Meet our New Community Officer

Happy Spring! I’m Officer Barrett (Bear) Erwin from UWPD. I’m taking over for Officer Brian Whitmore while he is at home attending to his new baby son.

I’ve been hoping for some time to get the opportunity to work here in Eagle Heights, and Brian’s happy family news has afforded me that opportunity.

A little about me:

I grew up in a small dairy town just east of here called Lake Mills. I went to school in Minnesota, and earned a degree in political science there in gopher land. I’ve had a variety of jobs including construction, retail sales, bartending, and commercial fishing in Alaska. The farthest place I’ve been from home is a tie between Hungary, and Gambia. I became a police officer about six years ago, and have worked here on campus for the last two. I have a lovely wife, Deborah, and two children, Kai (3 years) and Reese (9 months). We just moved and will be living out of boxes for several weeks to come.

As a police officer my goal is to be seen as a valuable community resource. Once my schedule sorts itself out I plan to offer weekly Coffee-with-a-Cop. I look forward to this as an easy and relaxed way to get to know each other. I think it will be an opportunity for us to exchange ideas about ways to improve quality of life in and around campus, but also a chance to chat about anything for any reason. If you want to bring a checkers board I’m always up for a match. If you’re a chess player you’ll find me a slow but eager learner.

Enough about me, let’s talk about spring. Spring time is wonderful in Madison! It’s time to dust off the bikes and get the family on the bike paths. The farmer’s market on the Capitol Square is bike-able for many family members. The ride is between 3.7 and 4.1 mostly flat miles. The longer stretch is almost exclusively on bike paths.

Another fabulous part of the UW experience is Hoofers Sailing Club. They are located on the lower level of Memorial Union and offer sailing lessons to UW students, faculty, and other members. Madison’s lakes are not to be missed! (A personal aside; my parents started dating while teaching sailing at Hoofers). Don’t forget the great fishing many enjoy on our lakes.

Along with these great things to do in Madison I also want to stress a little bit of safety and caution. Spring time is an important time to check bikes, bike breaks, and helmets for proper fit and working order. A quick tune up and safety check can save a skinned knee or worse.

The lakes are wonderful, but can be a danger to those who are just starting to learn how to swim. I’m checking around, and I’ll get back to you all about some good local places that offer swimming lessons for anyone interested. When it comes to Wisconsin fishing there are some specific guidelines for eating the various varieties. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has a great guide for what fish are safe to eat, and how often to eat them.

Here is the website: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/consumption

Animals and 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. So please remember to look at the animals but don’t feed them!
Bug of the Month: Stink Bugs

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 marmorated stink bug is about 12 to 17 mm long. Like other stink bugs, its body is nearly as wide as it is long. The adult is mottled 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
Like other stink bugs, this pest pierces the skin of the fruit in order to feed. After feeding, the insect leaves. Besides being an agricultural pest, the brown marmorated stink bug is often a pest in homes. In summer, the adult bugs gather on homes. The bugs are seeking sheltered places to spend the winter.

The bugs move inside the home through cracks and other openings. They spend the winter hiding inside the walls or in the crawl spaces. When spring comes, the stink bugs become active. As they begin to move around, some of them emerge into the living space.

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. Homeowners often first detect stink bugs by their mass invasions in the fall. They turn up on sunny sides of homes where they warm themselves. Growers often detect them by the damage they cause to their crops or gardens.

Control
Residents can discourage the brown marmorated stink bug from entering the 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 the voids of the home to overwinter, 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.

What can residents do if they see a cluster of 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, upon seeing these bugs again, 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.

Stink bugs are not harmful to humans, they feed on plants and crops and some species feed on other insects and larvae.

If a resident is experiencing overwintering stink bugs, contact Pest Control Supervisor Mario Barcena at the Apartment Facilities Office. Information gathered from several internet sites including Wikipedia.

New Resident Manager
Hello University Apartments Residents!

My name is Alicja Ciesielska and I am the new Resident Manager for the 500s and 600s area.

For the last two years I was working as a Recreation Leader in the Programming Office so you may recognize me from many trips, events and programs held in the Community Center. Now I look forward to sharing my own experience as a resident of Eagle Heights and helping you with anything you need. Together we will make this neighborhood the best place to live.

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 (ages 5 to completion of 2nd grade). Most sessions run for two weeks; children can enroll in all six sessions which begin June 13th and end August 26th.

Nature, science, drama, field trips, arts and crafts, games and making new friends in a fun, friendly and relaxed learning environment will be part of your child’s day. Come join us for the summer!

For additional information or to enroll contact: paula.zipperer@housing.wisc.edu.

Connect with us on Facebook

UW-Madison University Apartments
Good news! For common maintenance issues that residents may feel comfortable handling, please take a look at the link below which is live on our University Apartments website. [https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-services-maintenance.htm](https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments-services-maintenance.htm). On this website you can view videos with easy and clear how-to’s to guide you through the process of fixing the issue yourself. You will find tutorials on how to fix many different items such as the shades in your apartment or how to operate the garbage disposal. Be sure to check it out!

### Go Green Bike Festival

On Saturday, April 29th, UA welcomed over 300 residents celebrating our annual Bike Festival with an additional bonus of Earth Day awareness and activities. 132 bike helmets, donated by the Office of Child Care and Family Resource 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, a healthy 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.

Saturday was a beautiful day to enjoy nature with a walk through the Eagle Heights woods, led by front office staffer, Treana Olofson as well as a bike ride to Dejope Hall and the Dane County Farmers Market with UWPD officers. 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, Copps, Madison B-Cycle, Mad Wreckin’ Dolls, Revolution Cycles, Red Village Church, WI Bike Federation, Lakeshore Nature Preserve, 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.

### 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 13th. 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 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 PM. 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.

### Lawn Mowing Season Begins

Our first scheduled mowing is May 3rd. Eagle Heights and University Houses will be mowed on Tuesdays and Harvey Street will be on Wednesdays. It will be the same contractor as last year, so hopefully things will go smoothly. Please remember to move all personal items from the lawn prior to mowing day.
University Apartments Upcoming Facilities Projects

**University Houses Exterior Projects**

Beginning in late May or early June we will begin an exterior project to complete necessary brick work and other envelope repairs as we continue to restore our historic University Houses buildings. We are also working on our exterior painting project which will include more lead paint removal, column repairs, and repainting of many wood surfaces on the exteriors of the buildings. Also planned for this spring includes some exterior landscaping work including planting new trees and shrubs.

**Haight Road Resurfacing**

This summer we will also be resurfacing Haight Rd from Oxford Rd to the top of the hill by building 1 in University Houses. We will be adding a much needed sidewalk on the bottom half of the hill and upgrading the pedestrian lighting along this walkway. This will involve much resident communication and coordination. It is planned that one lane of Haight Rd will be accessible throughout the project, but it will require patience on everyone’s part to get this much needed work done.

**New Swings by the “Brown Climber”**

We will be installing new swings in an area near the play structure between the Community Center and the 300s buildings in Eagle Heights. We will also be realigning the small soccer field there to try to avoid some of its current drainage issues. This is part of our ongoing playground improvements as we continue to make more play areas accessible.

**New Roofs**

We have several roofs with storm damage we are working on repairing and/or replacing in Eagle Heights. We also plan to replace some of the low slope roofs in University Houses this summer.

**Harvey Street Laundry Room**

Based on resident input, we will be providing some new furniture, new flooring, and a new TV to the Harvey Street laundry room/community space. We hope to have this installed in May.
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.

Adult Table Tennis Now Open - Mondays, May 2 - 30, Community Center
Thank you for your patience during our recent staff shortage and temporary closing of the table tennis program. We are pleased to say the Adult Table Tennis has returned and is currently open for your enjoyment!

Limited Session! Adult Sculpt Workout Class - Mondays, May 9 - 23, 7:00-7:45 p.m. Community Center-Small Gym
Love the sculpt class? Here’s your chance to enjoy 3 additional sessions! Class instructor, Patrice, has extended a limited session running Monday, May 9th-May 23rd. This is a 45 minute, low impact, full body workout class in which students are guided through both fast and slow exercises that build strength in gluteal, abdominal, thigh and arm muscles without stressing your joints. This is a free, drop-in class open to all adults. Newcomers are welcome! Registration is not required.

Assembly Meeting - Tuesday, May 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Community Center-Room 139
Be the first to hear the news—join our next Assembly Meeting! The Assembly is a resident run organization that represents and advocates for the people of University Apartments and is open to your ideas on all topics. Come to our May meeting and hear from Officer Barrett about common community issues, and have the opportunity to ask for information about the UW-Police. FREE pizza and light snacks will be provided!

Stay and Play Story Time - Wednesday, May 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Community Center-Small Gym
It’s back! Join us for an entertaining evening with your imagination and the wonderful world of books! Enjoy interactive, playful reading, singing songs, and a special arts & crafts project in this literacy event sponsored by the Madison Public Library. The fun doesn’t end there. Bring your library cards or register for a new one on site to check out your next book adventures. This is a free, drop-in program 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!

University Apartments Spring Yard Sale - Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Time for a little spring cleaning? Join your friends and neighbors at the annual Spring Yard Sale. Sell your home treasure, buy others, or trade your goods with vendors. The central location is on Eagle Heights Drive by the Brown Bus Shelter. All residents are welcome to participate in this free event. Registration is not required.

Participating residents are responsible for personal supplies (i.e. tables, chairs, display, etc.) set up and clean up their occupied areas. Bring toys, clothes, personal appliances, TVs, radios, and anything else you’d like to sell. Because of concerns regarding the spread of household pests, please do not sell mattresses or overstuffed furniture at this yard sale.

The Goodwill Industries will have a collection truck arrive at noon on Saturday, for items you’d like to donate. Donated items must be packed in closed boxes or bags. They will only accept small items that are in reusable condition and they may have to decline furniture due to only having one truck and driver available for this event. A rain reschedule is set for Sunday, May 22nd. The Goodwill collection will not be available on the rain date.

Graduation Party - Saturday, June 4, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Community Center
Join the Assembly to congratulate all graduates in a fun end of semester party! Stop by to enjoy music, cake, light refreshments and more fun for the whole family. Submit your graduate’s name to assemblychair@gmail.com to hear it called out for a full group congratulation!

CONGRATS TO OUR 2016 GRADUATES!
COMMUNITY CENTER OFFICE HOURS:

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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.

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

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

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.

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.

www.repairs.housing.wisc.edu

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