A weekly publication for the Palo Verde Graduate Housing Community. E-mail submissions to PVinquiry@uci.edu by Tuesday before 3:00pm - http://www.housing.uci.edu/pvpress/index.html

RESIDENT RELATIONS
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FOR ASSISTANCE contact Reslife Kerri Sherwood at sherwook@uci.edu

PVRC Public Meeting
(thelast meeting for Fall Quarter!)
Thursday, December 7th
at 6:00pm in the Palo Verde Lounge

Looking to meet other residents and learn about your community? This is the event to go to!
We use these public meetings to update residents on what is happening in the community and in campus housing. Address your concerns and suggestions with PVRC and other residents on any issues that need to be addressed, what improvements you think we can make, and we are also eager to hear about what has been going well.
Come by, grab a slice of pizza, and meet your neighbors. Let us know your thoughts!
Hope to see you there!
~ Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) ~
Follow PVRC on facebook to be kept up with our most recent activities: facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidentsCouncil. Contact us at: pvrc@uci.edu. Visit our webpage: https://sites.google.com/site/paloverderescouncil/

Unauthorized Parking in Garages
Any usage of a garage that was not assigned to you is prohibited. Vehicles parked in an unassigned garage will be subject to a citation and/or tow. Parking in front of garages is also prohibited and is subject to citation and/or tow.
For those assigned a garage:
• Garage doors must be kept closed at all times when not in use.
• Residents assigned to a garage are not permitted to park in the open lot at any time.
• Garages are for parking operable vehicles and may not be used solely as storage for miscellaneous items.
• Toxic, poisonous, carcinogenic, flammable or explosive materials are strictly prohibited.

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 11th, 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!

Reporting Suspicious Activities or Persons
While we are in a relatively safe community, Palo Verde is not immune to crimes and vandalism. It is always important for everyone to contribute to the safety of the community.
Immediately report all suspicious persons, vehicle activities, and all incidents of vandalism or suspected vandalism to the UCI Police Department at (949) 824-5223.
In emergency situations or during crimes in progress, dial 911 or use a Blue Light emergency phone available that are located in Palo Verde and throughout the UCI campus, on Ring Road and parking lots.

Is Your Kitchen Sink Leaking?
If the cabinet under the kitchen sink is like most, it becomes a catch-all for every can or bottle of cleaner, polish, etc.
Many people have garbage cans and recycling containers under their kitchen sinks too. With all the stuff in there, the sink can easily spring a leak. To prevent leaks - the key is to declutter the area. Organize items into bins, wire shelving racks, and stackable baskets. Keep items away from any plumbing. When closing the cabinet door, insure nothing bumps into or pushes any pipes.

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JENNIFER NELSON MARTINEZ
Palo Verde Interim Director

AFTER HOURS LOCKOUT AND MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY PAGER:
949-651-3579

PALO VERDE WALK-IN SERVICE HOURS
KERRI SHERWOOD
Associate Director of Residential Life
Wednesday 3:00pm - 5:00pm
BRYAN McCORMICK
Associate Director of Operations
Thursday 8:30am - 10:30am

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EMERGENCY Meal Swipe Program
Provides students that are food insecure and/or experiencing a student emergency access to several healthy and well-balanced meals at one of the University Dining Commons.

A student requesting meal swipes must:
• be enrolled and a registered student at UCI
• indicate the lack of a regular source of sufficient nutrition
• not have an alternative source of meal options (i.e. all access meal plan)

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MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
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Holiday Decorating Safety Tips
Decorating for the holidays? Keep it festive while decorating with safety in mind.

• NO CANDLES OR INCENSE ARE ALLOWED IN PALO VERDE.
• A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. Keep fresh cut trees properly watered.
• Use flame-retardant, non-combustible artificial trees and decorations.
• Positioning the tree away from heat sources such as the baseboard heaters.
• Artificial snow sprays are NOT permitted at Palo Verde or on campus.
• Indoors or outside, use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the label from an independent testing laboratory.
• Do not use decorations with broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections.
• Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
• Turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave the house. Lights could short and start a fire.
• Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.
• Keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children. Avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food.
• When placing out-of-reach decorations, set up ladders and foot stools properly. Do not use chairs to stand on.

"If you believe it will work out, you’ll see opportunities. If you believe it won’t, you will see obstacles.” – Wayne Dyer

Free Yoga For Graduate and Family Housing Residents
Yoga will be held in the PV Community Room Every Wednesday at 6pm until December 13th
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.
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.

Keep Pets Safe During the Holidays – Avoid Mistletoe and Holly. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested.
Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Shopping Safety Tips - The holiday season is always a special time of year. It is also a time when busy people become careless and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. We can never be too careful, too prepared or too aware.
• When returning to your vehicle, carry your keys in your hand and be ready to unlock the door and enter as quickly as possible. As you approach your vehicle, scan the area, glance underneath the vehicle, and take a quick look inside before entering.
• Shop during daylight hours whenever possible. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member; there IS safety in numbers.
• As you shop, be alert in crowded places. Among pick pockets’ favorites are revolving doors, jammed aisles, elevators, and public transportation stops and vehicles, especially at rush hour.
• Stay alert. At this time of year, “con-artists” may try various methods of distracting you with the intention of taking your money or belongings.
• Carry the day’s most expensive purchases closest to your body, and do not carry so much you lose the ability to react quickly.
• If possible, leave your children with a baby-sitter while you are shopping. If you take your children with you, keep a close eye on them at all times while shopping.
• Return to the mall or store for assistance if you spot suspicious activity near your vehicle.
• If shopping alone and leaving at night, ask a security officer to accompany you to your car.
• Stay alert while loading items into or out of the vehicle or arranging cargo stowage.
• If someone approaches, and you feel threatened, get in and lock up until they leave the area. If they loiter, drive away.
• Plan your shopping/errands so that you do not load your trunk until you are ready to drive to another destination.
• Never open a trunk, fill it full of valuables, close it, and walk away to do more shopping or other errands. Taking a few prevention measures can help keep your holiday season joyous and safe.

Please Keep Palo Verde Clean We take pride in our Palo Verde community and how it looks is important. We ask that you assist us with keeping our complex clean by:
• NOT placing your trash in the trash containers by the grills, mailbox areas, in laundry rooms, on stairways, on landings, or any other common areas other than in the dumpsters. Please place trash from your apartment in the garbage (beige) and recycling (blue) bins provided in the dumpster areas located in the parking lot.
• Reduce pest access by making sure your trash makes it into the dumpster bins rather than along side of it.
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http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html