Some residents are surprised to learn that smoking is allowed in some parts of University Apartments. Smoking is permitted 25 feet (8 meters) away from buildings, and we also have some buildings where smoking is allowed inside of the individual apartments.

As the weather cools off, we like to remind people to be sure that they are 25 feet from buildings to smoke. In the spirit of the policy, we also ask residents to consider that although you may be 25 feet away from the building, wind could still blow the smoke in and impact your neighbors, so try to position yourself in a way to minimize impact.

In all buildings, even those where smoking is permitted in individual apartments, smoking is never allowed in common areas such as hallways, stairwells, and laundry rooms.

Smoking policies apply to visitors or guests as well, so we ask you to please remind them. It is much less awkward to remind your guests than to have a complaint made by your neighbors.

If you are a neighbor who is concerned about someone smoking inside of or too close to the building, we ask you to please talk to them directly. We believe that in a strong community like University Apartments, people should be able to share their concerns with their neighbors. We also believe that most people want to be good neighbors, and are unaware that they may be negatively impacting others.

If you do not know how to speak to your neighbors about your concerns, or you have spoken to them and the behavior has not changed, our resident support services staff is here to help. You can contact the resident manager for your neighborhood, or contact the Community Center to be put in touch with one of our resident support team members.

The narrow border of trees running between Lake Mendota Road and Eagle Heights Community Gardens will receive attention this fall.

Madison Gas and Electric maintains an easement as a result of overhead electric lines running through the area. Over the years, an abundance of brushy growth has developed, making it difficult to safely address tree related issues within the area.

MG&E will be removing undesirable brushy growth, including invasive plants, and making it easier to address tree related safety issues. Preserve staff will be monitoring the process.

For safety reasons, please avoid the area when work activity is taking place. If you have questions, please contact Laura Wyatt, Program Manager for the Lakeshore Nature Preserve at lakeshorepreserve@fpm.wisc.edu.
TRUST THE CHECK?
A True Crime Story from University Apartments

The following story is a true event that happened in the University Apartments community this summer. The names have been removed and the story is being shared with the resident’s permission. Ask yourself, what would you do?

A resident moving out of the community was selling some personal property online at Offerup. They were selling a stroller for $70 and someone messaged them expressing interest in buying the stroller. The resident and the buyer agreed on a price, but the buyer claimed they were too busy to come down and pick up the stroller. The buyer offered to send the resident a Certified Cashier’s Check in the mail to hold the stroller as “sold” and then the buyer would make arrangements to pick up the stroller after the check cleared. The buyer said, “Hope I can trust you with the check payment” and offered the resident $50 extra dollars for holding the stroller until they arrived to pick it up.

The resident agreed to accept the check and hold the stroller as “sold.” The resident gave the buyer their contact info and wanted to know when they would pick it up. The buyer agreed and requested that the resident would remove the item from Offerup since they had an agreement the item was considered “sold”. The next day the buyer said they mailed a check. The buyer messaged, “I need your honest and trust to end this transaction. I want to know if I can trust you with my money, and the check I am mailing you will cover the funds.” They sent a tracking number for the check because they did not have time to come down for the stroller. The buyer asked the resident to deposit the check in the bank as soon as it arrived. The buyer said the resident could deduct from the check total $70 for the stroller plus a $50 convenience perk for holding the stroller. The buyer said, “I am putting all my trust in you, please don’t disappoint me today. Thank you, I will await your reply.”

A certified mail package arrived at the resident’s door the next day with this check in it. The check looked real and was made out to them personally, but the pay amount was $780. Should they have cashed it? Would you have cashed it?

Thankfully the resident in this situation realized this situation was suspicious. They called the business listed on the check and learned the business had no idea about the check and had no reason to buy the stroller. This check is fake.

The resident did not cash the check and called me to confirm someone was trying to scam them. If the resident had cashed the check they could have potentially lost a lot of money on the deal. The bank holds you responsible for cashing a fake check and, once the bank learned it was fake, would charge you for the money. Never cash a check from an unknown source. This resident did an excellent job of recognizing the problem right away and trusting their instincts that this situation was not right.

Trust your instincts and if you ever have a problem or question about something it is better to be safe than sorry. Feel free to contact me anytime about a call, email, or message before you give away any money or personal information.

Officer Terry Evans, University Apartments Community Officer
Email: terryevans@wisc.edu Twitter: @UnivAptsUWPD
608-265-5717 or 608-262-2957
The Lakeshore Nature Preserve seeks to protect and restore a variety of native Wisconsin natural communities to provide teaching and research opportunities for UW-Madison academic programs, and passive recreation and nature observation for all. Viewing the land in its current form, it may be hard to see an ecosystem once dependent on fire as a main ecological process. Indeed, at the time of European settlement, much of southwest Wisconsin was covered in open prairie and oak savanna communities that were maintained through the interaction of frequent fires set by Native Americans and herds of free-ranging large herbivores.

Prescribed fire is one of the tools that land managers use to promote the open structure and diverse fire-dependent plant communities once common across the region. Prescribed fires are often set in early spring (March through May) and sometimes in late fall. They are conducted within a strict set of parameters that include temperature, wind speed and direction, relative humidity, and fuel conditions, among many others.

Smoke may be the most visible sign for visitors, neighbors, and travelers on nearby roads. Visitors to the preserve may see posted signs alerting the public to burn activity and closed trails, or swaths of blackened areas after a burn.

If you happen to be visiting the preserve during a fire, please follow these safety precautions:

- Always stay off trails and firebreaks that are closed for a prescribed fire, and do not go off trail
- Keep a safe distance from smoke, flames, and heat
- Do not interfere with or obstruct movement of crew, equipment, and vehicles
- Do not distract a prescribed fire crew

Q. Why do I have to email leasing? It is easier for me to call or drop in to see them.

The reason leasing staff prefer not to see people on a drop-in basis is because of the sheer volume of work. In addition, many questions require some research: running wait lists, checking priorities, looking at dates apartments will be ready, and so on.

The most efficient way for leasing to manage its work load is to have residents and applicants submit questions via email. That way: People are helped in the order they contacted leasing. Leasing staff are able to make time for paperwork before moving on to help the next person.

You will have a record of when you asked your question, or sent in information and leasing will have a record of its response to you.

By contacting the leasing staff ahead of time, an appointment can be scheduled at a time convenient to all parties. That way people do not need to make a trip to the Community Center only to find that leasing staff are not available, meeting with another resident, or out of the office.

Front desk staff are often able to help with a number of things that don’t require personal contact with leasing. They can provide information and forms about lease terminations, transfer applications, and roommate changes. They are also kept up to date with general information, and can provide answers about eligibility, applicant priorities, and more.

Q. It is ridiculous that I have to lock up my kids’ bikes! Could you do something to make people leave other people’s things alone?

Yes, it is ridiculous. And no, we cannot do anything effective to make people leave private property alone. If we had a way to do that, you could be certain that neighborhoods in cities around the world would be following our lead.

Interested in learning more about the Fair Housing Act?
HEAT IS COMING
By Phillip Werman, Resident Manager Supervisor

The resident manager team is putting together a new article series in the newsletter to give residents updates on common things that they get questions about when they are on call. If you have ideas of articles you would like to see, please email us at resident.manager@housing.wisc.edu.

HEAT

We have had a wonderfully warm September. The unpredictability of Wisconsin’s weather this time of year makes it difficult to set a firm timeline for the heat being turned on. Heat is always turned on by Oct. 15, and usually before that when the average temperatures are cool (for example, 40 degrees Fahrenheit) for more than a few days. The kind of heating system used in our apartments is very efficient, and if we turn on the heat too early, the apartments quickly become too warm for comfort.

If your apartment feels too cold after the heat has been turned on:
• Make certain the baseboard “convector” – the vent where the heat comes out – is open, so that air heated by the pipes can circulate through the room.
• Move any rugs or furniture that may be blocking the flow of warm air. There should be at least 4 inches that are cleared between furnishings and the vent.
• Make sure your windows are closed.

If this is your first winter in the cold, you might be surprised at how much it helps to wear sweaters, warm socks, and slippers while indoors.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

If your apartment feels too warm, please turn down the temperature or close the convector instead of opening windows. Heat escaping through windows is a huge source of wasted energy. If you like the feeling of air circulating, please consider using an indoor fan to move the air, instead of opening a window.

HALLOWEEN AT UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

Halloween is traditionally celebrated in the city of Madison and University Apartments by costumed children going door-to-door asking for “tricks or treats”. The City of Madison recommended time for Trick or Treating is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Halloween, Wednesday, October 31st.

If you would like to participate in the giving of treats in University Apartments, you can place a pumpkin sign in your window or on the outside of apartment doors to let community members know that you are participating. This year, we are offering both orange and teal pumpkins. Orange pumpkins indicate you are giving out candy, the traditional Halloween treat, while teal pumpkins indicate you are giving away non-food treats to be sensitive and inclusive of those with allergies. Examples of this type of treat would be Halloween themed school supplies like pencils, erasers, or stickers; glow sticks or necklaces; small trinket toys like playing cards.

Pumpkin signs can be picked up from the front office of the Community Center throughout the month of October. Of course, you are also welcome to print or decorate your own pumpkin sign to let neighbors know that you are participating.

ZUMBA SCHEDULE CHANGES

There will be no Zumba on the following dates due to the instructor being unavailable.
• Oct. 27
• Nov. 17
• Dec. 22 & 29
• Jan. 5 & 12
**STAY GROUNDED WITH THE GROUNDS DEPARTMENT**

**PARKING REMINDERS**
- As the leaves start coming down from the trees, please try to leave some space between your car and the nearest curb, this makes it easier for us to remove leaves.
- For new residents or new car registrations, make sure you get a base lot sticker as soon as possible to avoid getting ticketed.
- If you have questions about parking please refer to our parking policy. If you still have questions, please reach out of one of the University Apartments offices.

**TRASH AND RECYCLING**
- If you have cardboard boxes to recycle, please break down the boxes so they are flat and place them in the dumpster, not on the ground. This lets us fill the dumpsters more and avoids cardboard getting wet. If it is outside the dumpsters and becomes saturated with rain it is no longer recyclable.
- The only garbage that should be left on the ground outside the dumpsters is large furniture, metal, appliances and bikes. If you are leaving larger items to be discarded near the dumpsters, please do not stack these items in front of the dumpsters because it can get in the way of our trash collection services, and they can refuse to pick up.
- Books, clothes, and bikes can be donated to local charities throughout Madison. Some will even pick up items. You can search online for the charity that suits your needs best. Clothes and other small items may also be dropped off in the rear of the community center gymnasium.

**STORAGE**
With the colder months coming we have our seasonal changes to the parking policy coming up. As of Oct. 1 most of your property must be put inside for storage. This helps us maneuver our equipment around and into buildings to remove leaves and snow more easily. Efficiently removing these is important, as leaves can attract rodents and insects to the area which can get inside the apartments; and snow buildup can make it difficult to navigate the area and make travel more dangerous.

You may have to rent a storage unit elsewhere if your storage area is full. Property that can be left out during the winter includes shovels and sleds, bikes in the bike racks provided, and grills along the apron in the rear of your building. LP tanks must be bolted or chained to your grill or have a locking cap.

Improperly stored property will be tagged with a yellow tag and removed in 3 days. Generally items removed by our staff will be held for 30 days and may have a small fee to have the item returned. If the item is a safety hazard or something we cannot store for pest control reasons like mattresses and soft-sided furniture, those items are disposed of right away. Please read your storage policy provided in your move in packet or on the University Apartments website if you have questions.

**IN WITH THE COLD, OUT WITH THE A/C**
For those who had air conditioners installed by the University Apartments’ staff, you are eligible to have it removed by the staff at no additional charge as you already paid the fee.

The staff will come and remove the air conditioner and insulate it for the coming winter.

If you installed the air conditioner yourself and would like the staff to remove it and insulate it, the cost is $25.00, which will be billed to your housing account.

To request this, or any other service, please visit:  
[https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/maintenance/](https://www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/maintenance/)

**KITE FESTIVAL SET FOR OCT. 7**

The 33rd International Kite Fly For Peace (One Sky World) is Oct. 7 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McKee Farms Park near the corner of Fish Hatchery Road and McKee Road in Fitchburg.

There will be many kites flown by regional fliers, banners and ground displays, bird gliders that drop from the sky and kite-making opportunities for kids.

Contact Paul Fieber at 271-8265 for more information.

**MOOOOVE ON TO WORLD DAIRY EXPO**

If you have ever wondered exactly how your milk, cheese, ice cream, etc., comes to be in your refrigerator/freezer, or have a particular interest in bovines, then save Oct. 2 through 6 on your calendar.

The World Dairy Expo will be held at the Alliant Energy Center for that time and will feature exhibits, food, a dairy cattle show as well as seminars and tours.

For more information, please visit: [https://worlddairyexpo.com/#](https://worlddairyexpo.com/#)

**SEND US YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES**

Calling upon all aspiring chefs and cooks. Please send us your favorite (or secret family) recipes and we will publish at least one each month in the University Apartments newsletter.

The measurements can be in U.S. or metric and please include your name so we can give proper credit.

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of every month. Please send your recipes to: universityapartments@housing.wisc.edu.
Last weekend found us with glorious weather, finally, and nothing on the calendar. It didn’t take much persuading to get Bill to agree to a day trip to my hometown of Manitowoc, just 2 ½ hours northeast of Madison, on the Lake Michigan shore. It’s a fun drive through tiny little towns that are barely hanging on, but the evidence is there that they were once thriving communities. Brothertown, for instance, is a little burg settled between 1831 and 1836 by the Brothertown Indians from New York. The town was originally named Manchester but in honor of the majority of its settlers was renamed in 1857. You would never know such things if you didn’t take the time to get out and read the historical markers. If you are the type of traveler who likes to barrel through the journey to get to the destination, skip Highway 151 and take the Interstate through Milwaukee. There will be plenty of places to visit once you are near the shore.

Once there, we parked our car at Point Beach State Park and walked south along the shore which extends along the edge of pine forest for 7 miles until you hit the town of Two Rivers. We rarely make it a mile before one of us gets brave enough to dive in. We jump and dive and scream until brain and ankle freeze force us back to shore where we carve a little bowl in a hidden dune in the sun, on the edge of the forest and bake ourselves back to normal body temperature.

That’s where we were at when I rolled over and teased Bill with “you’re not hungry for a cheeseburger or anything, are you?” He had our bag packed and blanket folded faster than anyone his age should move. No trip to Manitowoc, for me and my family, is ever complete without a trip to Late’s Drive-in, sandwiched in between Red Arrow Park and Cedar Crest Dairy on the south side of town.

I would be hard pressed to decide which is more fabulous…the hamburgers on locally made hard rolls, the five or six homemade soups on the menu every day, the half-a-dozen homemade desserts…but one thing that is always consistent, that always tastes the same is the chili. Northern Wisconsin chili is different than Mexican chili. You could hardly even call it Tex Mex, were it not for the tablespoon or so of chili powder in it. Call it spicy hamburger soup if you must be a purist about it. All I’m saying is that there was no problem that my mother’s “Bowl ‘o Red” could not solve and when I eat chili at Late’s it is the same experience. So here it is, Ruth Griebling Karlin’s recipe for Up Nort’ Chili.

**BOWL A RED**

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Brown the meat with the onions, peppers, celery and garlic. When everything is sufficiently cooked, drain the fat if there’s a lot of it. Add all of the other ingredients except the macaroni.

Cover and simmer on low for about 45 minutes, stirring every 15 minutes or so. If it’s too thick add water a half cup at time until it is how you like it. I like mine thinner, like soup.

Simmer some more with the lid off for another half-hour or so, adjusting seasonings to taste.

Serve with cooked macaroni, sour cream, grated cheese, chopped raw onion etc.

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**DEJOPE HALLOWEEN PARTY, OCT. 29**

All are invited to the annual Dejope Halloween Party, which is put on by University Housing’s Residence Life and Residence Life Program Assistants. The free event will be Oct. 29 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Lake Mendota Room at Dejope.

The festivities are designed especially for UA residents, housing staff and their families. Kids of all ages are welcome.

Residents will have a chance to watch Halloween movies, make crafts, eat treats and participate in a costume contest.

A shuttle bus will be provided to and from the Community Center, and residents can also provide their own transportation. This is a free, drop-in event and no registration is required. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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**GET OUT AND ABOUT IN FALL**

Just because the weather isn’t warm does not mean there is nothing going on. There are festivals, events and gatherings throughout the region.

In addition to the festivals, there are also corn mazes, apple farm and pumpkin farm outings and other great activities.

For more information and ideas, please visit:

- [https://madison.wisc.edu/#fall](https://madison.wisc.edu/#fall)
- [https://isthmus.com/events/monona-fall-festival/](https://isthmus.com/events/monona-fall-festival/)
- [https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/fall-festival](https://www.cityofmadison.com/calendar/fall-festival)
- [https://www.visitmadison.com/event/verona-fall-fest/44521/](https://www.visitmadison.com/event/verona-fall-fest/44521/)
ASSEMBLY INFO NIGHT
Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Community Center, room 135

The University Apartments Assembly is the official resident voice for residents in Eagle Heights, Harvey Street, and University Houses neighborhoods. We have a number of resident officer positions open (not just limited to student residents) listed below. Assembly and its committees address resident and community needs by working with staff to respond to community issues, making policy recommendations and assisting in planning and implementing services and programs.

On Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m., we will have an info night for residents interested in the open positions. This is also open for residents who just want to get involved in assembly, but not necessarily take a leadership position. Pizza will be provided.

OPEN RESIDENT OFFICER POSITIONS INCLUDE:
• Chair
• Chair Elect
• Treasurer
• Vice Chair of Communications
• Vice Chair of Programming & Services
• Vice Chair of Grants
• Vice Chair of Newsletter

For more info on position responsibilities, please visit our website: www.housing.wisc.edu/apartments/resident/assembly. If you have any questions, please e-mail phillip.werman@housing.wisc.edu.
SPECIAL EVENTS

Wisconsin Badgers Soccer - International Student Day
Sunday, Oct. 7, 1:00 p.m.
McClimon Soccer Fields
Join the Badgers at McClimon Soccer Complex for the annual International Student Day on Sunday, October 7 at 1:00 p.m. International students and their friends who pre-register will receive free admission to the game as well as free pizza and water at the game, while supplies last. On game day, there will be a table located outside the ticket office, and those who registered for the event will simply need to show an ID and sign next to their name to receive free admission. Also, fans are encouraged to bring flags to represent their home country. At halftime, all fans with a flag will be recognized on the field. A raffle for all international students to win soccer memorabilia and the bubble soccer game are all highlights to mention. Please register at: go.wisc.edu/internationalday

Kids Night Out
Friday, Oct. 12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Join us for another great Kids Night Out with the Campus Women’s Center and volunteers from Chadbourne Hall. Kids Night Out is a coordinated evening program that is scheduled approximately one Friday night per month with free activities at the Community Center. Children will be having fun with games, movies and snacks and other fun activities. This night is limited to 40 children so sign up fast. Registration is required and will be posted closer to the event date on our calendar.

FoodWISE Nutrition Class
Tuesday & Thursday Mornings and Wednesday Afternoons
Starting Oct. 16
As a part of the University of Wisconsin Extension (UWExtension), FoodWISE programming offers an evidence-based nutrition class, eating smart and being active. The content of the curriculum is based on the latest research findings from the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans and MyPlate. This class is funded through federal grants and it is free for families with children that are 18 years and under. The class is available to pregnant moms, dads, grand-parents and caregivers of young children. Each class is about 2 hours long and is designed to be taught in sequential order, building on previous lesson content. Activities include dialogue-based learning and hands-on activities. Lesson content includes physical activity, nutrition, healthy lifestyle choices, food preparation (cooking skill development), food safety, and food resources management. Pre-registering for the class via email is required. Kazou Moua, email: moua@countyofdane.com, phone 608-224-3644.

We will be having another Women’s Coffee and Conversation group on Thursday Oct. 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Community Center room 108. This is a free event and all women are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for women to get together and discuss events that are happening today in a safe space. No registration required.

University Apartments Walking Group
Friday, Oct. 19, 4:00 p.m.
Meet at Community Center
We are excited to announce that we are starting a walking group in our community. It’s a meet up and fun walk from the Community Center to a location around campus. We will be rewarding ourselves with snacks and will have goals and activities in order to have a fun and healthy walk. Please bring a water bottle wear comfortable shoes. The event is free but registration is required.

Dejope Halloween Party
Monday, Oct. 29, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Dejope Residence Hall - Lake Mendota Room
You are invited! Join us for our annual Halloween Party! This event is put on by Housing’s Residence Life and the Residence Life Program assistants especially for UA Residents, housing staff, and their families. Kids of all ages are welcome. Residents will have a chance to watch Halloween movies, make crafts, eat treats, and participate in a costume contest! A shuttle bus will be provided to and from the Community Center and residents may also provide their own transportation. This is a free, drop-in event. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. No registration required.

WEEKLY EVENTS

As always, we have many events happening in the Community Center. See below for a listing of weekly events.

Mondays:
Zumba, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Large Gym
Kid’s Yoga, 6:00 p.m.; Small Gym
Table Tennis, 6-7:45 p.m.; Room 139
Badminton, 6:30-7:45 p.m.; Small Gym

Tuesdays:
Bulgarian Folk Dance, 6:15-7:30 p.m.; Small Gym
Soccer, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesdays:
Basketball, 6-7:45 p.m.; Large Gym
Insanity Workout, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Small Gym

Thursdays:
Volleyball, 6-7:45 p.m.; Large Gym
Bulgarian Dance, 6:15-7:45 p.m.; Small Gym

Fridays:
Yoga, 5:45-6:45 p.m.; Small Gym

Saturdays:
Zumba, 9:30-11 a.m.; Large Gym
Insanity Workout, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Small Gym
**COMMUNITY CENTER OFFICE HOURS:**

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