Discussion with Officer Pieper

Officer Pieper gave the following tips to UT Apartment residents and guests:
- If you’re wondering whether you ought to call the police about an incident / person, call.
- UTPD dispatcher: (512) 471-4441
- If you call 911: Tell the dispatcher that you are in UT apartments and your complex. You will be transferred to UT Campus Police and 911 dispatcher will remain on the line.
- How to describe a person to police:
  - Race; gender; height; weight; physical characteristics (e.g., hair, eyes); clothing (e.g., logos on clothing, glasses); what did the person have in his/her possession (e.g., weapon); where did the person go.
  - Hungry for Justice program: If the UTPD makes an arrest based on your tip, UTPD will buy you a pizza!

Resources through UTPD and its website (https://police.utexas.edu/):
- Campus Watch (https://police.utexas.edu/campuswatch/): UT students can subscribe to a daily email summary of crimes at UT
- Safety videos (https://police.utexas.edu/videos/)
- Crime prevention presentations by Officer Pieper and other UT PD officers (https://police.utexas.edu/prevention/presentations.html)
- Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) course (https://police.utexas.edu/classes/rad/): 12 hour course for women teaching situational awareness, self-defense techniques
- Other crime prevention tips (https://police.utexas.edu/classes/rad/)

Questions for Officer Pieper:
- Is it legal to record (e.g., with smart phone) suspicious or criminal activity?
  - Never put yourself in harm’s way. The best option is first to call UTPD and maintain a safe distance.
- How is UTPD funded?
  - Through the university. With the addition of the Dell Medical School and the change in status of the LBJ Museum, UTPD will likely increase from roughly 65 to 100 officers by the end of the year.
- How should residents or guests best respond to someone on campus or at UT apartments whose weapon becomes visible (i.e., is no longer concealed)?
  - As above, it is best to contact UTPD. Officers know the law and are trained to interact with concealed permit holders and with others unlawfully possessing weapons.

Parking discussion
- Transportation Coordinator (TC) presented information on the number and type of parking spaces for each complex, as well as the number of parking permit holders.
A 3-person panel, including TAB’s TC, will meet to discuss the issue; TC will make a recommendation at the next TAB meeting.

Spring Lantern Event
- First 50 guests (expecting at least 40) will receive a red envelope with one fortune and the names of TAB representatives for the relevant complex. Communications Coordinator will prepare the envelopes.
- Main features of the event: food, riddles on lanterns, board games, explanation of lantern festival
- Event begins at 5pm; TAB members should arrive at Colorado at 4:15pm for set up

Update from UT Apartment Associate Director (AD)
- Either TWC or Grande will be the television/internet provider
  - TAB should clarify its recommendation to the AD; TAB Chair to send suggestions by Sunday to TAB members, and TAB members to edit and respond by Monday
  - TAB Chair meeting with Executive Director DHFS on Monday to discuss TV survey, trespassing issues, and campus carry

Miscellaneous
- Communications Coordinator will design a sign to place near washing machines in each complex to direct residents and guests how to
- Officer Pieper offered to teach children living in UT Apartments about safety over 2 or 3 meetings leading up to the next National Night Out
  - TAB should let Officer Pieper know by May or June if interested

Upcoming agenda:
- Updates
  - TAB Chair’s meeting with Executive Director DHFS
  - Recommendation from parking panel
- TAB training: Strengths
- Discuss possible trainings with UT PD
- Upcoming events:
  - Spring photo contest March: Spring theme
  - Garden seminar April 9
- T-shirts for TAB members

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