Spring, wow! Who knew that spring this year would feel so good! We can see each other’s faces now—mostly. We can move about campus without masks if desired. It feels like a burden has been lifted from me and I feel so FREE! Is that how you are feeling or am I alone in this? It is exhilarating! Springtime typically does that, but this year is especially so. Praise God! This is the way God works in releasing us, too. He lifts our burdens from us and gives us freedom—the type of freedom that makes one want to leap for joy and shout, Hallelujah! Jesus said, “Come unto me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). God wants us to become unburdened. He wants us to know freedom—true freedom that can only be found in Him.

It’s likely that, even with the spring and the new-found freedom from COVID restrictions, there are still many who are carrying burdens. If you are a student, you might at least be carrying the burden of the end of semester looming on the horizon. Deadlines may be happening on a daily basis at this time in the form of papers, projects, and presentations. And though it is a glorious time, if you are graduating, you may be burdened with finishing strong, finding work, and/or uniting in marriage with that special someone, among many others. If you are a faculty member or staff member, there may be other issues that burden you.

The point is that God wants you to experience this thrilling kind of freedom (as only He can give) in all areas of your life. Won’t you lay them down at His feet today?

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### Calendar

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Thank you for your cooperation in the following matters:

Congratulations, Graduates!

You’re almost there. Remember, per your Lease Agreement:
1. You will have 7 days to move out after graduation.
2. If you stay longer than 7 days, $10/day will be charged in addition to your rent.
3. You must pay rent for every day you are here, including graduation and all others.

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.

Important Tax Information:

Every year at this time we have many residents that try to claim the Michigan Rent Credit (Homestead Property Tax Credit). Please be advised that if you live in university-owned housing, you are not eligible for the credit as the university is tax-exempt. DO NOT try to claim the rent credit. Many residents have tried and the IRS will not allow it.

Please read the instructions included with your tax forms carefully.

It is getting warmer and people are out running, walking, playing sports and riding bikes/skateboards. Parents, please remind your children that riding bikes/skateboards near the apartments is VERY dangerous for them and for someone who may accidentally be hit. The long sidewalk between Garland and Beechwood is where bikes and skateboards should be ridden. Also please remind them that our residents are students and need quiet time for study and sleep. There are playgrounds by Garland G and Garland F as well as basketball courts behind Garland F and Garland G that are very good places to play. Please remind them to play there instead of in and around the buildings.

Lastly, please be cautious when driving along the roads beside/behind the apartments and in the parking lots. Someone (especially a child) could run/ride out in front of a car at any time. Driving slowly and cautiously can help ensure the safety of everyone in and around the apartments.

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, please throw it out.

Please do not put wipes down the toilet. Our plumbing will not handle it and you will end up with a clogged toilet. Thank you.

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.