Your Participation in the Fire Drill - Palo Verde has completed our required fire drill this week in compliance with the State Fire Marshal Regulations and the UC Office of the President mandate. Emergency planning and training can directly influence the outcome of an emergency situation. It is important for all residents to familiarize themselves with the location and use of fire extinguishers, fire alarm boxes, emergency exit routes, and alternative exits. As a reminder, when a fire alarm sounds in a building you are occupying at the time, you are to leave the building and follow the instructions of emergency personnel. Thank you for your participation and cooperation in this potentially life-saving exercise. Your safety matters to us!

Visit the tents/balloons at the PV evacuation sites and pick up valuable information on emergency preparedness. Free coffee, granola bars and PopTarts while supplies last during the morning session and chips/snacks for the evening session. Promote sustainability by bringing your own coffee or travel mug (cups will also be provided). Stop by any or all sites and sign up to WIN PRIZES! Prizes include the following:

(2) 1lb Ground Peet’s Coffee, (2) USB Flash Drives, (1) First Aid Kit, (1) Earbud Headphone (1) Multi-Utility Tool (1) Grand Prize of a Radio/Flashlight

Site 1: Near the crosswalk to the bridge across E. Peltason Drive and lot 17A.
Site 2: The corner where Verano Place and Palo Verde meet near California Avenue (on the VP side).
Site 3: Between the parking lot (near PV 8500 and 8600) and Anteater Drive.

Emergency Blue Lights - 54 Bluelight Phones located in Palo Verde and throughout the UCI campus, on Ring Road and parking lots are not just for emergencies.

Use these phones to contact the UCI Police:
If you need an escort
To report:
An accident
Suspicious behavior
Crimes (car theft, bike theft, assault, etc)

To use a Bluelight EMERGENCY Phone:
Push the button and you will be immediately connected to a UC Irvine Police dispatcher. Be prepared to answer questions concerning the nature of your call. Upon activating the blue light, it notifies the UCI Police dispatcher which blue light phone has been triggered. The police will be there in 2.5 to 3.5 minutes.

MS Timeline
• 3–6 quarters—depending on program and thesis/non-thesis option
• Coursework followed by exams, a major project or thesis
• The thesis option, may take longer, end of summer of year 2
• Very difficult to find funding

It is unusual for a student not to finish an MS within the specified amount of time for the program. Most of the program is coursework followed by exams, a major project or thesis (if student takes that option). The thesis option, may take longer, through end of summer of year 2.

PhD Time-line
• 5-7 years depending on program and advisor
• 2-3 years coursework
• Advancement to candidacy
• Year 3-4—Dissertation proposal sometimes with oral defense
• Year 4-? Writing the dissertation Candidacy—Comprehensive exams, or series of papers/publications, or other project and a presentation/defense

After successful advancement to candidacy, time-lines become more undefined. Sometimes there is a defense, but it varies by department.

Invitation to Attend Interviews for the Executive Director for Housing - Student Housing is reaching the final stages of the search process for our new Executive Director. This position is responsible for leading Student Housing and settings its priorities including rates, new construction, policies, procedures and more. The search committee wanted to offer an individual opportunity for students and residents to meet with the Executive Director candidates. The remaining interview dates are listed below. Open Sessions will be held in Moss Cove A on the first floor of the Student Center. Students and residents are offered a separate time to have their own space with peers, but they are welcome to attend the staff Open Session if that is more convenient.

Executive Director Search: Open Sessions for Residents and Students to meet with Candidates:

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Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge 2017
Beginning September 18th until October 15th, UCI has an exciting opportunity to be one of 93 schools from across the country participating in the 2017 Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. In this Mother-Nature-meets-March-Madness competition, schools compete to see which campus can get the most people outside. Participants have the chance to win free gear from Challenge sponsors (REI, The North Face, Hydro Flask, and ENO), and the overall winner will be crowned National Outdoor Champion.

This is a great chance for UCI’s outdoor community to reach new students, faculty and staff and continue to grow, but we need your help to win. If you want to participate, all you need to do is sign up on the ON Campus Challenge app and log your outdoor activities during the Challenge. It’s that easy!

Contact Doug Tully, Director of Outdoor Adventures at dtully@uci.edu for more information on the Campus Challenge!

What not to put down the Garbage Disposal - Do not put anything in the garbage disposal that is not biodegradable food. When in doubt, throw it out! Or better yet, use your compost bin.

Stringy veggies and vegetable peels - Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to clogging a garbage disposal. This includes fibrous materials like celery, corn husks, asparagus, artichokes, and other vegetables that have any kind of stringy qualities to them. The stringy parts can wrap around the blades. The stalks in foods such as in potatoes and rice will turn into a thick paste and may cause blades to stick.

Grease or oil - Greasy foods will distribute a film over the blades diminishing their effectiveness. Over time, it solidifies and begins to build up in your pipes.

Egg shells - The membrane on the inside of the egg can wrap around the blades.

Coffee grounds - The grounds build up like sediment in the pipes, causing blockage.

Pits, seeds, bones - Items such as bones and fruit pits can dull and even break the unit’s blades.

Anything in bulk - If you have a large amount of food scraps to get rid of, it is best to put it in the garbage or your compost bin.

Rice and pasta - Every time you turn the water on, the pasta and rice will continue to absorb water and block the pipes.

Harsh Chemicals - Harsh chemicals like bleach or drain cleaners can damage blades and pipes. Place a work order instead.

"You were born with potential. You were born with goodness and trust. You were born with ideals and dreams. You were born with greatness. Your were born with wings. You are not meant for crawling, so don’t. You have wings. Learn to use them and fly." ~ Rumi

Free Yoga For Graduate and Family Housing Residents
Every Wednesday in the PV Community Room at 6pm Starting October 11th until December 13th
(One session will be held Tuesday, November 21st instead of Wednesday due to Thanksgiving)
Join Palo Verde and Verano residents, partners, and friends for Yoga to relax and get a great workout! Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen your body, focus your mind, and relax. Come by and get your workout in without worrying about the commute! Yoga is brought to you FREE of CHARGE as a part of PVRC’s and VRC’s community programming.

Bring along an exercise mat or towel and a water bottle. Be sure to show up early as space may be limited and if it is your first session, to sign a waiver for the ARC.

Feel free to contact PVRC@uci.edu with any questions. Like PVRC on facebook at facebook.com/PaloVerdeResidenceCouncil.

What is PVRC? Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) is an elected body of five Palo Verde residents, which acts as a liaison between residents and PV housing, with regard to advocacy and community-building independent of the Palo Verde office/administration. PVRC holds regular community meetings where residents may share their thoughts on Palo Verde with the council. They voice residents’ concerns and suggestions for improving quality of life to housing. In addition, PVRC represents Palo Verde in advocating residents’ interests in other political bodies on campus.

They also organize and sponsor social events intended to bring the community together and give residents the opportunity to meet their neighbors.

Follow PVRC on facebook to be kept up with our most recent activities: facebook.com/paloverderesidentscouncil. Contact us at: pvrc@uci.edu. Visit our webpage: https://sites.google.com/site/paloverderesidentscouncil/

Barbecues and Hibaches The use or storage of any type of personal barbecue appliance is not permitted in Palo Verde Housing. No charcoal is allowed on a gas grill.

Public barbecues are located throughout the community and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, please visit: http://www.housing.uci.edu/housingOptions/Palo_Verde.html