ALDEA POWER OUTAGE SURVEY - THANK YOU (P)

Thank you for taking the Aldea Power Outage survey this week. We learned that we did not “spam” you and that all of you thought we either sent just the right number of updates or didn’t communicate enough during the outage on Feb. 14. We also learned that you prefer getting texts and email just like we had done. That day was the first time we used the texting system and found that there are limitations with the system. For example, we can only text the leaseholders via the number they have in the Tenant Portal (so forward texts to your other occupants). We can email both leaseholders and other occupants and will do that if there are future emergencies such as this. If you did not receive email updates during the outage, make sure your email is up to date in the Tenant Portal. The Millberry Union Fitness & Recreation center was open to tenants for hot showers on Feb. 14 and 15. And luckily, Aldea is close to the Parnassus campus, where the cafeteria and library are open to the public. Of course, the outage timing was up to mother nature and PG&E. We had no say in how long it was going to be out and could only send those questions to PG&E. We were communicating updates as soon as we received them from the crews on site. We also did not have power at the Aldea Center, so the entire community was dark during that time. Once again, thank you for telling us about your experience and we will take these results and improve our communications if/when the next emergency occurs. As a reminder, make sure you have signed up for UCSF’s emergency warning system, WarnMe: https://police.ucsf.edu/emergency-management/warnme and the city’s system, AlertSF: http://www.alertsf.org/. Also, living in San Francisco comes with a responsibility to be able to take care of yourself for 72 hours in case of emergency. For more info on how to prepare, visit: https://www.sf72.org/

UPDATES AT ALDEA (P)

Starting next week, you will see some exterior lighting at Aldea being replaced with updated LED lights. This change helps us support UCSF’s sustainability goals. So, we should feel good while being blinded by the light! Also, Housing Services will be working with the Facilities landscaping crew to remove some more trees from the Aldea community. We saw what happens when trees fall, so we want to be extra careful and survey the trees in our community. We will send out more information about the tree removal soon.

SATURDAY CONSTRUCTION AT PARNASSUS (P)

Construction has been steadily progressing at the Clinical Sciences Building (CSB), which is being renovated to meet current seismic safety requirements and to provide instructional and meeting spaces that support modern teaching and research. The project will also connect Parnassus Avenue to the interior Saunders Court with a new entrance and gateway. Saturday work is anticipated through the next quarter for the project. This includes a scheduled afternoon concrete pour for this Saturday, March 1. Real Estate does not anticipate Saturday concrete pours on a regular basis, and will notify us if another Saturday pour is scheduled. Tower crane operation includes a safety air horn. Please note,
for safety reasons, the crane is not locked down in the evening and will occasionally swing with the wind. Pedestrian access on Parnassus Avenue, adjacent to the site at 3rd Avenue, may be impacted as equipment arrives and departs from the work site.

WEILL NEUROSCIENCE BUILDING NIGHT POURS (MB)

The concrete pour originally scheduled for this Saturday morning (1am) has been postponed due to weather impacts. It is currently rescheduled to take place Tues. March 5, starting at 1 am. This is one of 13 remaining night pours for the Weill Neurosciences Building project – there will be no more once these are complete, which is currently expected to be in June. The pours are taking place approximately once every 10 days and will not necessarily always be on a Saturday. If you have any questions or concerns, contact the project team at 415-502-4013 or email WeillNeuroBldg@ucsf.edu.

16TH AND 3RD INTERSECTION SFMTA WORK (MB)

If you received an email about the intersection of 3rd and 16th closing starting today, that date has now been postponed to next Saturday, March 9. The platform track work is closing the access across 16th and 3rd - east and west bound. Cars can only travel north & south or turn right at the intersection. No left turns. This work is expected for 10 days. For more information, visit their website: https://www.sfmta.com/projects/ucsf-mission-bay-platform-upgrade

THE ANTS GO MARCHING IN (MB/P)

With the moisture in the air and on the ground, many times ants will search for a dry place to call home. Be sure to keep your kitchen’s clean and free of any food debris that may attract ants into your home. Take out your composting, keep your garbage disposal clean, wipe down your counters often, and mop your floors. Especially for those coffee drinkers in the morning, if you add sugar, remember your counters and floors have residual sugar particles. Ants who practice good dentistry avoid sugar, but they still love meat and beer residue from empty bottles (another health concern prevalent in their community). If you have any issues with pest invasions or drunken ants, you may put in a maintenance request at the Housing website: http://campuslifeservices.ucsf.edu/housing/services/online_services/maintenance_requests1

REPEAT: FACILITIES UPDATES (MB)

As you may have noticed, the carpets in the East building are being replaced...and they look so nice! The carpets are being replaced one floor at a time, starting at the top and working their way down. Also, you will see some painting of new bright colors in the buildings,
starting with the South Building. We hope you like our updates! But if you have any questions or concerns, please contact housing facilities at 476-0309.

TOWN HALL ON GENDER EQUITY & INCLUSION (MB/P)

On March 15 from 1-2pm at Genentech Hall Auditorium at Mission Bay (simulcast in N-217 at Parnassus), join NASEM for their report on the sexual harassment of women in academic science and medicine. This will be a trainee-led community meeting to address the issue of gender harassment at UCSF. UCSF leadership will also be in attendance. RSVP here: https://calendar.ucsf.edu/event/town_hall_on_gender_equity_and_inclusion#.XHmr8JNKhTZ

MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH (MB/P)

To honor women’s history month and international women’s day, UCSF is holding events all day on March 8th. Visit http://tiny.ucsf.edu/womensday to sign up for the events. Also, if you haven’t seen Nike’s newest commercial celebrating women, watch this. Just do it: https://youtu.be/whpJ19RJ4JY.

CELEBRATE AMERICAN TULIP DAY (MB/P)

San Francisco will offer over 100,000 colorful tulips in Union Square tomorrow, Saturday, March 2 to celebrate American Tulip Day. The public is invited to attend and pick their own bouquet of tulips, free of charge. The “Tulip Garden” will be open to the public from 1 p.m. and will close at 4:30 p.m. Take the N-Judah (Parnassus) or T-Third (MB) train to the Powell Street stop. Bring an umbrella! http://www.thesfnews.com/thousands-of-free-tulips-this-weekend/47439