Electric Bill Changes

The Austin City Council approved increased charges for electric bills. Starting with the November 2014 bill, all residents will see an increase to their monthly electric bill. The City of Austin has approved a rate increase for the Power Supply Adjustment (fuel cost).

The PSA is adjusted each year to reflect the changing cost of fuel and power purchases. Austin Energy works to keep this charge as low as possible through the reliable operation of its power plants, but when power prices are higher than what the utility predicts, the PSA needs to be tweaked to recover costs.

This fee is a pass-through charge that allows the utility to meet required costs. Austin Energy was able to get this increase to fall below the City of Austin’s affordability goal of no more than a 2 percent increase.

Attention December 2014 graduates:

Congratulations to our December 2014 graduation candidates!

As you prepare for graduation, please remember that if you are graduating in
Good Health Habits:
Protect Yourself and Your Family from Infectious Disease

The arrival of cooler fall weather in Texas also frequently brings along an increased incidence of respiratory illness, such as the flu. While getting a flu shot is one of the most effective ways to avoid the flu, here are tips to reduce your exposure to the germs that make us sick.

1. **Avoid close contact**: Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

2. **Stay home when you are sick**: If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

3. **Cover your mouth and nose**: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

4. **Clean your hands**: Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth**: Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

6. **Practice other good health habits**: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

From CDC Good Health Habits
http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm

The single best way to prevent seasonal flu is to **get vaccinated each year**, but good health habits like covering your cough and washing your hands often can help stop the spread of germs and prevent respiratory illnesses like the flu. There also are flu anti-antiviral drugs that can be used to treat and prevent the flu.

**Many local pharmacies and grocery stores offer flu shots!**
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|Happy Thanksgiving!  
Apartments Office is closed |
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BRA = Brackenridge Community Room  
ESL = English as a Second Language Class  
COL = Colorado Community Room  
GAT = Gateway Community Room
Gateway Residents:

CAs Colin & Bruno are both hosting dinner lottery socials at Maudie’s on different nights. They will be randomly drawing 4-5 lucky winners to join them for a free dinner. Keep an eye out for an email from them!

Mock Interview Session

Sign up by emailing:
- your resume,
- a job posting you’re interested in,
- and your preferred time slot (to choose from 10am, 10:35am, 11:15am, 11:50am and 12:25am),
  to ken.bostwick@utexas.edu.

First come, first served!
Event for Brackenridge residents only!

Saturday, Nov. 15th
10am - 1pm
Brackenridge community room

Open to Brackenridge residents - sign up before the slots fill up!

More workshops to come for residents in other complexes...

If you require special assistance/disability accommodations, please email jle kd stis@u t e xa s . e d u. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to event.
**Fall Pie Fest**

**November CA Social**

Enjoy the start to the Thanksgiving season by indulging in a variety of wonderful fall desserts. There will be apple pie, pumpkin pie, pecan pie, and other delicious fall treats, as well as caramel apple cider with whipped cream to drink. (Remember to bring your own drinking mug.)

Also, Officer Brewer from UPD will be joining us to share about community safety. See you there!

Sponsored by FHA and The University Apartments. If you require special accommodations or disability assistance, please contact Julie Likens via email at jlikens@u.utexas.edu. These requests must be made at least five (5) business days prior to the event; no amendments can be accommodated.

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**Community Brunch**

Please join us on Saturday, 8 Nov. for our special brunch. Come and take advantage of the last sunny days of this year with your neighbors.

**Colorado Community Room, 10-11am**

Please don’t forget to bring your own drinking cup.

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, please email jlikens@u.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least five (5) business days prior to event.
Knitting & Crafting Club

Join us for a

Knitting & Crafting Club meeting!

Monday 11/10 at 10am in the
Brackenridge Community Room

Bring your knitting & crafting project, get to know some of your neighbors who have similar interests, and share tips/ideas!!
Join us for
Thanksgiving Dinner
Saturday November 22nd
6pm in the Gateway Community Room
We’ll serve a scrumptious “Pre-Thanksgiving” dinner with all the accompaniments. See you there!

Remember to bring your own drinking vessel!

As part of our commitment to sustainability, the Division of Housing & Food Service does not supply disposable cups.
My name is KiJung, and I am originally from Seoul, Korea. I completed my undergraduate study in Electrical Engineering from KAIST in Korea. After two years of military service at Republic of Korea Army, I came to Austin to pursue my graduate study of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) at UT. In my free time, I often contemplate on what makes me who I am, and I always remember of my favorite movies, “Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind” written by Charlie Kaufman and directed by Michael Gondry, which gave me a chance to imagine whether I would be myself without my past memory. I believe the memory is one of several essentials that define my ego, and have been curious about what the memory is and how it is formed in the brain. Around the time that I finished my coursework in ECE, I happened to know that there is a new center at UT studying memory scientifically and I decided to switch the direction of my graduate study toward neuroscience. Now I am a PhD candidate affiliated with ECE and Neuroscience department, and studying neural codes and dynamics for spatial memory in the brain.

I live in the Colorado complex and have been serving on TAB since November 2013. I joined TAB as a Garden Coordinator and it has been a great pleasure organizing the garden seminar and contest every spring semester. TAB is an organization that is comprised of two representatives from each complex to listen to residents’ ideas/complaints, resolve their concerns, and make the Apartments a better place to live in. I feel great honor to be a TAB member. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions: Kijung.yoon@utexas.edu
**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 NOVEMBER 3rd
- MONDAY NOVEMBER 17th
- MONDAY DECEMBER 1st
- MONDAY DECEMBER 15th

from 11:00am to 12:30p.m. in the Asian Cul-

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**THE TENANT ADVISORY BOARD (TAB) OF THE UT APARTMENTS INVITES YOU TO OUR**

**TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT**

Champion: $45 gift card
Runner-Up: $25 gift card
Third Place: $15 gift card

Come and join us in a friendly afternoon, where you can meet other residents, show your skills, and have great time!

**Location:** Gateway Community Room
**Tournament Time:** Saturday, Nov 8th, 2014, from 3 pm to 6pm
**Quick Online Registration:** [http://goo.gl/QkRSGc](http://goo.gl/QkRSGc)
**Registration Deadline:** Friday, Oct 31st, 2014, CT 5:00PM

If you require special assistance or disability accommodations, please email JLekstutis@austin.utexas.edu. Requests must be submitted at least 5 business days prior to event.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided!
Orange Santa

University Police Department volunteers are preparing for the 2014 Christmas holiday and will again be sponsoring Orange Santa at University Apartments. We will begin to send out emails in early November.

What is Orange Santa? It is a program where volunteers from UT Police Department provide Christmas presents to children living here at University Apartments.

In order to participate in the Orange Santa program, your child/children must be listed on your contract. If you have not added your child/children to your contract, please contact Denise Zuniga at dzuniga@austin.utexas.edu for more information on how to do so.

Landscape Maintenance Updates

UPDATE: We have two mature trees that pose a safety concern to residents and buildings in the Brackenridge area, near building 3453. These two trees are close to the remodeling construction site, and the roots are in the path of the underground piping. These two trees are a Chinese Tallow, which is an invasive species, and the other is a mature Cottonwood tree, which in this case poses safety concerns.

On November 11th, we are scheduled to remove these two trees and will be planting 3-4 new, desirable trees in the same area.

The Apartments staff has consulted with the UT arborist as well as an independent arborist. Both arborists agree that the trees need to be removed for the overall safety of the residents and facilities.

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

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.php?site=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.

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.php?site=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

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