Join PVRC for Grill & Game Night  
Sunday, May 20th from 5-7pm at the PV Clubhouse

Beautiful Spring weather means we can cook, eat, and play outside! Join the Palo Verde Residents Council for a barbecue and game night at the Palo Verde Clubhouse. We will be grilling burgers and hot dogs (and vegetarian options, too!). There will be cornhole and ladderball, but feel free to bring your personal favorites! Show off your skills or just sit back and enjoy some free food and soda.

Hope to See You There!  
~ Palo Verde Residents Council (PVRC) ~

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Sprinkler Testing - No Entry Required  
Bldgs. 1100 - 6300 on May 22nd, 23rd, 24th

The University’s Environmental Health and Safety employees will be conducting the required testing and inspection of the fire life safety systems to certify the sprinkler system. The testing will take place during the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00pm. The repairs will produce sound and disturbances around the buildings and possibly in your apartment. The test should produce an alarm sounding off for less than a minute per test. We request that you take actions that will mitigate any problems.

If you have any questions please contact the office at 824-8918. Thank you for your cooperation.

Concrete Work - We will be working on the grinding of the sidewalks that may be considered a safety hazard throughout the community. The work will start May 21st and will continue for approximately 9 business days. This project will require the use of power equipment. There will be workers, noise, dust, and vehicles around the complex during the work period.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to maintain and improve our community!

TRASH - Accumulation of trash and newspapers are both health and fire hazards. Please remove and place trash from your apartment in the garbage and recycling bins provided in the dumpster areas located in the parking lot. Trash bags are NOT to be left beside your front door, on stairways, landings, in the trash containers by the grills, mailbox areas, in laundry rooms or other common or other than in the dumpsters.

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 - compost it!

Stringy veggies and vegetable peels - Fibrous materials are the worst culprit when it comes to clogging a garbage disposal. This includes 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 starches 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.

Instead of Using the Garbage Disposal - Compost It!  
Turn food waste back into food. Composting is nature’s recycling – a process which diverts food scraps from landfills or waste water treatment facilities to be re-purposed for other uses. All food/kitchen scraps can be composted – meat, poultry, fish, bones, dairy products, breads, grains, flowers, seeds, fats and oils, vegetables, coffee grounds, and tea bags are some examples. Paper products that are soiled with food – such as napkins or non-waxy paper plates can also be composted. Please use the composting bags solely for composting food waste. The bags are designed to breakdown with compost and are not conducive for being used with other waste, including animal waste (animal waste should ONLY be disposed of in the regular dumpsters). Additionally, replenishing the compostable bags is costly so please use wisely.

The next time you think about forcing your food scraps down the drain, think again. Not only are you helping the environment when you use the compost bin instead of a garbage disposal, but you are helping to prevent clogged sinks.

FREE Yoga For Graduate and Family Housing Residents Every Wednesday until June 6th  
at 6pm in the PV Community Room

Bring along an exercise mat or towel and a water bottle. Be sure to come early as space may be limited and for 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/PaloVerdeResidentsCouncil.
How to prevent a False Smoke Alarm

Smoke detectors are a very useful tool to have in your home and may save your life. But sometimes we experience false alarms with smoke detectors that ultimately make them less effective. By keeping your smoke detector clean and charged, you can prevent false alarms and may help save yourself or your family when an actual fire occurs.

• Clean your smoke detector regularly. Any dust or dirt that covers your smoke detector or its internal sensor chamber can set it off when there is no fire. By cleaning the unit every couple of weeks, you may minimize the number of false alarms you experience or avoid them altogether. You can use a dusting brush or vacuum the alarm with the soft brush attachment.

• If your culinary creation begins to burn, it may set off your smoke detector, even if there isn’t a discernible amount of smoke in the air. Just a hint of burnt food can set off your alarm. Turn on the stove fan and/or open a window. Keep a fan handy to wave away the fumes from the smoke alarm if it goes off.

• Cover a burned pot and keep toaster oven, oven, and microwave doors closed to let fumes settle before opening to avoid setting off the alarm.

• High humidity can cause a smoke detector to go off because it covers your smoke detector or its internal sensor chamber can set it off when there is no fire. Just a hint of burnt food can set off your alarm. Turn on the stove fan and/or open a window. Keep a fan handy to wave away the fumes from the smoke alarm if it goes off.

• Do NOT DISCONNECT THE SMOKE ALARMS (it is a violation of State Law and the PV Lease). If you have tried some of those solutions and the false alarms persist, it could be that you have a malfunctioning smoke detector or another electrical issue. Contact an the Palo Verde office to have maintenance inspect it.

Post and/or Search for Sublets, Furniture, Off-Campus Housing, and More!

The Anteater Housing Network, provides easy access to on and off-campus housing listings for students, and is a great place to advertise a sublease or search for a sublease and reach other UCI students. The site includes properties for rent and sale, as well as message boards to find roommates, sublets, buy/sell furniture, and more.

To place an advertisement on the Anteater Housing Network visit http://offcampus.housing.uci.edu/. You will need to log-in with your UCI NetID and password to view listings. Guests access to the site is granted for a limited time for prospective students and other campus affiliates.

BACKPACK GIVE BACK

Transportation and Distribution Services is excited to launch our annual “Backpack Give Back” outreach program, designed to encourage the pursuit of higher education by disadvantaged youth in Orange County. Contribute by donating a new or slightly used backpack to any parking information kiosk, the UCI Libraries, Anteater Recreation Center, or School of Medicine through June 29th.

All backpacks will be donated to South County Outreach, a provider of vital services and assistance to low income families, seniors and individuals in South Orange County.

You may donate to any collection bins at:
• All parking kiosks
• Ayala Science Library
• Langson Library
• Main Transportation Office

DO YOU WANT TO DO MORE?

In addition to participating in this backpack drive, there are many other ways to get involved. The South County Outreach is always willing to receive donations of goods, time, and money. Volunteers to work their various programs are also welcome. Let’s show our Anteater pride and let them know how we can help!

For more information, please contact Erika Hennon at (949) 824-5951 or email engage@pts.uci.edu.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile community project.

I am the author of my life. Unfortunately I’m writing in pen and I can’t erase my mistakes.” — Unknown