Upcoming Events:

- Party in the Park, April 14, 2-4pm, Bonner Park
- Sustainaganza, April 22, 11-2pm, UM Oval
- Campus Thrift, UM Campus, Tuesday, May 7

Spring Events Recap: Education and Information Aplenty!

The Neighborhood Ambassadors have had a busy April! At the UM Housing Fair on April 2nd in the University Center, students met with a variety of local services and property managers to seek housing opportunities for Summer, Fall, and Spring 2019-2020. Neighborhood Ambassadors inspired students to craft Chore Charts to organize their home. Sawyer Student Living shot hoops with everyone who passed, ASUM Legal Services sought to inform all of their rights, and so many other ASUM organizations and local businesses made appearances. If you are still in search of housing for Summer or Fall 2019, check out the ASUM Renter Center Housing Finder webpage.

Neighborhood Ambassadors also hosted Katie Sadowski from Homeword to educate students in the UM Residence Halls about renting wisely. The Rentwise Workshop educated students about building credit and saving money in Knowles Hall on April 4th.

Finally, the UM Neighborhood Ambassadors also attended the University District Neighborhood Council General Meeting at Hellgate High School on April 9th. Neighbors and students learned about snow removal policies, Mountain Line bus updates, and a new University District logo. In addition, neighbors celebrated the approval of two neighborhood improvement grants to install bollards on the Kim Williams Trail and a sign at Bonner Park! If you need more information about neighborhood issues in the University District, go to www.ci.missoula.mt.us/287/University-District.

Party in the Park!

As the snow melts away and the trees start to bloom, Spring Fever is in the air! As everyone arises from the depths of the winter, it is an exciting time to catch up with family, friends, and neighbors. Revisiting the relationships in our lives is an undeniable Spring tradition, and the UM Neighborhood Ambassadors are hosting a party to do just this. Join us at Bonner Park on April 14th from 2-4pm to do just this!

Great friends and neighbors while enjoying games and food brought to you by UM Neighborhood Ambassadors and UM student groups! There will be food, fun activities for kids, and friendly students and community members. Also, enjoy some music from KBGA!

Every year, the UM Neighborhood Ambassadors work as a team to facilitate friendly relationships between university students, families, homeowners, and landlords in the University District. An important part of managing this relationship is providing opportunities for every neighbor to come together at one space and at one time, in the midst of busy lives and schedules.
Remember the Security Deposit!

With the stress of moving and the excitement of summer activities, caution and monotony are thrown to the wind! There are some procedures you should worry about and some you should not, but make sure to retrieve your security deposit before you move out!

Depending on the agreement that you signed for your housing, it is Montana law that tenants received their security deposit at move-out as long as you do not have any unpaid dues, nor cleaning or damages, that the landlord will need to complete.

First, look at your rental agreement to make sure you are complying with any move-out agreements. Also, make sure you review the requirements for receiving back your security deposit. After you move out, the landlord has 10 days to give you back your deposit, and should be made aware of your forwarding address.

In the event that your security deposit is affected, consider the story. Did you have any damages or missed cleaning? Did your landlord make you sufficiently aware of charging you for these services to be completed? Did your landlord give you a written statement of the property’s condition at your move in? Keep in mind that in order to take any amount out of your security deposit for cleaning, repair, or labor, the landlord MUST make you aware of the plan to take money out of your deposit within 30 days of the action.

Good luck moving and finding new housing! But secondly, make sure that you know your security deposit rights! If you need more information, check out dojmt.gov/consumer/tenants-and-landlords or contact the ASUM Renter Center!

Climate Smart Missoula: Moving Out Sustainably

By Anna Weinberg

Ah, April. For students, this time of year means naps on the Oval, final exams, graduation and, inevitably, the preparation for move out. Though it can be stressful, there are a lot of ways to easily get rid of the items that don’t make the packing cut in a sustainable way. Instead of chucking your bulky couch onto the curb where it will meet the landfill, call Donation Warehouse to pick it up for free! They also take old appliances, whether they’re working or not (buh-bye, ancient microwave). But what if you have clothes, books, non-perishable food, and other things to give away, but don’t have the time to drop them at various places? Donate them to UM’s annual Campus Thrift event. Between May 1-4, there will be various drop-off points outside residence halls and off-campus to take just about everything. Then, your old stuff will be shared on May 7 and shared with your neighbors in need. Keep an eye out for more info as these dates get closer. Happy springtime, students!

Check back here every month for more sustainability tips and tricks!

Resounding Excitement: Neighborhood Ambassadors Take Summer 2019

Sydney Lang will be nourishing her continued passion for the outdoors as she teaches kids how to climb and backpack in Colorado this summer! Sydney is excited for her summer adventures!

Anna Potter will be traveling to Galicia, Spain this summer to study Spanish and intern with a nonprofit refugee assistance organization. Adios!

Chloe Loeffelholz will work as the education assistant at the Museum of the Rockies this summer in Bozeman, Montana! Chloe will also make a jaunt over to Europe in the beginning of her summer on a trip facilitated through the Communications Department.

Hanna Kosbab will work at Big Canyon Ranch in Utah as a camp assistant with a special focus on social media marketing. Hanna is also excited to travel to Europe this summer with fellow neighborhood ambassador Chloe Loeffelholz!

Erika Byrne will be splitting her summer between Billings, Montana and Washington, D.C. Erika is interning at a marketing firm in Billings and working for Senator Chuck Grassley’s team at The Capital!