**Newsletter for March 13, 2020**

**Palo Verde Graduate Housing Leases**

**2020-2021**

**IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSES**

**FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 25, 2020**
MANDATORY ONLINE GRADUATE INTENTION (GINI) ASSESSMENT
Between February 27 and March 25, 2020
ALL Graduate and Family Housing lease holders MUST submit their 2020-21 housing plans in the ONLINE assessment. Current leases end on June 30, 2020.
• Link to the online assessment will be sent to your UCI email on February 27, 2020.
• Submission deadline: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 11:59pm.

**APRIL 2, 2020**
FOLLOW-UP CONFIRMATION AND NOTIFICATION
Check your UCI email for notification from your housing community. It will:
• Advise you of the status of your submitted request.
• Inform you of follow-up action you must take and associated deadlines.
• Identify your assigned days (see below) to complete required paperwork.

**APRIL 6-13 or MAY 8-12, 2020**
COMPLETE PAPERWORK
• Required documents will be emailed to residents. Print and sign documents and return to your community Housing Office either in person or by scanning and emailing them.
• Complete required paperwork (e.g., lease, lease extension, closeout form, vacate notice) by the deadline indicated in your email.
• Spouses/Domestic Partners and any other person who is 18 years of age or older must also sign the required documents.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RENEWAL PROCESS?**
Read GINI FAQs here.

Contact your community housing office.

Email: gradstatus@housing.hsg.uci.edu

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**Place Keys in Drop Box**

Palo Verde has an after-hours drop box for various key returns located outside our office door - just lift the lid and drop them in. Do not leave keys outside the box in the envelope area as they may become lost or stolen.

Loaner keys and community room reservation keys do not require envelopes.
For Move-Out key returns, please complete the envelopes provided and place it in the box.

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**Cable TV**

UCI transitioned all cable television troubleshooting and support to Apogee, the campus’ cable TV provider. If you have any questions or issues with your cable television service, we encourage you to contact Apogee directly, as the OIT Help-desk will no longer be able to provide assistance.

**Useful Links:**

**Lineup:** [https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable/channel-lineup/](https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable/channel-lineup/)

**Cable TV Setup/FAQs:** [https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable-tv-setup-faqs/](https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable-tv-setup-faqs/)

**Cable TV Policies:** [https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable/](https://www.oit.uci.edu/resnet/cable/)

If you are not receiving all of the channels, you will need to perform a "channel scan" on each of your televisions/receivers.

UCI residents can contact Apogee, 24 hours a day, seven days a week using one of the contact methods below:

**Phone:** (855) 813-7019,
**Text:** “myvideo” to 84700
**Email:** support@mycampusvideo.com
**Live Chat:** [www.mycampusvideo.com/support](http://www.mycampusvideo.com/support)

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**Adding Detergent to Washers**

**PODS** - Toss Detergent Ponds into the Drum only.
**LIQUIDS** - Only liquids should be added to Liquid Dispenser.
**POWDERS** - Powder Detergents should never be used in the WASH washers.

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**SPREAD THE WORD**

**NOT A VIRUS**

1. **WASH YOUR HANDS**
   - Wash your hands with clean water
   - Apply soap
   - Lather your hands (including under nails)
   - Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds
   - Rinse hands well under clean water
   - Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them
   **CANT’ WASH?** Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand cleanser/smear. Wash your hands as soon as you are able.

2. **COVER YOUR COUGH**
   - Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue
   - OR cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve – NOT YOUR HANDS
   - Put your used tissue in the waste basket
   - Wear a mask if you have a cough and need to be in contact with others

3. **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE SICK**
   - If you begin to feel sick, go home as soon as possible
   - Stay home from work, school and errands if you are sick to prevent spreading your illness to others

4. **CLEAN COMMON AREAS**
   - Routinely clean frequently touched objects and surfaces, including door knobs, keyboards and phones to help remove germs
   - Keep an adequate supply of tissues, soaps, paper towels, alcohol-based hand rubs and disposable wipes on hand

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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](http://www.counseling.uci.edu)

**UCI CARE**
Campus Assault Resources & Education
Confidential assistance is available at
(949) 824-7273
[www.care.uci.edu](http://www.care.uci.edu)
Palo Verde Events Cancelled:
PV Playgroup, A Taste of Home
Little Ants Nature School
In line with the Chancellor’s message regarding social distancing and in the interest of the health and safety of our Palo Verde community, our PV Playgroup, A Taste of Home and Little Ants Nature School will be cancelled until further notice.
We apologize for any inconvenience and we look forward to seeing you when our Palo Verde events resumes.

Things to consider when moving out
- Inform your roommate(s) in advance of any letters or e-mail notices regarding Inspections. Remind them that the Palo Verde Maintenance crew will be accessing the unit for both inspections and to clean after the keys are returned. Call the office if you need to reschedule or have any questions.
- Read your contract and printed materials given to you regarding the condition of your apartment (cleaning/damage) in order to secure your deposit refund.
- Residents who are moving are reminded to return their keys in the PV Office on the designated move out day.
- Your deposit will be sent to the account or address on file in the direct deposit section of your Zot Account. If you have not received your deposit, you may contact the Housing Administrative Services at shac@uci.edu. Your deposit should be sent within 21 days after the vacate paperwork has been processed.

“Never regret something that made you smile” – Unknown

All PV Community Rooms are Closed
Effective today, March 13, 2020, Palo Verde will be closing all of our community spaces. This will include the community room, lounge, conference room, clubhouse and computer room.
All reservations will be canceled and no further reservations will be made at this time. On a weekly basis we will evaluate the closures of the computer lab and clubhouse. All other rooms will be closed for the foreseeable future.

Placing a Work Order? To ensure the health and safety of the PV community, please notify the office when placing a work order if you have had a fever, cough or shortness of breath in the last 14 days or have been exposed to someone who has.
Thank you for doing your part to protect yourself and our community.

Maintaining Your Garbage Disposal
It is easy to extend the life of your garbage disposal and prevent clogs and jams by regularly following these tips:

- Every time you run your disposal, turn on the cold water while the food is being chopped up. Do not turn off the motor or water until grinding is completed.
- When grinding is complete, turn off the garbage disposal first. Let water continue to run for at least 15 seconds, flushing out any remaining particles, then turn off water.

What not to put in the garbage disposal:
Many foods can actually damage your disposal and can make it break down. Non-food items can damage both blades and the motor. Do not put anything in the garbage disposal that is not biodegradable food. When in doubt, throw it out! Or better yet - compost it!

Avoid putting the following items in your disposal:

- Stringy veggies and vegetable peels - Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to crippling a garbage disposal. This includes asparagus, celery, artichokes, corn husks and other vegetables that have any kind of stringy qualities to them. The stringy parts can wrap around the blades. The starches in foods such as in potatoes and rice 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.

Coffee grounds - The grounds build up like sediment in the pipes, causing blockage.

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

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 or your compost bin.

- Rice and pasta - Every time you turn the water on, the pasta and rice will continue to absorb water and block the pipes.

- Harsh Chemicals - Harsh chemicals like bleach or drain cleaners can damage blades and pipes. Place a work

”The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us but those who win battles we know nothing about.” ~ Unknown

UCI’S 10TH ANNUAL BOOK DRIVE
DONATE THROUGH MARCH 31
For drop-off locations visit parking.uci.edu.

Please join UCI Transportation and Distribution Services and the Community Action Partnership of Orange County (CAPOC) in launching the 10th annual UCI Book Drive. Through March 31, donate your new and like-new books to help address the literacy needs of our local community. These books are used as educational and recreational resources to assist families in need.

The Community Action Partnership of Orange County runs two family resource centers designed to strengthen families and the communities that surround them. The centers provide an environment that helps families become safe and stable.

For more information and a map of the drop off locations, visit: https://parking.uci.edu/services/community/bookdrive.cfm.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile community project.

Here Comes the Rain!
It is impossible to predict how much rain California will get over the next few months. While there is a chance precipitation will be only moderate this season, there is also the possibility of powerful, drenching rain storms.

Here are tips to survive the rainy season:
- Check the weather before leaving the house. If rain is in the forecast, make sure that you close your apartment windows to prevent the water from doing any damage.
- The key to rainy season happiness is investing in a good waterproof raincoat. Water-resistant and waterproof are not the same thing. Water-resistant will do if you just want to be less wet, but if you want to stay dry, you need something that is waterproof.
- Always try to wear non-skid shoes if possible. Shoes that have worn or smooth soles should not be worn. Avoid high heels during inclement weather.
- Using an umbrella is better than nothing at all, but the problem with umbrellas is that they may only keep the top third of your body dry.
- On a busy sidewalk, take care when passing others so they do not poke them with the umbrella.
- Avoid phone use while on the move. Being alert of your surroundings and on-going conditions will help you avoid accidents and possible injury during these times.
- Keep your hands free as much as possible to help you maintain balance when navigating sidewalks and parking lots.
- To prevent falls, slow down and use handrails, especially during inclement weather. Do not carry objects up or down steps that obstruct your view.
- Walk on designated pathways and sidewalks. Avoid taking shortcuts as they may be slippery.

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

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