HOUSING OFFICE CLOSURES (MB/P)

The Aldea Housing office will be closed for the Winter Break period from Monday, December 24th until 8:00 AM on Wednesday, January 2nd.

The Mission Bay Housing office will be closing early for the Winter Break period at 3:00 PM on Friday, December 21st. The Office will be closed on December 24th and 25th and will reopen with limited hours from 9 AM to 4 PM on December 26-28. We’ll be closed again on the following Monday and Tuesday, December 31st and January 1st and will reopen for business at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, January 2nd.

The UCSF shuttles will be operating on an abbreviated schedule beginning Thursday, December 20. Normal service resumes on Wednesday, Jan. 2. Visit Transportation Services for a complete listing of holiday schedules: https://tiny.ucsf.edu/holidayschedule

For the Mission Bay shuttle (not UCSF) holiday schedule, visit http://www.missionbaytma.org/holidays/

READ THE LABEL ON YOUR PACKAGE (MB)

Sometimes those wacky package carriers put more than one package in a locker or put packages in lockers under the wrong person’s name. Please make sure to read the label on your package. If you receive a Luxer code for another Tenant’s package, please bring the package back to the Housing Office. We will make sure it gets to delivered to its rightful owner. Thank you!

SOMEONE’S INCENSE CAUSED DRAMA (MB/P)

This past Friday, seven San Francisco fire trucks showed up to Mission Bay Housing due to a suspected fire in the building. Upon investigation, the cause of smoke was someone burning incense in the South Building. The fire department takes these things seriously. Last year at Mission Bay, a fire was started by incense and rendered three apartments as uninhabitable. Fire smoke and sprinkler system flooding displaced three families for two weeks (they lived in hotels, and this cost is not covered by the University). The tenant who caused the fire was not insured, so was financially devastated and could not continue her program at UCSF. The use of candles and incense is prohibited in your Housing Agreement (30. FIRE SAFETY AND LIABILITY), and can result in significant financial damages to you, or termination of your housing. We also recommend that you obtain Renters Insurance, in the event something like this happens to you. Visit this page for more information on Renters Insurance: https://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/housing/services/current_tenants/renters_insurance
ARE THOSE REINDEER ON MY ROOF? (MB)
There is a scheduled fuel delivery to the roof of the North Building on Tuesday 12/18/18 and Thursday 12/20/18 in the afternoon. Please do not be alarmed by any noises you may hear from above your head during those times. If you have any questions, contact Housing Facilities at 415-502-3589.

CLEAR YOUR HALLWAYS (MB)
Starting on Monday, December 17th, Housing Services will be walking the hallways and taking a look at front door alcoves of each unit to make sure that they are clear and open and not in violation of the Housing Agreement (29.7. Means of egress and continuity). If you're in violation you will be contacted by Housing Services staff.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING (MB/P)
Feeling festive and have a sweet tooth to boot? Come decorate (or just EAT) some festive holiday sugar cookies with us at the Aldea Center (Wednesday, 12/19 from 6pm-7:30pm) and at the Housing Community Room at Mission Bay (Thursday, 12/20 from 6-7:30pm). Children are welcomed. RSVP as materials are limited. For more details and to RSVP: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-cookie-decorating-aldea-tickets-52686461625 (Aldea) and https://www.eventbrite.com/e/holiday-cookie-decorating-mission-bay-tickets-52686542868 (Mission Bay)

QUARTERLY BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINER (BYOC) $25 RAFFLE WINNER (MB/P)
The odds were ever in your favor! Congratulations to UCSF Tenant Griffin Collins, who is the winner of a $25 Amazon Gift Card for participating in our Quarterly BYOC Challenge raffle for Housing Services Events. As a reminder, bring your own containers/utensils to Housing Services Events and enter the raffle each time for a chance to win, and help reduce waste while you are at it. It's a win-win!

WINTER RAINSTORMS THIS WEEKEND (MB/P)
Back-to-back storms are predicted to hit the Bay Area this weekend (starting today), with the heavier storm arriving on Sunday. These storms will bring 6-story-high waves at the beaches too, so stay off the sand and out of that water.

Here are some things to keep in mind this weekend and into this rainy season:
* Floods and mudslides are possible. Medical Center Way (between the Aldea Center and the Parnassus campus) is particularly unstable with very steep slopes. Please be careful when passing through this area. At Mission Bay, there will be puddles and mud on Gene
Friend Way. If water begins to intrude into your building, please contact UCSF’s emergency on-call engineers, (415) 476-2021.
* On the Avenues, steep terrain may cause slippery sidewalks and streets. We have seen cars skidding down steep 3rd Avenue in past storms. Please take care and proceed slowly. Do not jump in front of moving cars at 3rd & Irving Streets, even if you have the right of way.
* Avoid driving, when possible. Seriously reconsider any trip across bridges, or into any mountainous areas. Watch for puddles on freeways, as they can cause your vehicle to hydroplane and spin out. If you must drive, please watch carefully for pedestrians. Everyone in San Francisco seems to prefer black for fashion apparel, but this makes pedestrians very hard to see in rainy, dark weather.
* If you are the pedestrian, be a fashion original and wear bright colors – reflective clothing is even better – and change out your black “invisible” umbrella for a white or brightly-colored one. It’s okay to suffer the scowls of fashionistas.
* Stay home and stream a movie. Snuggle up under a blanket and have some hot cocoa. Add marshmallows.

DO GOOD & MAKE A CHILD’S DAY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON (MB/P)

This week, Housing Services staff dropped off a bag of gifts that have been donated to the Toy Drive by UCSF Tenants (including a highly coveted “Frozen” character doll chosen by Becca and her daughter’s Anya and Rena!), and took a peek at Fozzy’s Toy Room, where each child that is staying at Family House gets to go to choose a toy to enjoy as they begin treatment at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital for life-threatening illnesses. Many children at Family House will also wake up on Christmas morning to a sweet surprise, as the “Holiday Armadillo” leaves gifts at their door as well! For more information and to contribute to the UCSF Housing Services Toy Drive, please check out our Eventbrite page: https://ucsfhousingservicesfamilyhousetoydrive.eventbrite.com

RETAIL & FARMERS MARKET HOLIDAY HOURS (MB/P)

The Mission Bay and Parnassus Farmers’ Markets will be closed December 24 through January 2. Almost all of the retail stores at both locations will be closed on Dec. 24 and 25. You will have limited choices for where to eat on those two days, so plan ahead!

LAST CHANCELLOR’S CONCERT OF THE YEAR (P)

On Thursday, December 20th, violinists Dan Carlson and Dian Zhang, cellist Peter Myers and Joy Fellows on viola perform Mendelssohn: String Quartet No. 5 in E flat major, Opus 44, No. 3 in Cole Hall, 513 Parnassus Avenue. Do not miss the last Chancellor’s Concert of
FOREST MUSHROOMS APPEAR (P)

The recent and forthcoming rains will bring some beautiful forest mushrooms to campus, especially on Mount Sutro and in the Aldea San Miguel complex. Mushrooms play an important role in the forest by digesting the organic matter and at the same time returns nutrients to the soil. However, we advise you NOT to harvest and eat mushrooms that appear in the wild. San Francisco is home to some poisonous mushrooms, including the highly toxic and ominously named “Death Cap” (Amanita phalloides). Due to its benign appearance, the Death Cap is often confused with other, edible fungus species. It is best to get your mushrooms from a market or grocer. For more information about Death Caps, please visit http://www.mykoweb.com/CAF/species/Amanita_phalloides.html