Newsletter for February 21, 2020

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

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RESIDENT RELATIONS
Are you having problems with a roommate or a neighbor? Do you have an uncomfortable living situation?

FOR ASSISTANCE
contact Reslife
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Need to talk?
Confidential assistance is available at the
UCI COUNSELING CENTER
(949) 824-6457
Located at Student Services in Room 201 (above Career Center)
www.counseling.uci.edu

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Campus Assault Resources
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Confidential assistance is available at
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PVRC Public Meeting
Monday, February 24th at 7pm
in the Palo Verde Lounge

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 and what improvements you think we can make. 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! We hope to see you there!

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/

Fire System Testing and Inspection

All smoke detectors, horns and sprinkler heads are inspected two times per year as required by the State Fire Marshal’s office. The University’s Environmental Health & Safety employees will be conducting the fire alarm testing, sprinkler testing and building inspections. The testing will be between the hours of 9am to 3pm and require the inspectors’ entry into all rooms of the apartments. Residents do not need to be home.

The schedule below may be subject to change and updates will be provided:

Monday, February 24: Bldg 5100, 5200, 5300
Tuesday, February 25: Bldg 6100, 6200, 6300
Wednesday, February 26: Bldg 7000, 7100
Thursday, February 27: 7200

All of the testing and repairs will produce sounds and disturbances (signal devices/horns) around and in the apartments for short periods. The full schedule is subject to change. Please contact the Palo Verde office at (949) 824-8918 regarding any animal concerns or other questions.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Lease Close Out Requests - When submitting an Early Lease Termination request, please note that if approved, the 45 days start from the date the request was received by the Palo Verde Office.


Thank You for Choosing our Community for your Home!

You and your family are cordially invited to join us in the Palo Verde Office

Wednesday, February 26th
3:30 – 5pm

Stop in and ask any questions, grab a snack or just say hi!

Palo Verde is thankful for residents just like you and our community would not be the same without you.

“People who complain they don’t get all they deserve don’t realize how lucky they are.” – Unknown
Your Safety Matters
As you know, the Palo Verde community has pedestrian traffic ranging from joggers, bicyclists, skate boarders, children at play, adults pushing strollers, etc. Here are important notes to assist the PV roads to be safely shared by all:

**Texting** can be a distraction and prevents you from paying attention to what is going on around you. If you need to send a message when you are out walking, step out of the way of others and stop to text. When you are driving, wait until you park your vehicle before you text.

**Pedestrians** can play an important role in preventing accidents. Pedestrians can be unpredictable; they may trip and fall, change directions or drop something. The best way to stay safe is to be prepared and be aware of vehicles around you.

Make yourself visible to drivers and use crosswalks when they are available. Crosswalks are pedestrian’s best friend and they only come with one simple rule: look before you cross.

**Cyclists and skateboarders** sometimes treat stop signs as yield signs. Cyclists can move just as fast as most cars (sometimes faster) and therefore present a sudden and often unavoidable hazard when they pop out from stop signs or red lights when through-traffic expects other vehicles not to be there.

Cyclists and skateboarders should slowly approach the intersection and proceed only if the intersection is clear and it is safe to continue. Please remember that all the traffic signs and signals do not only apply to cars, but bicycles and pedestrians as well. Use caution and do not assume drivers can see you or know what you are going to do.

Being aware is a benefit to public safety for all road users.

**TIPS TO BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR**
Residing in an apartment complex with close proximity makes etiquette issues more complicated. Yet a little courtesy can certainly make apartment life much easier.

**Be friendly towards others** - You do not necessarily need to know them, but a simple hello or a greeting goes a long way.

**Be a considerate neighbor when it comes to noise**
The rights and comforts of other community members should always be taken into consideration.

• Many residents leave their windows open at night to welcome fresh, cool air into the apartment. Sound will also travel more quickly through an open window, so please be mindful of your neighbors when you are outside and after the quiet hours.

• Avoid loud laughter and conversations and walk softly when entering and exiting your apartment, in hallways and in parking lots.

• If a neighbor requests your cooperation in lowering noise levels, please be considerate and keep in mind that their schedule may not be the same as yours.

• Be considerate of the noise level inside the apartment. Turn volume down on electronics, such as radios and televisions, and practice “quiet time” rules with children.

• Close doors behind you with ease. Main building and apartment doors create a lot of noise. Do not let them slam or shut by themselves.

• Be mindful when entertaining guests. Take proactive steps to avoid rowdiness, disorderly conduct, yelling or shouting. Loud or reckless behavior of guests are the leaseholder’s responsibility.

**Keep your place clean** - Please place trash from your apartment in the garbage (beige) and recycling (blue) bins provided in the dumpster areas located in the parking lot. DO NOT leave it laying outside your apartment door, in the trash containers by the grills, in laundry rooms, mailbox areas, on stairways, on landings or any other common areas other than in the dumpsters.

**Prevent litter** - Set an example for others by using the trash and/or recycling receptacles and not littering. Littering can be decreased if we each do our part. This can start with you.

Choose Your Personal Care Wisely - When it comes to personal hygiene, there are several things you need to be careful to avoid for a truly eco-friendly lifestyle. The most damaging of these is microbeads, which are small bits of solid plastic which are not biodegradable. They can make their way into water courses and ultimately end up damaging the environment by entering the food chain. Make sure that your body wash, toothpaste, face scrub and other products do not contain these beads. In addition to this, avoiding chemicals and opting for natural cleaning products is the best way to keep yourself and the environment clean.

Special PV Playgroup Dance Class
Thursday, February 27th, 3:30pm
in the PV Community Room
This dance lesson is prepared in mind for children using both musical and physical exercises through dance to effectively help your child in their coordination, flexibility, balance, strength and emotional health. The class will be directed by our very own Palo Verde resident, Slayvana Naydenova Nedelcheva.

All parents/guardians/babysitters must be present at all times to ensure the safety and wellness of their children during these activities.

Playgroup is a free playtime for the children to make friends and develop social skills. It allows adults time to relax and share experiences and ideas. There will be light snacks for the children and coffee and tea for the adults.

Should you require accommodations for this or any PV event or program, please contact sherwood@uci.edu.

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