“Knitters, Crafters & Friends”
Our newest UT Apartments Club

Join us for our next meeting!

Tuesday 12/9 at 10am
Brackenridge Community Room

The residents of UT apartments have been gathering and sharing a love for knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, sewing and crafting in general in the company of their young children. Join us for our next hang out, just in time for last minute holiday gift making!

Bring an idea or a project- we can share ideas or just hang out, discuss, grab a bite and enjoy each other's company. Kids are Welcome (with parental supervision). Hope you can make it!

If you'd like to stay in the loop, we also have a Facebook group you can join: https://www.facebook.com/groups/900443413317278/?fref=nf

FYI: Supplies are not provided, but if you have an idea for a fun event, email JLeKstutis@austin.utexas.edu
## December Events

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**BRA** = Brackenridge Community Room  
**COL** = Colorado Community Room  
**ESL** = English as a Second Language Class  
**GAT** = Gateway Community Room
Apartments Policy Reminders

If you plan to decorate for the holidays, please be mindful of our UT Apartments policies:
- You may have an artificial holiday tree in your apartment.
- Individual indoor holiday light strings are permitted and must be UL-approved. You may not overload outlets or surge protectors.
- Holiday light strings and decorations are not permitted outdoors, per the office by the State Fire Marshall.

Policy Violations

When Apartments staff observe an Apartments and/or University policy violation, a violation notice will be issued to the resident (via paper and/or email). The following will occur if a violation is observed:

- A 1st time stove violation corrected within 48 hours: the fine may be waived.
- Other (non-stove-related) 1st time violations that are corrected within 48 hours (such as: blocked exits, improper extension cords/multi-plug devices, halogen lamp, hazardous/toxic substances, smoking in apartment, illegal space heater, etc.) may have the fine waived by completing a UT Fire Life Safety Test online by the specified date.
- A 2nd time stove violation corrected within 48 hours: fine may be waived by completing a UT Fire Life Safety Test online by the specified date.
- All other 2nd time (or more) fire violations: the fine is doubled and no waiver is offered.
- Any violation not corrected within 48 hours: No appeals will be considered, the fine must be paid.
- Tampering with fire safety equipment (smoke detector, etc.): No appeals will be considered, the fine must be paid.
- A 3rd time (or more) violation will be grounds for a Student Conduct Hearing with the Student Development Specialist III (Apartments Coordinator) or Associate Director.
- A 4th violation or egregious violation (such as assault, etc.) can be grounds for referral to Student Judicial Services at the UT Austin Office of the Dean of Students, or you may be subject to contract cancellation.

The Apartments Living Guide can be found online at:
http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/pdfs/ aptsliving040914.pdf
All residents are encouraged to attend TAB. The Tenant Advisory Board (TAB) is comprised of 2 residents from each complex (Brackenridge, Colorado & Gateway) and one representative from the Apartments Office. TAB meets twice a month during the semester to discuss resident concerns.

Meetings will be held on the following days:

Monday DECEMBER 1st
Monday DECEMBER 15th

from 11am - 12:30pm in the Asian Culture Room (4.224) at the Texas Union Building

** All residents are encouraged to attend TAB

** TAB Updates:**

Your Tenant Advisory Board has been hard at work this semester!

Here are a few projects they’ve worked on so far:

- Hosted a Table Tennis Tournament with a total of 16 participants.
- Helped host the National Night Out Event.
- Hosted a “Fall Color” photo contest.
- Approved request for new community gardens equipment.
- Requested a barbecue (BBQ) grill be added to the area outside the Gateway Community Room for residents to enjoy while using the room. The grill was installed in November.
- Advocated for an exterior light to be installed in a Gateway stairwell, which was installed this November.
- Heard a resident appeal and worked hard to investigate and discuss the situation before making a recommendation to the Apartments Associate Director.
- TAB members contributed to Housing Post bio articles.
Community Advisor Bio:

Colin Koutney

My name is Colin. I am originally from the San Francisco and Berkeley region of California. The region is a great place to grow up because it is quirky. I moved to Austin two years ago for school. At that time, I thought I would encounter a big cultural change between my hometown in California and Austin. I was excited for the chance to encounter something new. Having lived in Austin, I now feel the two regions are very similar, which is awesome (because I like quirky). Long live Austin’s weirdness!

At UT-Austin, I study accounting. I feel very lucky to study accounting. That statement is strange to both accountants and non-accountants alike. (I have yet to hear anyone else say they feel lucky to study accounting—except my students, they are super lucky.) Accounting is a subject that weaves together many different disciplines: law, psychology, finance, and economics and, of course, the always changing rules of accounting. With so many different interesting subjects, accounting cannot help but to be a very interesting subject!

This is my first year as a Community Advisor. I am enjoying my role as a Community Advisor at the Gateway complex. One suggestion I have for residents—especially new residents at the University Apartments and the relatively newer Austin residents—is to come and participate in Community Advisor socials. With many of us students working hard at our academic studies, we can sometimes forget to relax and take time for ourselves. My favorite way to rejuvenate my energy and focus is by making new friends. One of my roles as Community Advisor is to help residents connect with other residents of the University Apartments. As students, we are dedicated people with many common interests, but we are also extremely diverse with many passions. This makes it very fun to meet and chat with each other. Your new next best friend could be at the next Community Advisor social! And I’m looking forward to meeting you as well!

- **Brackenridge & Gateway One Bedroom**: $547
- **Colorado One Bedroom**: $577
- **Brackenridge & Gateway Two Bedroom**: $625
- **Colorado Two Bedroom**: $655
- **Brackenridge Three Bedroom**: $797

**Rent**
- Rent is always due on the 1st of every month and late after the 5th of every month regardless of whether you receive a courtesy bill reminder email or not
- Bookmark [https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/](https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/) for reference if you do not receive the courtesy bill reminder email

**Maintenance Requests**
- All maintenance issues in your apartment and around the complex must be reported via an online maintenance request. A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the main office.

**Grande Service Request**
- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via a maintenance request.
- Please **DO NOT** contact Grande for service directly. Grande will be turned away if we do not have a maintenance request on file for you.
- You may contact Grande directly if you want expanded services.
- Grande will not be given keys to your apartment if you did not submit a maintenance request for the work.

**Vacancy Notices**
- A 60 day written notice is required for all vacancies.
- If you give 30 to 59 days written advance notice you will pay a 50% penalty.
- If you give 1 to 29 days written advance notice you will pay an 85% penalty.
- To view the terms & conditions of your contract in its entirety go to: [www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.phpsite=0&scode=2&id=518](http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/index.phpsite=0&scode=2&id=518)

**Pest Control Requests**
- All routine pest control requests must be submitted via maintenance request no later than 8 am Thursday morning.
- All routine pest control requests will be scheduled each Thursday between 9 am and 12 noon.
- If you request pest control, please remember that you are required to leave your apartment when pest control staff arrive and remain gone for 5 to 10 minutes.
- Due to a heavy workload, the tech cannot return that day.
- Emergency pest control situations should be reported to the office.
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Hook ‘Em Home

Guided by our values and
commitment to support the
‘University mission, our vision is to
provide first-class housing and food
service while
embracing an inclusive,
nurturing, community where stu-
dents and staff realize dreams while
achieving goals.

Maintenance Requests: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptsapp/
Log in and click on maintenance. Request form in the left hand column.

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UT Night at the Trail of Lights

Tuesday, December 16th from 7-10pm at Zilker Park

Join us as we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Austin’s favorite holiday event with the first-ever UT Night, a special evening dedicated to The University of Texas at Austin. This event will include a wide variety of programming by the University to showcase UT pride and feature a special UT Trail of Lights display. Come early, stay late, and wear ORANGE!

You may purchase ZiP Fast Passes that provide access to a special UT Austin Hospitality area at the Trail. You may also purchase parking tickets to access close-in parking at Zilker Park. We recommend purchasing parking and ZiP tickets early to avoid them selling out.