Parking Placards

The orange 2014-15 parking placards will expire on December 31, 2015. The new purple parking placards are ready to be picked up at the UT Apartments office during regular business hours.

To obtain a new placard or placards:

- Come to the office during regular business hours (Monday to Friday 8am-4pm)
- Bring your photo ID card
- You must bring in your expired parking placard(s)
- If you have bought a new vehicle, bring proof of ownership for the new vehicle
- Only the contract holder may exchange the placard(s)

The UT Apartments main office will be closed for the winter break starting 4:00pm on Tuesday, December 22nd and will reopen at 8:00am on Monday, January 4th.
Looking for a job?

Apply to be an ESL Tutor or Beginner Spanish Tutor with UT Apartments!

The Division of Housing and Food Service is looking to hire students for two job opportunities: teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes, and Beginner Spanish Classes for our residents at University Apartments. This program allows for students to gain experience creating their own syllabus and lesson plans. Tutors will be responsible for teaching a once a week, two hour class which pays $8.93 per hour. The opportunity is flexible so that you can set a time that works with your schedule.

Classes will run from the week of January 25 through the week of May 27, 2016.

Interested students should email their resume to the Apartments Coordinator at JLekestutis@austin.utexas.edu no later than December 8, 2015 at 11:00pm To be considered, tutors must be currently enrolled at the University.
Decorating for the Holidays?

Remember these UT Apartments Rules!

- Natural, fresh-cut, or live Christmas trees present a fire hazard and are not allowed in university-related buildings.
  - Only artificial trees with an approved flame-retardant label are approved.
  - Manufacturer’s instructions and precautions for installation shall be followed.
- Artificial trees may incorporate pre-wired LED or fiber optic lighting that is UL listed.
- Artificial trees with pre-wired LED or fiber optic lighting should be plugged directly into a wall outlet or an UL approved electrical surge protector with built-in circuit breaker. Extension cords are prohibited.
- Any pre-wired light string with worn, frayed, broken cords, loose bulb connections, and empty sockets shall not be used.
  - No secondary lighting is permitted.
- Artificial tree placement may not obstruct a route of fire egress from room, hallway, stairwell, or exit.
- Artificial tree placement must be located so as to not obstruct any fire life safety device; including, but not limited to, audio speakers, or visual strobes.
  - Canned snow or other flammable decorative sprays may not be utilized.
  - Combustible decorations are prohibited.
- Only one (1) artificial tree per space is authorized. Artificial tree size/shape shall be appropriate for the space.
- All public display areas are subject to placement approval and inspection. Failure to comply with either general or specific restrictions may result in removal.
The Tenant Advisory Board 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 and ways to improve life within University Apartments.

Join us at our Tenant Advisory Board meetings. All residents are encouraged to attend!

- Tuesday, December 1st, 7pm-8:30pm — Brackenridge Community Room
- Tuesday, December 15th, 7pm-8:30pm — Brackenridge Community Room
TAB Updates:

**TAB Constitutional Revision Voting**

Tenant Advisory Board representatives will propose changes and amendments to the TAB Constitution at their meeting on Thursday, January 28th. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm and will be held in the Colorado Community Room.

Hear what TAB has to say and give your own feedback!

*~ Food will be served! ~*

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**Brackenridge Community Garden Manager Recruitment**

Are you interested in volunteering for the Brackenridge Community Garden Manager? Email the TAB Garden Liaison, Ya-Ching, your letter of interest to: yaching.huang@utexas.edu.

*Some of the Manager duties include:*  
- The manager is the contact person for residents seeking a garden plot.
- The manager provides new gardeners with an orientation to the garden provides a copy of garden operating rules and membership agreement.
- The manager supervises the daily operation of the garden and ensures that gardeners are in compliance with operating procedures.

Each garden manager is exempted from paying annual dues!
TAB Meeting

Date: December 1, 2015
Time: 7:00-8:30pm
Place: Brackenridge Community Room

All residents & guests are encouraged to attend.

AGENDA HIGHLIGHT
7:00 PM - OPEN FORUM ON CONCEALED CARRY ON CAMPUS (CCOC)
7:40 PM - UPDATE FROM COMMUNICATION LIAISON
7:50 PM - TAB PHOTO CONTEST
7:55 PM - GARDEN BUDGET APPROVAL & MANAGER INTERVIEW
8:10 PM - TAB CONSTITUTION
8:25 PM - UPCOMING AGENDA TAB CONSTITUTION REVIEW

LIGHT SNACKS & REFRESHMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKING VESSELS.

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BRK = Brackenridge Community Room
COL = Colorado Community Room
GAT = Gateway Community Room
Greetings!

My name is Justin Power. I’m a new member of the Tenant Advisory Board (TAB) - one of two TAB representatives from the Brackenridge complex. I have lived in Brackenridge with my wife and three children since January 2015. We moved to Austin in August 2014 from Germany, where our first two children were born. Prior to that we worked for several years in Kabul, Afghanistan with an organization that helped include children with disability in the Afghan school system.

We have enjoyed the linguistic and cultural diversity of our University Apartments community. It is fun hearing Arabic, Korean, Chinese, Spanish, German, Hindi, and many other languages on a daily basis. Our children are bilingual in German and English and are learning some Korean through their friends in Brackenridge! We also enjoy the easy-going Austin culture and the delicious Mexican food found on every Austin corner.

I am a PhD student in the Department of Linguistics. I focus on the linguistics of signed languages, and I plan to write my dissertation on a signed language found in Afghanistan with which I have done some work over the past several years. Outside of my studies, I play soccer in a local club and play chess for fun whenever I can. If you’re around Brackenridge, you will probably see me chasing my children around or taking a walk with my wife through the complex.

I am excited to be a part of the Brackenridge community and of the University Apartments (UA) community more broadly. TAB members serve as liaisons between UA residents and UA management, so please feel free to approach me about any issues you feel are important to yourself or to the community. If you’re completely satisfied with life in the UA, come introduce yourself anyway! I’m always happy to get to know my neighbors better.
**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

**Grande Service Request**
- All service requests for your cable or internet service must go through the office via an online 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.

**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/ 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 routine pest control requests must be submitted via maintenance request.
- All routine pest control requests will be scheduled each Tuesday & Thursday between 8 am and 4 pm.
- If you request pest control, please remember that you are required to leave your apartment when pest control staff arrive and remain gone for 2 hours.
- Due to a heavy workload, the tech cannot return that day.
- Emergency pest control situations should be reported to the office.

**2015-2016 Apartment Monthly Rates**
- **Brackenridge & Gateway One Bedroom** $558
- **Colorado One Bedroom** $588
- **Brackenridge & Gateway Two Bedroom** $638
- **Colorado Two Bedroom** $668
- **Brackenridge Three Bedroom** $814

**Keep up with University Apartments on Facebook!**
- Search for “UT Apartments” and like us.
- Check our page daily to for important information and a chance to win prizes!
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Open Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

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

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 students and staff realize dreams while achieving goals.

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