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Sponsored by DFHS and the University Apartments

Saturday
March 26th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

AptCL
at the Colorado Community Room

Apartment City Limits is a night full of performances and amazing company with your neighbors!

Free Dinner with vegetarian options!

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, contact Julie Lekstutis at jiekstutis@austin.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted five (5) business days prior to the event.
If you find that a laundry machine is not working, place a note on it saying that it is “Out of Order” so that your fellow neighbors do not try to use a broken machine.

Report the machine tag number to the Apartments staff in an online maintenance request (MR). It is important to include the specific tag number in the MR. Stating, “many machines are not working” does not let staff know which machine are not working. Each machine has a tag on it with three letters and three numbers. Providing that information will tell us exactly which machine out of the 99 machines and 8 laundry rooms need repairs. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!
Do you live at UT Apartments? Do you like to garden? Do you have a "green thumb"? Well, currently there are still a few plots available to be rented out to residents in the Colorado & Brackenridge Community Gardens!

If you are interested in acquiring a garden plot(s), send an email to the Brackenridge Garden Manager (Adam Williams) at brackenridge.garden@gmail.com, or the Colorado Garden Manager (Katherine Romans) at colorado.garden@hotmail.com.

Residents can rent plots for the whole calendar year (now through December 2016) for $15 each, or by semester (such as now through June; or July through December) for $10 each. The fee will be added to your next month's rent bill.

Residents in Gateway who want a garden plot may request one from either Colorado or Brackenridge, depending on availability!
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 and ways to improve life within University Apartments.

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

- Tuesday, March 8th, 7pm-8:30pm in Brackenridge
- Tuesday, March 22nd, 7pm-8:30pm in Brackenridge
TV/INTERNET SURVEY REPORT
Brought to you by Tenant Advisory Board

Thank you for participating in the survey!
This survey is designed to gather information regarding residents' TV & Internet usage. The report is based on the data (N=296) collected from December 2015 to January 2016. TAB makes recommendations on a new contract that will improve TV and Internet services at UT Apartments.

How often do you watch TV?

![Pie chart showing TV viewing frequency]

- Never (27%)
- Rarely (16%)
- Once a week (3%)
- Several times a week (27%)
- Everyday (22%)

40.5% Watch Austin local stations

![Bar chart showing local station viewing]

Important qualities for TV/Internet services

- GOOD SIGNAL (212)
- PICTURE CLARITY (187)
- SOUND (100)
- OTHER (35)

Additional TV Programs

- Sports: 122
- Entertainment: 99
- International: 75
- Educational: 71
- News: 63
- Other: 27

3.4% people currently pay for Premium cable from GrandeTV.

18.3% are willing to pay extra to get premium cable, with a monthly average of US$16.70
Dear Residents,

As the countless Austin festivals and conferences—including SXSW—continue to take place in our city, we want to remind you that subletting at UT Apartments is a violation of Texas state law and the UT Apartments Terms & Conditions.

Please be advised that general solicitation of the public through an advertisement is not an acceptable way to invite guests, paying or not, into your University Apartment. There must be something other than a commercial relationship between you and your invited guests per the Guest procedures of your contract. This practice violates UT Regent’s Rule 80101, Section 2, which prohibits use of University property for anything other than housing University students. And finally, it is a violation of state law to use state property or resources for private gain.

You may of course invite guests personally known to you, to visit or temporarily live with you. If you want to add a guest, you can fill out the Guest Policy form located on the UT Apartments website: http://www.utexas.edu/student/housing/pdfs/
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BRK = Brackenridge Community Room  COL = Colorado Community Room  GAT = Gateway Community Room
Greetings!

My name is Adam C. Williams III. My girlfriend and I have been a part of the Brackenridge community for the last two years. I am excited to be the new Garden Manager in Brackenridge and have a lot of fresh ideas to keep the garden clean, organized, fun, and thriving. Gardening is a deep passion of mine, and God willing, I intend to garden the rest of my life, and to pass these skills to my future children and today’s youth. I find that gardening is therapeutic. Waking up to the morning’s fresh air and tending to the mustards, chard, tomatoes, carrots, strawberries, peppers, sweet potatoes, various herbs, and the many other fruits and vegetables that I grow throughout the year, relieves stress and heals the mind, body, and spirit. I save many hundreds of dollars each year on my grocery bills, and enhance my physical health with the consumption of abundant and organic produce from my garden. Moreover, I learn so much about life, myself, and the world through the study and practice of agronomy.

I learned my gardening techniques and values of hard work from my parents and grandfather. My grandfather was a very skillful man who was known to be able to fix anything whether it was a car, light, a faucet, or a deck. He believed in self-sufficiency, didn’t believe in credit, built his own house, was a fantastic cook, and grew everything that he ate from his garden in Richmond, CA. Having the privilege of watching him throughout my upbringing until his transition at the age of 94 a few years ago, I undoubtedly inherited his spirit of autonomy, which is strongly felt throughout my gardening activities.

I was born in the Bay Area of California and attended California State University at Sacramento (CSUS) where I received my BA in Digital Media, with minors in Film Studies and Pan African Studies. While at CSUS, I produced several documentaries, including: The Misrepresentation of the Black Male; Riddum of Da Word: An Afro-Trinidadian Artform (Rapso); and Multiculturalism at CSUS. I moved to Austin, TX six years ago to pursue graduate studies, where I’m now a PhD candidate in the Department of Radio/TV/Film at UT Austin. My dissertation focuses on the digital participation of Black youth in the U.S. and opportunities for self-empowerment and career development throughout youth-based organizations. However, I also explore media engagement and impacts on people of African descent throughout Africa and its Diaspora. My travels and research throughout Ghana, South Africa, and the Caribbean have enhanced my knowledge of the relationship of people of African descent and their communities to mass media and digital media.

Since moving to Austin, I’m on a spiritual journey to develop other talents and aspects of my identity. With love, respect, and deep commitment to the African Diaspora, its people, and arts, I pursued martial arts training beginning with Capoeira Angola. However, this extended into the study and practice of other mixed African martial arts, including: Zulu Stick Fighting, Dambe Boxing, 52 Blocks, Takoba Sword Fighting, and African wrestling & grappling. When not training, I enjoy working with youth and I’m the co-founder of the Black Media Council and the Mpowered program, as well as a founding member of the Youth Media Project. Each of these programs are geared towards training youth of color to be media literate and 'content producers' instead of media consumers, in order to empower themselves and their communities. I also adore history and learning about other cultures, enjoy reading good books, and love to watch and create films. In addition, I am an avid fisherman, traveler, Dembe and Bata drummer, and I love to cook!
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. A paper version of the request may also be submitted to the main office.
- 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.

Pest Control Requests

- 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

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Maintenance Requests: https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/dhfs/aptssapp/
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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