Do You Plan to Vote on February 16?

All of University Apartments will be voting on a Wisconsin Justice of the Supreme Court. Like many elections this year, there are very big differences among the candidates. For information, the League of Women Voters continues its practice of non-partisan voter information: http://www.lwvdanecounty.org/candidates-answers-spring-primary-2016.

This is the first election when new, more restrictive voting rules are in effect in Wisconsin. However, it is still possible to register at the polls if you have the correct kind of identification. http://www.cityofmadison.com/clerk/PhotoIDDetails.cfm. Our residents often use a copy of their lease (it has to be in effect the day of the vote) to prove their residence.

Where Do I Vote?

There are two polling places that serve the University Apartments community. All polls are open from 7:00 AM – 8 PM on election days.

- **The Community Center**, 611 Eagle Heights, serves all of Eagle Heights and University Houses. These areas are in Ward 60, Aldermanic District 5.
- **Hoyt School**, 3802 Regent Street, serves all Harvey Street apartments. That area is in Ward 64, Aldermanic District 5.

Tax Credits on Wisconsin State Income Tax Returns

Please note that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, in its 1997 Wisconsin Tax Bulletin, states that because the University of Wisconsin is exempt from paying property taxes, residents of University Apartments do not qualify for either the Homestead or school property tax credit. Please contact your tax advisor if you have further questions.
Did you know that the Eagle Heights Community Gardens are one of the oldest and largest community gardens in the country? Every summer, the hard work yields a bounty of vegetables that provide healthy eating for hundreds of people, including recipients of donated vegetables at local food pantries.

Returning Gardeners

If you have gardened here before, don’t forget you have to apply every year! If you are hoping to have the same plot you had before, make certain to have the application and fee submitted by the deadline. Every attempt is made to get gardeners into their old plots, but missing the deadline makes it less likely to happen.

New Gardeners

If you are a new gardener here, you will find that there are amenities that can help make it a successful growing season for you. If you receive a plot, the orientation held for gardeners is extremely helpful. The orientations are not only held in English, but in other languages as well (such as Mandarin).

You may find that you want a smaller plot before taking on a large one, or you may decide to share your plot with friends or neighbors. There is water, compost, a weed pile; and a seed fair in the spring that distributes donated seeds to gardeners. There is also a cold-weather and a hot-weather sale of organic seedlings at very reasonable cost.


Community Resources for Food

If you need some assistance in getting enough food on your table, don’t hesitate to get the help that is available. We know that our residents have reported having very positive experiences with local food agencies.

To find help in providing food for your household, there are three resource phone numbers to call. Any, or each, of these can help you find out where pantries are located; if you qualify for free food assistance; and can also connect you to other services.

United Way of Dane County: call 2-1-1
www.unitedwaydanecounty.org/2-1-1/

You know how dialing 9-1-1 will bring emergency assistance to you? United Way, a non-profit organization that funds many different services, has one phone number to call to find help with all kinds of assistance and services. If you call 2-1-1, the person answering the phone will help you find resources.

Community Action Coalition (CAC): call 608-246-4730
http://www.cacscw.org

CAC provides food and clothing resources, and financial assistance. If you garden in Eagle Heights in the summer, you may be familiar with the program they have distributing fresh produce to different programs.

Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin: call 608-223-9121
www.secondharvestmadison.org

In addition to helping people locate resources for food, Second Harvest has many other services. They can help with clothing, counseling, and other services as well.

On Campus: The Open Seat

The Associated Students of Madison are just about to launch their new food initiative called “The Open Seat”. They have been working hard to make this happen, and it will open on February 5th. Their mission statement: “The Open Seat” strives to alleviate the stresses of food insecurity by providing friendly and accessible sources of food for the students of The University of Wisconsin – Madison. You can read more about it, including hours, location, and how to participate in food donations here: http://www.asm.wisc.edu/resources/food-pantry/
Eagle’s Wing Teacher Feature: Vanessa Hellenbrand

Eagle’s Wing welcomed Vanessa Hellenbrand to our teaching team this past June. Vanessa is a calm, peaceful, gentle 4K Purple teacher with great ideas, energy and insight. She comes to us with a wealth of experience from the Madison West YMCA where she was their Youth and Teen Supervisor as well as Dane County Parent Council where she worked for 8 years looping between 3 year olds and the 4K classroom. As a 4K Teacher with DCPC, Vanessa became very familiar with a 4K program that was contracted through the Madison Metropolitan School District and brings that expertise to Eagle’s Wing.

Vanessa grew up close to Madison, in Cross Plains. Family is very important to Vanessa and she goes home to be with her parents every Sunday for dinner (and Packer games with her Dad). Vanessa’s aunts and uncles were in the same Cross Plains / Middleton area so the 7 cousins that she grew up with are more like siblings to her.

Vanessa has a double major from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. She valued their cohort approach and the many practicums and student teaching placements that were a part of their degree programs. She loved getting into the classrooms, developing relationships with children and having hands on experiences throughout her higher ed career. Vanessa is very dedicated to the Early Childhood profession and takes advantage of all sorts of professional development and continuing education opportunities – many of which take place on evenings and weekends.

Vanessa loves to bake – cupcakes are her specialty. The Eagle’s Wing staff can attest that her cupcakes taste as delicious as they are beautiful. Vanessa also is an avid reader and enjoys the feel of a real book in her hands. During her free time, you’ll often find Vanessa working out at the gym. She participates in numerous community runs with The Warrior Dash, Color Me Rad, Crazy legs and the Madison Mini Marathon being a few she has enjoyed.

In the 4K Purple classroom, Vanessa loves music and movement activities, reading with children and being outside. She is always amazed to see the treasures her children find in nature (cicada exoskeletons!) and how excited they get about nature walks and outdoor science. Vanessa’s advice to parents is to enjoy the little things with your children. The time moves so quickly and we are always in such a hurry, that slowing down when you can, will add joy to both your life and your child’s.

We are so very happy to have Vanessa with us at Eagle’s Wing and we thank her for all of her hard work and great ideas!

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Lease Renewal Time: What You Should Know

We hope to begin sending out lease renewal offers for University Apartments neighborhoods in late March or April. (Renewal offers are sent over a period of weeks, so you may not receive one at the same time as a neighbor; a later arrival time in your mailbox is not a cause for concern.) Leases end on May 31, 2015 for Harvey Street Apartments and on June 30, 2015 for Eagle Heights. As the end of your lease year approaches, you should begin to think about the following questions. All forms and policies mentioned below are available from the University Apartments Office in the Community Center, or from our website http://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-resident-policies.htm

**Will you be leaving University Apartments?**

All residents who wish to terminate their lease prior to the end of the lease year for their neighborhood must submit a completed Lease Termination form providing 90 days notice.

**Are you graduating?**

If you are graduating, or if your UW affiliation will end at the end of summer session, you can stay in University Apartments for the summer and move out on or before August 31, 2015. You will need to renew your lease, and turn in a Lease Termination form as soon as you know your move out date. Remember that you are responsible for providing 90 days notice when terminating your lease.

**Have you discussed your plans with your Roommate?**

If you are living with a roommate, the two of you will want to discuss your plans and eligibility for the coming lease year before submitting a Lease Renewal. By discussing your plans, you might be able to avoid future problems or misunderstandings. Remember that you must complete either a Roommate Add form or Roommate Release form if there will be any changes to who is living in your apartment. Roommate change forms should be submitted to the Leasing Office. All roommate changes must be approved in advance. Allowing someone to move to your apartment before going through the approval process could jeopardize your lease.

**Leaving only for the Summer?**

If you are thinking of subletting your apartment, be certain to stop by the University Apartments Office to pick up the Sublet Request paperwork. Subletters must meet University Apartments eligibility requirements and all sublets must be approved in advance. As with unapproved roommates, allowing someone to move to your apartment before, or without going through the approval process could jeopardize your lease.

**Interested in Transferring to Another Apartment?**

If you are interested in transferring to another apartment, you must complete a Transfer Application. Convenience transfers are typically blocked between May 1st and September 30th of each year to allow staff to concentrate on preparing as many apartments as possible for new residents. There will be no blocked periods for former University Houses residents who plan to return to University Houses once the renovations are completed. We will be contacting these residents as soon as we have a more accurate schedule of when the apartments will become available.

**Questions or Concerns?**

If you have any questions or concerns about renewing your lease, make certain to contact the leasing office at leasing@housing.wisc.edu

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EVENTS THIS MONTH

*Events Requiring Sign-up must have the required paperwork filled out, signed and returned prior to the deadline. Forms can be obtained at the Community Center or by emailing us at: recreation.assistant@housing.wisc.edu. These programs are free unless otherwise stated below.

Recreation Assistants only work in the evening. You will usually receive a response the next business day.

Teen Night Out - Friday, February 5, 6:30-9:30 p.m. - Community Center Large Gym
Middle and High School Teens! Got Game? Show us your skills in the ultimate teen night-video game night battle. Enjoy playing the best games in x-box, play station, and wii on large screens in the gym. Select Mario brothers, race cars, rock band, fifa, football, smash brothers and more. Refuel with Subway sandwiches, chips, snacks and drinks. Friends, including non-residents, are also welcome. This event is for middle and high school students only - sorry, no parents allowed. Game On!

NFL Super Bowl Game - Sunday, February 7, 5:30-10:00 p.m. (or end of game) - Community Center Large Gym
It's Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest game night of the year! Join us for the best in American football as the AFC Denver Broncos and NFC Carolina Panthers look to sack, attack and take the season’s championship in the National Football League. The game will stream live, in high definition, on a 133 screen in the large gym. Chili, chips and drinks also served. This is a free community event open to all ages.

Stay & Play Story Time, Wednesdays February 10 - March 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Community Center Small Gym
Love Books? So do we! Enjoy the amazing adventures and colorful stories in the treasure of reading during our new children’s “stay & play” story time. Children will enjoy interactive reading with books, puppet fingers, and felt boards. Afterwards, they will get creative and have fun making their very own arts and crafts projects, then enjoy a special treat of hot cocoa and cookies. This program is being sponsored by the Madison Public Library. MPL will also have bins of books available for children to check-out and take home each Wednesday during the program. Don’t have a library card? Fear not! Applications will be available on site to complete. This 4 week event is free, drop-in, and open to children of all ages, though story time may be most suitable to children 8 years and younger. Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult to attend. Happy Reading!

Kids Night Out - Friday, February 12 and Friday, March 6, 6:00-8:45 p.m. - Community Center Large Gym
Parents, enjoy a kid free evening while your children enjoy parent free entertainment! The Campus Women’s Center returns to host a Kids Night Out event at the Community Center for children 3 to 11 years of age, pre-school and elementary school students only please. Children will enjoy sporting games, activities, arts and crafts, movies and more. Light snacks are also provided. Spaces are limited and fill quickly! Select a month for your children to enjoy and send your request to: recreation.assistant@housing.wisc.edu. Due to the high volume of request, children will only be given a spot in February or March. They cannot be registered for both.

Cascade Mountain Ski Trip - Saturday, February 20, 3:00-11:30 p.m. - Portage, WI 53901
Calling all skiers. Enjoy our last snow season visit to Cascade Mountain as we strap on our skis, snowboards and snow tubes for winter fun on the crisp mountains and hills of Cascade. Lessons are available for skiers ages 10 and above for an additional fee. Take a break by the fire to enjoy dinner, hot chocolate/coffee and return to the hills for your snowing adventures! Residents are also allowed to bring food and drinks from home or purchase one of the many meal items onsite. Fees vary by age and activities. Deadline to sign-up for this trip is Friday, February 12th (6 p.m.). Seating is limited and will fill very quickly. Request your form today at: recreation.assistant@housing.wisc.edu.

Free Kuk Sool Won Adult Martial Arts Classes - Tuesdays and Thursday, 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Community Center Small Gym
Increase your flexibility, fitness, strength, confidence, and self-discipline! These martial arts classes are led by 2nd Degree black belt, Max Magee who has 9 years of training and experience in the Korean martial art of Kuk Sool Won (see www.kuksoolwon.com for more information). The spring session begins with 4 introductory classes to get new students up to speed, these classes are especially friendly to new students. Anyone 18 years and above is welcome to participate. Introductory classes have been extended to Tuesday, February 9th. For more information or to reserve your spot in class, please contact head instructor Max Magee: MaxPMagee@gmail.com.
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CONTACT INFORMATION:

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.

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

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 - 9808.

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