Graduating this May?

Congratulations! We wish you the best during this busy and exciting time in your life!

Please remember:
Residents graduating this May need to notify the UT Apartments Office by April 1, 2015 of their intent to graduate and vacate their apartment.

If you are graduating in May, remember that you must vacate by May 31, 2015.
Newly Planted Trees!
Our staff recently planted Chinquapin Oak trees in the Brackenridge complex. Chinquapin Oaks are native to Texas and they add more shaded areas and natural beauty to our home.

~~ Colorado Community Room Update ~~
Last month we mentioned that our Colorado Community Room is being renovated. We are excited that we have made quite a bit of progress and are moving into the next stage of the renovation.

This means that the Colorado Community room will not be accessible for events or personal reservations during the next few months. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and hope to have it open again for community building this June!
Apply to be a Student Staff Associate with University Apartments!

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Position Description:
This position is primarily responsible for assistance with community development projects and educational programs for the University Apartments, an off main campus residential setting of three apartment complexes with 715 apartments, serving primarily graduate and married students, with a large international population. This position will work closely with and be supervised by the Apartments Coordinator of University Apartments, interacting with the Apartments Associate Director, Community Advisor student staff and community volunteers. The intern will assist in creating an environment that helps students develop a sense of belonging by coordinating and executing programs such as: Apartments-wide sustainability event, New Resident Welcome, Career Mentoring, Nutrition classes, etc. The intern will assist the Apartments Coordinator and Apartments Communications Intern in developing an Apartments online video channel and creating educational, entertaining videos about Apartments policies. Assist with communication to student residents through Facebook, and conduct interviews with relevant University leaders. Attend Tenant Advisory Board meetings. Drive UT Vehicle.

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Additional Information About Both Positions:
Appointment: This internship runs March 2015 through August 2015. This is a Senior Student Associate position and is non-benefits eligible. The hourly rate is $8.84 or more depending on qualifications.

Required Qualifications: Applicant must have completed a Bachelor’s degree and be accepted into a graduate program (taking at least 9 hours) at the University of Texas at Austin.

Preferred Requirements: Preference will be given to Master’s and Ph.D. students in the College of Education’s Program in Higher Education Leadership or have experience and/or background in Housing and Residence Life.

Work Hours: Interns will work a maximum of 14 hours per week. Hours to be scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday –Friday, with some evening and prescheduled weekend hours. High preference for shift availability on Friday mornings and availability for the CA Retreat in August.

Email your resume & cover letter to JLekestutis@Austin.UTexas.edu by Tuesday March 10th.
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BRA = Brackenridge Community Room  
COL = Colorado Community Room  
GAT = Gateway Community Room
APARTMENTS CITY LIMITS

3-6-15 | 630P - 830P |

private event
residents and guests only
bring UT ID

3-6-15 | 630P - 830P |

The University of Texas at Austin University Apartments
For special assistance or disability accommodations, email JLeckstutis@austin.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to the event.

FREE ESL CLASS

ENGLISH TEA TIME
Fridays 10am - 12pm
Brackenridge Community Room

Join us for a less formal English class starting from February 27th to meet new friends and talk to each other in English in a relaxed atmosphere. Open to all UT Apartments residents and guests of all language levels. Kids are welcome, with parental/guardian supervision.

Free Cookies, snacks, and drinks Bring your own drinking vessel!!

Sponsored by EFHS - University Apartments. If you require special accommodations or disability assistance, please contact Julie Leckstutis via email at JLeckstutis@austin.utexas.edu. These requests must be made at least five (5) business days prior to the event so arrangements can be made.
TAB Table Tennis
Spring 2015
is now opening for registration.
All the UT residents please go to the link below to register if you are interested. The game date is Saturday, April 4th, 2-6PM. We are looking forward to see you there.  http://goo.gl/W6EAKZ.
Join us for our free event

Spring Time Yoga

On Sunday March 8th at 10am

Location: Brackenridge Jasper Park Stage

Rain Location: Brackenridge Community Room

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THESE REQUESTS MUST BE MADE FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE EVENT SO ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE.
Knitters, Crafters & Friends Club

**Monday March 9th, 10am**
Brackenridge Community Room

Join us for another fun hang out! We’ll have supplies to make some cool bracelets, or you can bring a project you’re working on at home.

Grab a bite to eat and enjoy each other’s company. Kids are welcome, with parental/guardian supervision. Hope you can make it!

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Tenant Advisory Board (TAB)

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.

**Our March Meetings will be held:**

Tuesday 3/10 & Tuesday 3/24
6:30pm-8:00pm
In the Gateway Community Room

**All residents are encouraged to attend TAB meetings!**
My name is Mohsen. I am originally from Iran, and the northern coastal state called Mazandaran. I’m in my second year of PhD studies in the civil engineering program. I joined the University of Texas in 2013 and I live at the Colorado complex with my wife. We have been Austin for about two years and find it to be great here. I like to be in a multi-cultural and multi-national community where mutual respect governs the interaction and communication within the community.

I am a civil engineer! It runs through the family, like father like son! I completed my undergraduate and Masters program in Tehran Polytechnic and Sharif University respectively both in civil engineering. After finishing my master studies, I joined The University of Texas for my PhD studies in civil engineering with a focus on geo-mechanics. My research focus is on numerically modeling the hydraulic fracturing process, mostly known as “Fracking”. This is an attempt to optimize our resources to recover more resources!

This is my first year as a Tenant Advisor Board (TAB) member, representing the Colorado complex within DHFS. I have been in the Colorado complex about a year, I found the community lovely and decided to contribute to my community by promoting this even further by joining TAB. In TAB, we are trying to propose improvements to the office, organize social events, resolve concerns and issues coming up for residents, and etc. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestion or concerns: mbabazadeh@utexas.edu
New Brackenridge Garden Manager: Cati Wehrle

This summer will be the first in over a decade that I will not need to move. Starting with my first year of college, I have lived in 3 dorm rooms, 4 apartments, 4 houses, 1 guest house, and 2 states. It's kind-of nice, I guess, moving every year. You're forced to thin out your collection of stuff, and to look at what really matters to you. But at the same time, it's terrible. In addition to the time, effort, and money it takes to move, you have to re-build that homey feeling each time you settle into a new place. After all this practice, I've gotten pretty good at it.

One of the things I've found that helps immensely is when I have something growing. House plants don't really cut it for me; I need outside space. My mom has a huge, well organized, and very productive garden in the yard next to her little log cabin in the woods, and so planting and growing things makes me feel like I'm home again. My gardens don't need to be successful; I've often had to leave before I've gotten to harvest much at all, but it's the work that matters to me. The sun on my back and the dirt under my fingernails. Making an effort to help something grow. It's become an integral part of who I am. Which is why, immediately upon moving into Brackenridge last year with my husband and our son, I signed up for a garden plot. It's also why I wasted no time volunteering for the Garden Manager position. It's new territory for me - garden managing - but I feel up to the challenge. I certainly have a passion for gardening, and an appreciation for how important it can be to one's well-being. I want to make sure the garden stays available to those who need it as much as I do.

What else about me? I knit a lot, and dabble in a wide variety of crafts, including joinery. I kind of play the banjo. I have a wonderful husband who is studying Victorian Lit, who juggles and designs board games in his spare time. And we have a little boy who is even more fun to watch grow than my garden. I got my degree in Writing Children's Books, but I've never written one and I don't really have a desire to. My favorite food is sugar snap peas. Always has been. Next year, I'm planting one whole garden plot with nothing but peas. I can't imagine ever growing so many that I couldn't eat them all fresh and I'd have some to freeze, but I'm very intrigued by the prospect.

I'm Cati, and I'm the new Brackenridge Community Garden Manager.
Rent

- 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

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

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.
- 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

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.

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.

Keep up with the University Apartments on Facebook!
Search for “UT Apartments” and like us. Make sure to check the page daily to for important information and a chance to win prizes!
University Apartments

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Open Mon-Fri 8am-4pm

Phone: 512-232-5299

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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 students 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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