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Happy New Year!

University Apartments staff members would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year! Best wishes for a prosperous and healthy year in 2016. Whether you are a new tenant or one that has lived here for awhile, please feel free to call the University Apartments Office (319-335-9199) if you have questions about your apartment. We will be happy to assist you.

Questions about University Apartments

Here is a little quiz to see how much you know about your living environment. Answers are on Page 8.

1. Who are the Community Assistants serving University Apartments?
2. What are the times of quiet hours at University Apartments?
3. What is the Smoking Policy of University Apartments?
4. What is the telephone number to call if you are locked out of your apartment after office hours?
5. What is the Stair/Hallway Obstruction policy at University Apartments?
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**Events This Month**

**Jan 1**  
University Holiday, Offices Closed.

**Jan 10**  
Sock Snowmen! 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM, IC Public Library; do you have odd socks that are missing a partner? Bring them in to the library and turn them in to snowmen! While tube socks work best, any sock will do!

**Jan 18**  
University Holiday, Offices Closed.

**Jan 19**  
Opening of Classes.

**Jan 24**  
Coralville WinterFest, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Coralville Marriott Hotel, 300 E. 9th St.; experience the wonders of an Iowa winter at Coralville’s WinterFest. Enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities for the whole family!

**Jan 29**  
Family Free Friday, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Coral Ridge Mall; many FREE family activities. [http://www.coralridgemall.com/en/events.html](http://www.coralridgemall.com/en/events.html)
Looking to brush up on your American history? Perhaps one of your New Year’s Resolutions was to be more informed about this nation’s past. Or maybe you’re just looking for some incredibly enjoyable music to listen to on your morning bus ride from Hawkeye Drive to campus. If any of these apply to you (and even if they don’t), you should be listening to “Hamilton.”

“Hamilton” is a new musical sweeping the Broadway scene. It was created by Lin-Manuel Miranda, who came up with the idea for the musical after reading the book “Alexander Hamilton” by Ron Chernow. The book and the musical chronicle the life of founding father Alexander Hamilton; perhaps you’ve seen his face on our ten dollar bills.

The musical began Off-Broadway and moved to the Broadway stage just this past August. It is a national phenomenon and unanimously loved, drawing in all kinds of people to the audience, from President Barack Obama to Beyoncé.

The musical focuses on Hamilton growing up as an orphan in the Caribbean, the role he played in the Revolutionary War as Washington’s right-hand man, his time writing the United States Constitution, his time as Treasury Secretary, the scandal that destroyed him, and the duel that killed him. The musical is narrated by the man who shot him, Aaron Burr.

The story is told through the musical stylings of hip-hop, the “music of revolution,” as Miranda has said. He believes that hip-hop has the energy that must have been coursing through the veins of these young revolutionaries. “Hamilton” has been the top-selling hip-hop album on iTunes for some time now. In addition, the actors portraying these well-known American historical characters are almost exclusively people of color. Miranda, who is Puerto-Rican, plays Hamilton. This decision highlights the fact that Hamilton and many other important figures in early-American history were immigrants. “Hamilton” is one of the freshest, most groundbreaking musicals to have been released in a long time, uniting people from all walks of American life: young, old, black, white, immigrant, native, privileged, underprivileged. And it’s wickedly fun (and sometimes heartbreaking) to listen to. So spend some time listening to “Hamilton,” and if anyone asks, you’re studying American history.
Fun Things to Do in January

If you think January is just a boring, cold month, think again. There are plenty of activities to keep you busy until February.

Now that the holidays are over, it’s time to settle back into our old lives. The problem is that January is a long winter month. What to do? How to have fun in freezing temps? You’d be surprised by what you can do!

1) Take a hike. This is the season to enjoy nature even though there’s no snow on the ground. There’s something soothing about walking through quiet woods, enjoying the scenery. If you can’t make it to the woods, then walk to the park or just around the campus. Any kind of activity will get rid of all those holiday pounds you might have gained.

2) Clean your house. January is the month to start anew. Clean your apartment as you take down decorations. Spend your free days scrubbing the tub or cleaning out the old year’s clutter. Donate any old magazines to area nursing homes. Give sheeting, clothes, old toys and shoes to shelters. Go through your pantry and decide what’s going to be kept, what’s going to be donated, and what has to be thrown out. Start the new year off with “more room and less junk”.

3) Chill out with your own “at home spa” weekend. You can buy products or create your own spa. Settle in for a lavender soak followed by a mud masque, finish off with a mani/pedi along with a soothing cup of hot, herbal tea. Invite friends over for facials and mojitos. Besides, it’s a plus to get rough winter skin softened and exfoliated.

There are plenty of activities for you to do despite the freezing weather. It’s definitely the most fun-filled month of the entire year! For more ideas go to www.socyberty.com/advice/fun-things-to-do-in-january/.
Winter Break Crossword

Winter Weather

ACROSS
3. The process by which snow or ice changes to water.
7. A period of very cold winter weather that damages plants.
8. Intensely cold temperature.

11. The temperature felt by the human body when wind makes it feel colder than the actual temperature.
12. Mildly cold feeling.
14. Bright with sunshine.
16. Snowfall that is so heavy one can see little or nothing on the horizon.
17. Ice crystals on a frozen surface; “Old Jack ______.”
18. A large mass of snow that slides down a mountain.

DOWN
1. A standardized measure of how hot or cold it is outside.
2. Rain that freezes as it falls.
4. A tool used to measure the temperature.
5. Water that falls to the earth in the form of rain, hail, mist, sleet, or snow.
6. Pieces of ice falling from the sky.
9. A solid form of frozen water.
10. A storm with heavy snow, strong winds, and severe cold.
13. Covered with snow.
15. Precipitation in the form of small white ice crystals that form inside clouds.
17. Thick water vapor that makes it hard to see.

Crossword answers can be found on page 8
Answers to questions about University Apartments
(from page 3)

1. Michael (337), Lauren (511) & Jess (645).

2. University Apartments quiet hours are between 10 pm and 7 am, seven days a week.

3. Smoking is prohibited in all university owned buildings and on all university grounds.

4. After office hours of 8 am - 5 pm, Monday through Friday, call the Community Assistant on call at 319-325-4747 if you are locked out of your apartment or have a maintenance emergency.

5. The State Fire Safety Regulations Code, enacted by the State of Iowa, demands that all walkways, hallways, stairs and landings be kept clear for the purpose of providing a completely clear exit at all times. No tricycles, bikes, overshoes, baby strollers, boxes, rugs, lawn chairs, plants, charcoal lighter fluid, etc., are to be left outside any individual apartment. University Apartments staff reserves the right to remove any obstructions that create a hazardous condition or that tend to create an unsightly appearance. Furthermore, any items labeled with University Apartments stickers will be removed if they are left in the improper area regardless of proper labeling.

Are your windows closed?

Please make sure both the inner and outer windows are closed properly to prevent heat escaping out of your apartment.