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NEWSLETTER


Welcome/Welcome Back! How was your vacation? I do hope you have had some time to just sit, relax, and enjoy family and friends. January is usually a time for new beginnings. I suppose it's at this time that we think of new beginnings simply because it's the start of a new year. Will this year be any different, though? Are you planning a change? Is there a new habit you have decided you want to cultivate in (or maybe want to erase from) your life? What about God? Will He be a part of your life? Will you spend more time with Him? How will that shape your character and change your life? Will it make a difference? There is only one way to find out. God loves you and wants to have a relationship with you. To discover what that's like or to grow deeper, simply invite Him to be your friend or ask Him to help you become closer friends today.


—Sue



Calendar	
1	Rent Due (Can be paid any time between 1st and 10th without a late fee) Payments may be made with cash, check, or money order at the Cashier's Office or online with credit/debit card or electronic check. Payments can also be made using funds from your loans by filling out a transfer request form.
6	ESL Workshops: English for Communication, 1/6-2/13
12	University-level Schools: Registration open (AD) 12-5 p.m. New Student Dinner & Orientation (Undergrad & Grad), (CC), 5:30 p.m.
13	University-level Schools: Spring Semester & 1st Half Semester: Classes begin; last day to register for the first time without a fee
14	University-level Students: Full Session & 1st Half Semester: Late registration fee in effect for first-time registrations for spring semester classes; notification of potential cancellation of low-enrollment classes
16	Graduate Students: Last day to apply for May graduation. 
20	All Campus Schools: Martin Luther King Day Holiday; MLK educational events replace classes Housing Office is Closed.
21	All Campus Schools: Cancellation of classes with below-minimum enrollment
22	University-level Students: Registration ends: Last business day to complete the following by 5 pm.: add a class; drop a class with FULL tuition refund and without a "W" grade in the permanent academic record; make a change in registration without a fee; change audit to credit or credit to audit
23	University-level Students: Fee in effect for changes in registration (classes added or dropped)
29	FREE Cake/Farewell Reception for Roberto (Housing Office), 3-4:30 p.m.




Thank you for your cooperation in the following matters:


 Are you moving?
Have you turned in a 30-day notice?
Rent will be charged for a minimum of 30 days after we are informed that you are moving.
If your lease has not expired and you are not graduating, you will have to find someone to take over your lease or pay rent through the expiration of your lease.


Please Note: If you have a balance of \$50 or more after the 10th of the month, you will receive a late fee and a hold will be placed on your account. 


 Our laundry room doors and windows need to remain shut. Otherwise, we may have problems with the water lines freezing up. If this happens, the washers and wash tub will not work. 


 Please note the following on heaters:


1. This is radiated heat so air will not blow out, but you will feel warmth if you put your hand up to the register.
2. The temperature is regulated between 68 and 72 degrees.
3. The heater won't come on unless it is below 60 degrees outside.

 If you have mail that is not addressed to you and/or members of your household, please bring that to the office regularly. We will take care of it. It is a Federal offense to hold onto the mail of someone else.
Please note: If it is addressed to "Resident" or "Occupant," that means you. If you do not want it or any mail that you receive, please throw it out in your trash can in your apartment.

The garbage disposals were only made to take care of your table scraps. Please DO NOT place anything else down them or they will break. Thank you. 

 **Please do not put wipes of any kind (even "flushables") down the toilet. Our plumbing will not handle it and you will end up with a clogged toilet. Thank you.**

Please walk carefully up and down the stairs as they may be slippery. This includes the ones inside the buildings at Garland. 
Maplewood and Beechwood tenants, please use the stairs between the buildings rather than the outside stairs. These may not be as slippery.

 Since winter is here—it is time to get out your snow shovel. Tenants are responsible for shoveling their parking spaces. Tenants living in Beechwood and Maplewood are responsible for shoveling the area in front of their apartments from the door to the far end of their living room window. Thank you for keeping these areas shoveled and clean.



Driving safely on snow and ice can be a tricky matter. Here are some tips that may help you when navigating dangerous roads in the winter:

1. **Get a grip.** To have adequate snow traction, a tire requires at least 6/32-inch deep tread, according to The Tire Rack. (New passenger-car tires usually have 10/32-inch of tread.)
2. **Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.**
3. **Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room.**
4. **Brake gently to avoid skidding.** If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.
5. **Watch carefully for "black ice."** If a road looks slick, it probably is.
6. **If your front wheels skid...** take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately. As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer left (or right, steer right).
7. **If you get stuck...** do not spin your wheels. This will only dig you in deeper. Turn your wheels from side to side a few times to push snow out of the way. Use a light touch on the gas to ease your car out.

For more tips see: <http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/drivingsafety/drivingsafetytips/snow.html>