The Palo Verde Office Will Be Closed

Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th
In Observance of

Thanksgiving

The PV Housing Assistants will be unavailable Thursday, November 23rd
For any lock-outs or maintenance on Thursday, please call UCIPD at (949) 824-5223.
The After Hours Assistants will be available starting November 24th to assist at 949-651-3579

Meet the Palo Verde Residents Council

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Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) is an elected body of five Palo Verde residents, which acts as a liaison between residents and PV housing, with regard to advocacy and community-building independent of the Palo Verde office/administration. We host monthly public meetings to allow residents to voice their concerns, as well as to communicate updates on the PV community and housing more broadly.

Game Night: Thursday, November 30th, 6:00-9:00, Location TBA
Public Meeting: Thursday, December 7th at 6:00pm in the PV Lounge
Yoga: Wednesdays at 6:00 in the PV Community Room through Dec. 13
Note: There will be no Yoga on Nov. 22 – it will be held on Nov. 21 instead.
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If you are Flying the Friendly Skies for the Thanksgiving Holiday

The Thanksgiving holiday is undoubtedly the busiest travel time of the year with notorious transportation delays, traffic and travel snags all meeting travelers at nearly every turn. But with a bit of foresight and some Thanksgiving travel planning, you may ease some travel headaches whether you’re heading home for the holidays or escaping for a drama-free adventure. Regardless of your plans, you will be thankful for these Thanksgiving travel tips.

Friday, November 17th and Wednesday, November 22nd will be the busiest pre-Thanksgiving airport days. Try to avoid flying on these days. When you are ready to head home, take flight on Friday when the masses have moved on from the airports to the shopping centers to score the best holiday deals.

Google Flights search data from the past two years indicates that Sunday, November 26th is one of the busiest days of the year to fly. Book a flight back home on Monday, November 27th, instead of Sunday.

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport will be the fourth busiest airport nationally. If you find yourself flying to or connecting through Los Angeles International, Chicago O’Hare International or John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York, just remember that patience is a virtue. Those are projected to be the busiest airports this Thanksgiving season.

Be aware that Holiday travelers can expect to see heightened security at airports and other public places. It is recommended that travelers arrive at the airport at least two hours before their departure time for U.S. flights and three to four hours for international flights.

Are you are Planning on Driving for the Thanksgiving Holiday?

If you are driving, the best time to hit the road is at 6am on Sunday, November 19th, according to Google. Between Sunday and up until 3pm Wednesday, November 22nd, traffic will get progressively worse.

Tuesday, November 21st at 5pm, is the worst time to drive for Thanksgiving, especially if you are headed to the airport.
The worst time to drive home after Thanksgiving will be Monday, November 27th at 7am and 5pm.

Going away for the Holiday Weekend? Be sure to turn off your alarm so you do not disturb your neighbors.

“We can’t help everyone, but everyone can help someone.” ~ Ronald Reagan
**Ride the Holiday Shuttle for Thanksgiving Break - UCI Transportation** is pleased to offer complimentary shuttle service to support your travel plans during the Thanksgiving break. Service will be provided between the main campus and John Wayne Airport, and between the main campus and the Irvine Transportation Center (Metrolink/Amtrak Station). The shuttle will depart UCI at set times on Tuesday, November 21\(^{st}\), and Wednesday, November 22\(^{nd}\). Return service will be available at set times on Sunday, November 26\(^{th}\), and Monday, November 27\(^{th}\). Please consult the schedule to make your reservation today. For questions regarding the Holiday Shuttle, please email rideshare@uci.edu.

**We look forward to easing your travel stress during the upcoming campus break.**

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**Fashion Island’s Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony**

Nov 17, 2017 - Nov 18, 2017
6pm - 6:30pm

Join us from 3:30pm-5:30pm for a festive pre-light gathering. In the Lincoln Experience Center, guests will receive a complimentary customized holiday ornament by our onsite calligrapher and indulge in an assortment of flavorful bites from the popcorn bar. *Limit one ornament per household.

From 6:00-6:30pm, meet at the Neiman Marcus/Bloomingdale’s Courtyard for the Lighting Ceremony. Hosted by Mario Lopez and KOST 103.5 FM’s Ellen K, and enjoy a 25-minute live musical show by The Young Americans, a visit from Santa, a magical snowfall, and, of course, the highly-anticipated lighting of the tree!

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**2017 Teddy Bear and Toy Drive**

The UCI Police Department will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys and teddy bears during this holiday season. Your generous gifts will be donated to help comfort children receiving care at UC Irvine Health and other Orange County children’s organizations. Donations will be provided to children 14 years and younger.

Toys and teddy bears will be collected through Monday, December 11\(^{th}\), at the following locations:

- UCI Police Department
- University Hills Community Center

Local children’s organizations and hospitals are always in need of additional toys and teddy bears. The need is especially critical for children who have to be away from their homes and families during the holidays. Last year’s event was a huge success as the UCI community donated hundreds of toys and stuffed animals that were distributed just in time for the holidays.

For additional information or questions, please contact Cedric Young at ckyoung@uci.edu.

**Your donation will be greatly appreciated!**

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**What Not To Do With Your Left-Over Holiday Food**

A garbage disposal is for small food scraps only. Non-food items can damage both the blades and the motor. When in doubt, throw it out!

**Stringy vegetable and peels.** Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to damaging your garbage disposal. This includes fibrous materials like celery, corn husks, asparagus, artichokes, and other vegetables that have any kind of stringy qualities to them. The stringy parts can wrap around the blades.

The starches in the potatoes will turn into a thick paste and may cause blades to stick.

**Grease or oil:** Greasy foods will distribute a film over the blades, diminishing their effectiveness. Over time, it solidifies and begins to build up in your pipes.

**Egg shells:** The membrane on the inside of the egg can wrap around the blades and wreak havoc.

**Coffee grounds:** These actually seem like they go down fine, but over time, the little grounds build up like sediment in the pipes, causing all sorts of trouble.

**Pits, seeds, and bones:** Items such as bones and fruit pits can dull and even break the unit’s blades.

**Rice and pasta:** Basically, every time you turn the water on, the pasta and rice will continue to expand— even after they are ground up.

**Anything in bulk:** If you have a large amount of food scraps to get rid of, it is best to put it in the garbage.

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**Avoid Holiday Maintenance Repairs**

Avoid delays that may impact your Holiday plans by getting those work orders in now:

- Beeping smoke alarms require a 9-volt battery replacement. Building alarms are wired into the electrical/fire system—do not attempt to repair or remove fire safety equipment.
- Slow drains in your bathroom or kitchen need to be checked, snaked out or repaired. It may also involve checking neighboring apartments.
- Toilet problems, including broken chains, constant running, clogged toilets.
- Bathroom Fans—noisy or non-working fans.
- Front door and mailbox lock problems.
- Test ovens, garbage disposal and refrigerators before the holiday.
- Heaters should be tested—report non-working heaters before it gets too cold.
- Broken window screens and vertical blinds.
- Ceiling, hallway lights, and external building lights - to replace burned out bulbs and broken fixtures.

**TO PLACE A WORK ORDER:**

- [On-Line](https://www.housing.uci.edu/services/Work_Order.html)
- [In-Person](https://www.housing.uci.edu/services/Work_Order.html): PV Office at (949) 824-8918;
- [E-Mail](mailto:pvoffice@uci.edu): pvoffice@uci.edu. For urgent issues after 5pm, call the Emergency Pager at (949) 651-3579. You do not have to be at home for the maintenance work.

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**Free Yoga For Graduate and Family Housing Residents**

Yoga will be held in the PV Community Room at 6pm Tuesday, November 21\(^{st}\) instead of Wednesday due to Thanksgiving

Join Palo Verde and Verano residents, partners, and friends for Yoga to relax and get a great workout! Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen your body, focus your mind, and relax. Come by and get your workout in without worrying about the commute!

Yoga is brought to you FREE of CHARGE as a part of PVRC’s and VRC’s community programming. Bring along an exercise mat or towel and a water bottle. Be sure to show up early as space may be limited and if it is your first session, to sign a waiver for the ARC.

Feel free to contact PVRC@uci.edu with any questions. Like PVRC on facebook at [facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidenceCouncil](http://facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidenceCouncil).

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For more information, please visit: [http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html](http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html)