"God sent His Son. They called Him, Jesus. He came to love, heal, and forgive. He bled and died to buy my pardon. An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives. Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know, He holds the future. And life is worth the living just because He lives.” (Gloria Gaither, 1971)

I don’t know any better love story than that, do you? God, knowing we’d made a mess of things and would never be able to live past the grave, sent Jesus to die for you and for me.

Why would the King of the Universe, the Maker of all things, care whether I lived or died? Why would insignificant, little me catch the attention of an all-powerful Magistrate—Someone who rules over everything? But, He not only paid attention to me, He knew from the beginning and made a plan for my salvation; for your salvation. He sent His Son.

God knew that we could not pay the penalty for sin and still have eternal life. We would not be able (in and of ourselves) to live a sinless life. We needed a Savior. Jesus is that Savior.

It’s a love story that I don’t understand, but for which I am sincerely grateful. If you have not given your life to God yet, why not give it consideration. This is Someone who loves you more than anyone else ever could. Won’t you give Him a chance today?

—Sue

**Calendar**

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**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 because 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.
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.

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.

Please remember that most of our residents are students. They may be either trying to study or trying to sleep. Thank you for thinking of others and keeping your conversations and other activities quiet in and around our buildings.

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 should come on if it is below 60 degrees outside.

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.

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 during bad weather:

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

Please remember that all residents are responsible for shoveling their parking spaces. Residents living in Beechwood and Maplewood are also 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.

It’s good, during winter time, to be aware of places which may be slippery due to ice—even black ice which is not visible. Please walk carefully down the stairs as they may be slippery. Beechwood and Maplewood residents be advised that the inner stairs may be less slippery than the outside ones (at the end of the buildings).