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Newsletter



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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.

Spring is so refreshing, isn't it? We've had a particularly hard winter and it may not be over yet. However, the thought of spring with no more snow is, frankly, such a wonderful prospect for me! I'm really more of a summer person, but, right now, any change would be welcoming. I think. (Don't hold me to that. I might change my mind once it comes, ha ha.)

But, let's consider the perks for a moment: warmer weather; no snow or ice (hopefully); some sunshine; flowers (the stronger ones); an overall feeling of newness of life. Those are some amazing perks to think about when it comes to spring.

When we come to God, He fixes us up with some perks, too. He gives us: warmer weather (in our hearts); takes away to cold/bitterness and replaces it with love; provides Sunshine in our hearts; provides joy and praise to fill out hearts with song which gives us a overall feeling of newness of life (which it is).

II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (NKJV).

We are made new! The old things (our old ways of thinking/acting) have passed away! Jesus changes us. Is it easy? No, in this world of sin, it is not a presto type of thing.

However, Jesus and God, the Father, never stop working on us to form us into that new creation.

It's like when you go to a body shop to have them work on your car. First you have to give permission for the work they will do. That is how it is with us. We give Jesus our lives to work on—we sign the "paperwork" that says, "I want You, Jesus, to be in charge of my life." Then He comes in and works on us forming us into the person He sees us as. And all the time, He just keeps loving us. That's the best part! We are loved even before we are made new...and we are loved in every part of the process. Praise God! Do you want to give Him permission 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 or check 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 Wind Symphony Vespers Concert (HPAC), 7:30 p.m.
- 8 Daylight Saving Time begins, 2 a.m. (Turn clocks ahead 1 hour) 🕒
- 13-22 University-level Schools: Spring break
- 23 All Campus Schools: Classes resume
- 26 FREE Nachos & Cheese (Housing Office), 12-4:30 p.m.
- 27 Conociendo Event (CSH), 4 p.m.
- 29 AUGSA Gala

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.



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.



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 note the following on heaters:

1. This is radiated heat so air will not blow out, but you should 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.



Winter is still here. All residents are responsible for shoveling their parking spaces. Residents 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.



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 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 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.



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>

