HOUSING OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS (MB/P)

The Mission Bay and Aldea Center offices will be closed next week from Wednesday at 3:00 pm, as well as on Thursday and Friday, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Both offices will reopen on Monday, November 26th at 8:00 am. For facilities related emergencies, please call 415.476.2021. For lock-outs, please call the non-emergency UCPD line at 415-476-1414.

DO NOT FLING YOUR FLAMING TURKEY ONTO THE FLOOR (MB/P)

Some of you ambitious types may be attempting to cook Thanksgiving dinner for the first time this coming week. Or maybe you are just frying up some Spam when suddenly you are distracted by a Skype call and your cooking oil bursts into flames (neglectful cooking is, in fact, the most common reason for fire alarms in Housing Services). In the event that your kitchen should become a disaster area resembling Dante’s 7th Circle of Hell, we beg you not to throw your turkey/pecan pie/canned ham or any hot pots & pans onto the floor. Hot stuff will melt your carpet or linoleum into a dark, bubbly ooze appearing similar to stale cranberry sauce, and this will cost you plenty in repairs. Instead, prepare in advance and identify a non-burnable surface (like a trivet or wire cooling rack) where you can put that flaming food until it can cool off. Here’s another tip for our Mission Bay friends: do not put your smoking food out into the hallway or open your apartment door do "air out", as you will certainly set off a general building alarm. Then your neighbors will give you The Evil Eye until finals are over in June. Please, never leave your kitchen when you are cooking!

MAKE THE HOLIDAYS BRIGHTER FOR A CHILD & FAMILY IN NEED (MB/P)

Feeling down about all of the hard things going on in the world? Well here is an easy opportunity to DO something to make it just a little bit better! Join Housing Services as we partner with Family House over the course of the next month to run a toy drive via their online Amazon Smile Wish List. Family House serves as a "home away from home" for families of children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses receiving treatment at the University of California San Francisco Benioff Children's Hospital by providing physical comfort and emotional support, free from financial concerns. The benefit of your donation is that it will directly help children receiving treatment at UCSF through one of the hardest times in their lives! For more information and to get involved in the Housing Services Holiday Toy Drive, please check out our Eventbrite page: https://ucsfhousingservicesfamilyhousetoydrive.eventbrite.com

LEVEL PURPLE SMOKE - STAY INDOORS (MB/P)

The fire in Butte County is creating very poor air quality in San Francisco. The current San Francisco air quality is at a "purple," which means there is an increased health risk for
everyone and it is best to stay indoors. We recommend closing your windows and turning on your air filters if you have them. If you have a mask, make sure it is an N-95 or higher. These masks are the best for protecting you from the harmful pollutants. Also, make sure you are wearing it correctly to ensure the best fit for your face. This means putting one strap below your ear and one above, and then putting the metal strip across your nose and pinching it so it seals the mask around your face. And for the children, make sure you get a child-sized mask as these adult-sized ones do not fit their cute little faces. For more info on masks, click here: https://abcnews.go.com/Health/california-wildfires-best-smoke-masks-protect-poor-air/story?id=59223201. And here is more information about the air quality in the Bay Area: http://www.baaqmd.gov/about-air-quality/current-air-quality/air-monitoringdataDataViewFormat=daily&DataView=aqi&StartDate=11/16/2018&ParameterId=316

HEADS UP: TRACK CURB DEMO ON 3RD STREET (MB)

On November 25, from 2am until November 26 at 4am, SFMTA will be performing track curb demolition of the UCSF Mission Bay T-Line MUNI stop on 3rd Street. The stop will now be serviced by a bus substitute instead of a train. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this one day of work (we know, it’s pretty much 24 hours), then please visit this site https://www.sfmta.com/projects/ucsf-mission-bay-arena-platform-upgrade or email UCSFplatform@SFMTA.com.

FACILITIES PROJECTS NEXT WEEK (MB)

Window cleaning will happen this Saturday morning from 9am to 4pm on the South building facing south (windows over the retail space) and will be finishing next week. Please close your windows so that they are more accessible to the washers and close your blinds for privacy. You may also see painting going on in common areas like lobbies, hallways, bike rooms, and stairwells. Please be aware of wet paint signs.

BREAK DOWN CARDBOARD BOXES & CLEAR HALLS (MB)

Please break down your boxes and put them in the recycling bins. We have been finding boxes in the compost bins, which is not where they belong (unless they are pizza boxes that are oily and contaminated with food). Also, we have been seeing shoes and boxes in doorways and for safety reasons the doorways need to remain clear.

SUSTAINABILITY TIP: GO DIGITAL (MB/P)

Have you considered going paperless? Transitioning to a digital storage has so many benefits including better organization, automatic backups, and data security. As an added
bonus, you will be cutting down on pollution, since making one ton of paper emits more than 1.5 tons of CO2.