apartments during the sublet period.

All sublets must also meet the occupancy limitations and household limitations for an apartment. For example, a family household may not sublease a bedroom in their apartment to another person or persons. Or, a single resident in a 1 bedroom apartment could not sublet the apartment to a family of 5.

The full sublease policy can be found on our website at http://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-leasing.htm. The sublet policy and forms are also available from our office in the Community Center. Questions? Please contact leasing@housing.wisc.edu

Eagle’s Wing High Flyers Summer Program

There are still a few openings available for children to participate in the Eagle’s Wing High Flyers Summer Program (for children who have completed kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades). Most sessions run for two weeks. Children can enroll in one session or all six sessions, which begin June 12th and end August 25th.

Your child’s summer fun will include nature, science, drama, field trips, special presentations, arts and crafts, games and making new friends in a friendly and engaging international learning environment. Behind-the-scenes, we focus on anti-bias, peace education and social competency as well as academic enrichment. Come join us for the summer!

For more information or to enroll contact: jean.stajich@housing.wisc.edu

Animals & University Apartments: Do Not Feed the Turkeys

With our community so close to the Lake Shore Nature Preserve, we have our fair share of animals that live in the wooded areas. We have squirrels, raccoons, ducks, geese and of course our infamous turkeys. As residents of University Apartments we need to respect the natural preserve areas and the animals that live within them. Please DO NOT feed the wildlife. Once you feed the animals they become dependent on us to feed them rather than feeding themselves and some animals, like the turkeys, become more aggressive chasing people looking for food. Remember to look at the animals, and not to feed them.
Bug of the Month: Stink Bugs (Hemiptera)

Appearance

Stink bugs belong to the order of true bugs called Hemiptera. They have piercing sucking mouthparts and straight antennae. Most stink bugs have a characteristic shield shape.

The adult brown mar orated stink bug is about 12 to 17 mm long. Its body is nearly as wide as it is long. The adult is brown in color. There are lighter bands on the antennae and dark bands on the front wings. The immature bug, called a nymph, is yellow and red with red eyes. As it grows, the yellow lightens to off-white.

Behavior, Diet & Habits

This pest pierces the skin of the fruit in order to feed. After feeding, the insect leaves. Besides being an agricultural pest, stink bugs are often a pest in homes. In summer, the bugs gather on homes. They are seeking sheltered places to spend the winter, and move inside the home through cracks and other openings. They spend the winter inside walls or crawl spaces. When spring comes, the stink bugs become active. As they begin to move around, some emerge into living spaces.

Inside the home, the bugs often gather on walls and windows seeking a way out. Homeowners are usually upset to find these bugs inside the home. Their size and unpleasant odor make them very unwelcome.

What can residents do if they see stink bugs?

In the early spring, residents sometimes find big green or brown bugs crawling on the walls or flying around the windows in their homes. If they don’t recognize the bugs, residents might swat them or step on them. They quickly learn why these bugs are called “stink bugs”.

Due to the unpleasant initial experience, most residents prefer to use a vacuum cleaner to remove these pests from their walls and windows. However, they sometimes discover that the smell can linger in the vacuum for some time. Sting bugs are not harmful to humans.

If a resident is experiencing overwintering stink bugs, contact Pest Control Supervisor Mario Barcena at the Apartment Facilities Office.

Control

Residents can discourage stink bugs from entering apartments by sealing as many entryways as possible. Window screens should be inspected periodically looking for any holes, tears, or rips. Any torn or damaged window screens should be reported to the Apartment Facilities Office. Unfortunately, once stink bugs invade homes, they can be difficult to remove. While overwintering, they do not feed or reproduce. However, they will become active again on a warm winter day or in the spring. When the spring arrives, they disperse from the home and will not return until the next fall.

When “Rough and Tumble” Play Gets ROUGH!

With summer just around the corner and the end of school quickly approaching, we know that our children will be more than excited to be outdoors and up at the Community Center. Our elementary school children are accustomed to fairly short snippets of time outdoors for recess, but summer brings the opportunity for lots of outdoor experiences.

Children learn a lot while outdoors, and some learning centers around social interactions with each other, problem solving, decision making and conflict resolution. We want to encourage children to use words to resolve issues, but occasionally conflict resolution involves song pushing and shoving.

Even if there is no conflict what-so-ever, children can get carried away with their physical interactions with each other. Fun wrestling can quickly turn hostile and end with one or several children in tears because they have been injured or have hurt feelings.

What role can adults play?

• Have a conversation with your child about when to “walk away”. Often times that is the bravest and most honorable thing to do.

• At Eagle’s Wing, we teach the children to use “belly breathing” to help their bodies calm down. Big, slow breaths with their tummy pushing outward.

• If you happen across a scuffle, it’s fine to approach the children. Just the presence of an adult can help children put things into a different perspective.

• Please, never touch or grab children to break them up (unless both happen to be your own children); and yelling at children is showing them that it’s ok to yell at people – which it isn’t.

• It’s totally fine to walk home with another child to have a conversation with the child and their parent. Sometimes setting ground rules will help prevent future conflict.

• Encourage children to seek the help of a trusted adult.

• Re-direct children to other activities.

  • Have them take a break and read a fun comic book or joke book. Laughing tends to de-escalate all sorts of tense situations.

  • Sharing popsicles or juice-pops is a fun way to cool things down.

  • Coloring is a great way to de-stress.

  • Working with clay or playdough offers a creative outlet.

Wishing everyone a joyful, fun-filled summer!
Lawn Mowing Season Begins
Our first scheduled mowing is May 2. Mowing will occur on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. It will be the same contractor as last year. Remember to move all personal items from the lawn prior to mowing day.

Pot Hole Patrol
We will continue patching and filling pot holes as weather permits during the month of May. If you notice a pot hole you think we should fill in, please let the Apartment Facilities Office know. Please make sure we can move your vehicles if you are going to be out of town.

Parking Lot Line Striping
We will be repainting the lines and stall numbers in various parking lots beginning in May. Affected residents will be notified in advance as it will require moving cars out of the lot for about a half day for each area.

Parking
Make sure your vehicle information is up-to-date. If you purchased a new vehicle in the last year and have not updated your information yet, please visit the front office at the Community Center to update it.
- All vehicles need a base lot sticker on the side window.
- Make sure people visiting more than 2 days have a visitor pass.
- Please read your parking policy online.

Storage
The summer storage policy is now in effect. Please read your storage policy. Property must be kept off of lawns as of May 4, 2017, as this is when lawn mowing will start for the season. Make sure property labels are replaced if you are leaving for the summer.

Trees
New trees will be planted in April and May. Please do not let children play by them or pick flowers from them. Rotten trees will be removed this summer for safety of all residents and new ones planted in their place. These trees may be planted in a different area.
Please do not tie anything to trees. because we will be trimming low branches.

Garbage and Dumpsters
- Make sure garbage goes into dumpsters and not on top of them or on the ground.
- Please keep dumpster lids closed to keep animals out of them.
- Please pick up garbage in the yard left by children. There have been a lot of plastic bottles and food wrappers left behind and it takes our resources and time to pick it all up.

Fire Rescue Platform Painting
We will be painting fire rescue platforms this summer. We will notify you if we need to enter your apartments for this.

Concrete Repairs
There are various sidewalk and concrete step repairs that will be happening in Eagle Heights and University Houses.

Common Area Flooring
The Eagle Heights 400s will be getting new common area hallway flooring in May. This project impacts entry door thresholds and the landing out the back doors of these apartments. Detailed information will be going out to residents prior to this work.

Interior Hallway Lighting
We will be replacing interior common area lighting with new, more energy efficient, LED lighting in Harvey Street and the Eagle Heights 100s and 200s in May. Staff Electric, an outside contractor, will be performing this work.

University Houses Exterior Work
The square columns, bases and capitals at University Houses will be replaced in May. We will also continue with additional exterior maintenance of remaining wood elements. Specifics will be included in our weekly updates. Landscaping will continue, with planting of new trees and bushes beginning in May as well as additional lawn restoration work.

Campus Recycling Lot and New Shed
Work continues on the lot to the south of Lot Z. This project is making improvements to the recycling area, reclaiming some of the area for the campus natural areas, and constructing a shed for use by University Housing. This project is not funded by resident money, but rather through the sale of a previously owned storage building offsite. Please keep children away from the site because it is very dangerous.

Eagle Heights Drive Repaving
The entire length of Eagle Heights Drive will be repaved this summer with work likely starting in June. This will result in one way traffic through the community for the duration of the project in order to maintain traffic and bus routes. More information will be sent out prior to the work beginning, but we want to get this on everyone’s radar because we know it will make travel more challenging.

Summer Student Staff
The week after graduation we will be welcoming a new crew of about 35 students to assist with our summer facilities operations. They are a welcome addition of new energy and creativity and help us get a lot of essential projects completed in the summer. We are still looking for a few more students for our custodial crew for this summer, so if you are student (yes, we hire high school students, undergrads and grad students) looking for full time summer employment, please consider applying at http://www.housing.wisc.edu/jobs-student.htm
EVENTS THIS MONTH

Parents of Young Children Group
Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., May 4-July 27, Community Center Room 133
Are you the parent of a young child (under a year) looking to connect with others in the community? Come to our group, where we will chat about babies, life, and the wild ride that is parenting little ones. Babes and kids are welcome, and if your kiddo is older than a year, we won’t turn you away!

Masters Science Fair
Saturday May 6 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Eagle Heights Community Center Gym
This free event is open to students in grades 6, 7, and 8 and is limited to 50 participants, so sign up soon! Registration Required.

UA Yard Sale
Saturday, May 20 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Eagle Heights Brown Shelter

BratFest
Friday May 26th 5PM-10PM
Alliant Energy Center
We’re taking a chartered bus to BratFest from the Community Center. This event costs $10 per person. Registration Required.

Six Flags Great America Theme Park and Gurnee Mills Outlet Mall Trip
Saturday, May 27 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
We’ll be taking a chartered bus down to Gurnee, IL. All ages are welcome. Teens under 18 must have a parent or guardian go with them on this trip and sign a waiver. This event is limited to 106 participants, so sign up soon! Registration Required.

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.

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.

Dane County Farmers Market
Saturdays 6:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Capitol Square

Connect with us on FACEBOOK

Indoor Bicycle Racks Now Available in University Houses
Residents can securely store bicycles indoors on racks in University Houses. Racks are located in basements of buildings 5, 10, 21 and 30. There are 10 racks in each of the buildings.
The racks are wall mounted and lockable, but residents must provide their own locks. There is no charge to use these racks, and they can be used on a first come, first serve basis.
To store your bicycle properly, it should be hung by the front tire, as shown in the picture. The racks are designed to accept all types of bicycles. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Children’s Bike Donations
Free Bikes 4 Kidz-Madison is a local non-profit group looking for children’s bikes to give to kids in need. If you have a kid’s bike you no longer need, they know families who do.

Free Bikes 4 Kidz is looking for bikes of any size, including tricycles and scooters. Bikes should be new or gently used, but are in rideable condition and need minimal work to get them into like new condition. Bikes that are rusted, missing wheels, have bent parts, or are in “tough” shape should not be donated. They want to give bikes that look good and are safe and fun to ride.
If you have a gently used bike, they have volunteers who clean and refurbish them to give them away to kids in need. If you would like to contact them to donate, volunteer, or have a question please visit: http://fb4kmadison.org/contact/
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Eagle’s Wing Child Care

EaglesWing@housing.wisc.edu

Do you have questions about child care in the Community Center? We welcome any and all questions, comments and suggestions. Based on the topic, your email will be forwarded to the right person to answer your question. To put your child’s name on a waiting list for Eagle’s Wing and/or other campus child care, you can do so at: www.housing.wisc.edu/EaglesWing

Rent a Community Center Room

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.

Your lease, roommate policies, transfer and termination information, and more can be found on the University Apartments section of the Housing website.

http://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments.htm

Request Repairs Online

If something in your apartment doesn’t work, let us know right away. Repairs will be made even if you are not at home.

Night, weekend, and holiday repairs are only made in urgent situations. If you put in a repair request as soon as you notice a problem, it may keep the problem from getting worse at a time no mechanic is available.

When you need a non-emergency repair, use the Repair website. Only request one repair on each form. The Repairs webpage also has some instructions on small repairs you can make yourself.

To Contact Resident Managers

A Resident Manager is on-call from 5:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. on weekdays, and 24 hours a day on holidays and weekends. No Resident Manager is on Duty at other times, when the University Apartments Office (in the Community Center) is open.

Due to problems with cell reception (sometimes the Resident Manager on Duty is in a basement) the most efficient and effective way to contact the Resident Manager on Duty is sending a text. Texts or calls should be placed to 608-444-9308.

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