Brrrrr! Things have certainly turned cold! Seems like we had a really long fall, but that is to be no more for a bit. We here in Michigan expect the cold, though. We know that we will have snow and cold. We know that we will need to get our shovels out (or snowplows—if you are one of the fortunate ones) and dig ourselves out. We know that we will have to get our scrapers out and “plow” out the car. And, these sometimes are daily rituals...perhaps done more than once per day...during the winter months. The fact is, though, we know, basically, what to expect. We can know what to expect for the future as well when we trust in God. He gives us His word, the Bible. It tells us that it is a “lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path” Ps. 119:105. If we read the Bible and follow the instructions given us there as well as talk to and listen to God in the various other ways He chooses to speak to us, we will know what to expect. Will we know everything? No, but God reveals to us what we need to know. Like the good Father He is, He knows what we need to know to help us make wise choices. Will you choose to trust Him and His word, the Bible, today? —Sue

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**Calendar**

1. Rent Due (Can be paid any time between 1st and 10th without a late fee)
   Happy New Year! (Housing Office Closed)
2. AA: Second semester classes begin
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4. Registration open (AD) 12-5 p.m.
   New Graduate Student Spring Orientation (TBD)
5. University-level Schools: Classes begin, last day to register for the first time without a fee
6. University-level Students: Late registration fee in effect for first-time registration for spring 2018 classes
7. All Campus Schools: Cancellation of unconfirmed courses at 5 p.m.
8. All Campus Schools: MLK Day Celebration
   Housing Office Closed
   AA & RMES: MLK Jr Day (no school)
9. University-level Schools: Last business day to complete the following by 5 p.m.:
   - enter spring semester classes;
   - drop a class with FULL tuition refund;
   - make a change in registration by Drop/Add form without a fee or entry on permanent academic record;
   - change audit to credit
10. Graduate Students: Last day to apply for May graduation
11. University Apartments Tubing Party at Five Pines, 6-8 p.m.
12. University-level Students: Last day to drop a class with 70% tuition refund
13. SEM: PhD and ThD Comprehensive Exam No. 1
14. University-level Students: Last day to drop a class with 40% tuition refund

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**January**

Andrews University
Office of University Apartments
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 there will be a hold placed on your account.

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.

Please note the following on plumbing:

1. Do not put wipes down the toilet. This will clog them.
2. Put only table scraps down the garbage disposals. Otherwise, they will break down.

**Thank you!**

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 remember that most of our tenants 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.

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](http://www.weather.com/activities/driving/drivingsafety/drivingsafetytips/snow.html)

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.

Please walk carefully 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.

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.

**Thank you!**