

UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

NEWS

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Shorter Open Hours for the University Apartments Office and the Community Center

Earlier this spring, the University Apartments Office had announced some small cuts to our open hours as part of the overall budgeting process.

Following further developments with the state budget, we have found that we need to make additional cuts.

As of Monday, August 3, 2009 the University Apartments Office and the Community Center will have reduced hours of operation. The office will only be open late one night a week (Wednesdays), and will be closed completely one day a week (Sundays).

There will be a Recreation Staff member on site Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and an office staff member on Wednesdays, until 8 PM. Residents will still be able to access the Study Room after 8 PM, and on weekends, by contacting the Resident Manager on Duty. In addition, Recreation Staff will have occasional hours for programs on weekends.

This decision was not made lightly, and it is our hope that we will be able to minimize the impact on services. The new hours are:

Monday - Office open 7:45 AM - 5:45 PM
Recreation staff present until 8 PM
Tuesday - Office open 7:45 AM - 5:45 PM
Recreation staff present until 8 PM
Wednesday - Office open 7:45 AM - 7:45 PM
Thursday - Office open 7:45 AM - 5:45 PM
Recreation staff present until 8 PM
Friday - Office open 7:45 AM - 5:45 PM
Saturday - Office open 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM



REQUEST REPAIRS ON-LINE

If you have non-emergency repairs to request, please fill out a work request on line at

<http://repairs.housing.wisc.edu>

ANNOUNCEMENTS



International Potluck

Wednesday, August 5th, 6 PM

Please bring a family-sized dish from your home country to share. Enter the "Dish of the Night" contest, meet your neighbors, and enjoy great food!

New Resident Orientations

Are you new to the community? This session offers all kinds of practical help - how to get around on the bus system, fun things to do in the community etc. The staff are able to answer lots of questions and help you find resources on campus and in Madison.

August/September sessions will be held on:

Wednesday, August 5th 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 22nd 10:00 AM

Wednesday, September 2nd 7:30 PM

Annual Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 26th, 5:30-7:30 PM

Come join us at the Community Center for free ice cream and entertainment.

State Park Trip

Saturday, August 22, 9am-5pm

Take a bus to the most visited state park in Wisconsin. Enjoy the spectacular scenery and swim in the clear, spring fed lake, or hike on some of the 29 miles of park trails! For more information see the next page of the Newsletter.

Adult Canoe Outing with UW Hoofers

Tuesday, August 18, 5pm-8pm

Enjoy a leisurely paddle along the shore of Lake Mendota with a UW Hooper's canoeing guide! All levels of canoeing skills are welcome. For more information see the next page of the Newsletter.

Welcome to the Community!

Say hello to your new neighbors! Between July 1st and September 15th, new residents will move into approximately 200 apartments.

On behalf of the entire community, we want to welcome you, and wish you an easy transition as you settle in.

Please let your Resident Manager or other staff know if you have any questions, and take advantage of the opportunity to meet new neighbors at the International Potlucks and the Ice Cream Social.



Public School Information

This year, University Apartment's elementary, middle school and high school students will begin classes the first week of September, with most students starting on Tuesday, September 1st. Detailed information on enrollment and fees can be found on the district web site at: www.madison.k12.wi.us - use the Parent Information link.

In mid-August, the Madison Metropolitan School District will release the bus schedules for middle and high school students. The University Apartments office will post the schedules on the bus stops as soon as they are available. The bus will come through Eagle Heights to pick up Middle and High School students.

Shorewood Elementary and Hamilton Middle School have posted school supply lists on the school district's website:

<http://www.madison.k12.wi.us/schools/supplies>

Registration dates are as follows:

Shorewood Hills Elementary School
(Kindergarten through Fifth Grades)
1105 Shorewood Boulevard (608) 204-1200

Thursday, August 20 11 AM - 6 PM

Velma Hamilton Middle School
(Grades Six - Eight)
4801 Waukesha Street (608) 204-4620

Grade 8 Wednesday, August 19 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Grade 7 Thursday, August 20 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM
Grade 6 Friday, August 21 8:30 AM- 12:00 PM

Make up day for all grades will be Wednesday, August 26th from 3:30pm-6:00 PM. New students may register on any of these days.

West High School
(Grades Nine - Twelve)
30 Ash Street (608) 204-4100

New students: Friday, August 14 By appointment only

All grades:
Thursday, August 20 8 AM-12 PM and 3-6 PM
Monday, August 24 8 AM-12 PM and 3-6 PM

AUGUST PROGRAMMING

Aldo Leopold Nature Center
Tuesday, August 11, 8AM-11PM

Children in grades 3 through 5 are invited to spend a morning exploring the habitats and survival tactics of different organisms. The children will take a hike around the Nature Center in Monona and participate in group activities that include songs and a puppet show.

The cost for this activity is \$3 per child which includes transportation to and from the Aldo Leopold Nature Center and the cost for a Naturalist to accompany the group. If interested, please contact Rachel Zorn at Rachel.zorn@housing.wisc.edu with your name, apartment number, and the name of your child who will be attending. A permission slip and a miscellaneous payment slip must be completed in order for a child to participate.

Adult Canoe Outing with UW Hoofers
Tuesday, August 18, 5-8PM

Enjoy a leisurely paddle along the shore of Lake Mendota with a UW Hooper's canoeing guide! We will meet at the Hooper's boathouse at Memorial Union at 5pm to learn and review canoe safety and strokes. After, we will paddle to Picnic Point, enjoy snacks on the shore, and then paddle back to Memorial Union. This trip is open to people of all canoeing abilities. If the weather is not suitable for canoeing on August 18, we will reschedule the trip.

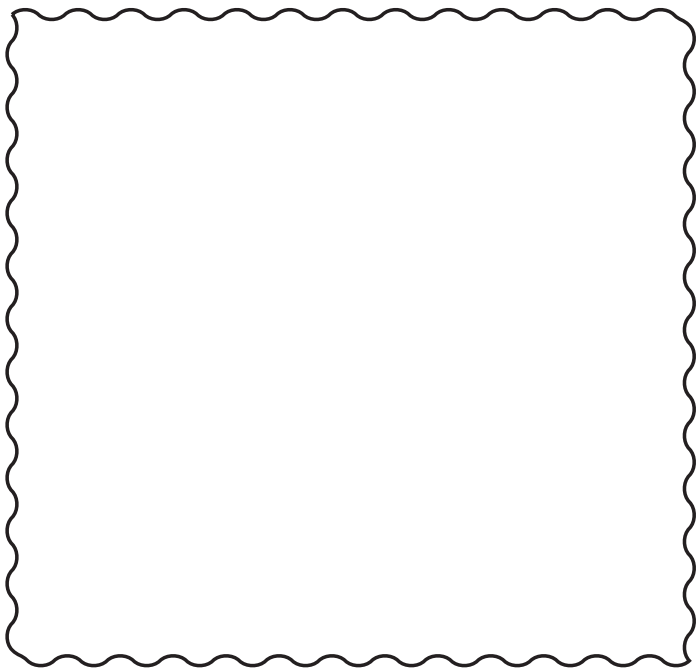
Sign-up will begin on Wednesday, August 5th at the Community Center. This activity is free for residents of University Apartments. Space is very limited!

State Park Trip
Saturday, August 22, 9AM to 5PM

Devil's Lake State Park is located just outside of Baraboo, WI. The bus will leave from the Parking lot of the Community Center at 9am and will return at about 5pm. The Park offers a beach, hiking trails, playgrounds, and great open spaces to play games or relax with a book. The cost for transportation is \$7 per person. Children 2 years old and younger are free and all children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to pack snacks, lunch, and drinks.

Sign-up will begin on Wednesday, August 12th at the Community Center. For more information about Devil's Lake State Park check the Wisconsin DNR's website: <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/ORG/LAND/PARKS/specific/devilslake/>





Sixth Annual Friends of the Waisman Center Films in the Field

Sponsored by: Baird, GHC, American Family Children's Hospital, Dental Health Associates, M3 Insurance, KEVA Sports Center, Cousins, and the Memorial Union.

Featuring: "Monsters vs. Aliens"

Saturday, August 8, 2009

8:00 PM (movie begins at dusk)
West Campus Recreational Fields
near the Waisman Center
1500 Highland Ave (right across the
street from UW Hospital)



Enjoy a **FREE** movie under the stars. Watch Dream Works' most recent animated family blockbuster about a ragtag group of hilarious and fun monsters that save the day (and the world!) from a scheming alien.

The film is projected onto a larger-than-life 20 ft. x 40 foot inflatable screen!

Bring blankets and chairs to set up in the field. Come early to enjoy pre-show kid-oriented activities. Pre-show activities begin at 6 PM in the field with KEVA Sports Center-Plus interactive, fun learning stations about the Waisman Center, face painting and crafts. Fun for the whole family.

Concessions (available at 6:00 PM) include: pizza, hot dogs, brats, subs, ice cream, popcorn, soda, iced coffee drinks & more!

This movie is rated G.

Free parking available in lots 82, 60, and 76.

For more information, go to <http://www.waisman.wisc.edu/EVENTS/FILMS/FILM2009.HTML> or call 263-5837 or e-mail Teresa at palumbo@waisman.wisc.edu

Breastfeeding Classes

The Madison Department of Public Health invites you to attend free breastfeeding classes in August.

A Certified Lactation Educator will be offering these classes for pregnant women and mothers breastfeeding newborns. Partners are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, August 12th 10:00-11:30 AM

Getting Comfortable with the Basics

Wednesday, August 19th 10:00-11:30 AM

Special Challenges and Pumping/Storage of Breastmilk

Both sessions will be held in Room 106 in the Community Center.

For more information call 243-0319. Registration is helpful, but not required. Classes are offered in February, May, August and November.

Apartment Services Reminders

Never Leave Cooking Unattended

In the past there have been apartment kitchen fires resulting from cooking pots left unattended on apartment stoves. Always monitor items that you are cooking. This is also a good reminder to consider purchasing Renter's Insurance. Remember, the University is not liable for your personal belongings.



Garbage Disposals are not for everything!

The maintenance staff have had calls regarding garbage disposals and have often found residents are putting garden greens down their disposal. The only thing that should go down the garbage disposal is cooked food scraped off your plates. No bones should go down the disposal. All garden waste should go into the trash can or compost area.



Thank you for your patience!

Summer is an extremely busy time for our maintenance and custodial staffs. Non-emergency repairs to your apartment may take a little longer to complete, as staff focus on repairing vacant apartments, so that they are ready for new residents.

Even though it is busy, you should still report any maintenance and repair needs.

Two Ways to Request Non-Emergency Repairs

1. The best way is to submit a request for non-emergency service through the University Apartments Maintenance and Repair Service web page:
<http://repairs.housing.wisc.edu>

The web page also has general information about apartment facilities, a "Frequently Asked Questions" section, and a list of what Apartments staff do and do not repair.

Examples of non-emergency repairs include broken shades, garbage disposals not working, and bathtubs draining slowly.

2. If you do not have access to a computer, you can call the Apartment Services Office at 262-2037 for non-emergency repairs. Between 4:30 PM – 8:00 AM, you may leave a message with the information about the repair. Please speak slowly and clearly!

Two ways to Request Emergency Repairs

1. If it is after 7:45 AM Monday-Friday, call the Apartment Services Office: 262-2037.

2. From 5:30 PM – 8:00 AM on weekdays, and all day on weekends and holidays, contact the Resident Manager on Duty. The cell phone number is 444-9308. The pager number is 657-1799.

Examples of Emergency Maintenance and Repairs are: no heat in the winter, an electrical outage, water coming in from outside or through the walls or ceiling, or a toilet that is not usable.

