

Courtyards Clubhouse Hours

Mon-Thursday 9am-10pm
Friday 9am to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 6pm
Sunday 10am to 10pm

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Take care of business before you leave for Spring Break.



We encourage you to follow these simple tips to help prepare for Spring Break, whether you are traveling or will be here in The Courtyards.

Prepare Your Apartment

- Unplug all electrical appliances (not your refrigerator!)
- Turn off all lights.
- Turn down the heat to 65-68 degrees.
- Close and Lock all windows.
- Take out all trash and recyclables.
- Empty out refrigerator with food that will expire while you are away; dispose of all perishable items.
- Clean your apartment by vacuuming, mopping and wiping down furniture.
- Turn off your alarm clock.

Protect Your Belongings

- Close and Lock all windows.
- Have the last person leave arm the apartment alarm.
- Take precautions to secure valuables and take portable items with you while properly securing those items left behind.
- Speak with your roommates concerning the break. Discuss their plans and offer yours.
- If you are leaving a vehicle on the property during the break make sure to remove all items stored in the vehicle out of sight and make sure your decal is properly displayed.
- If you have a bicycle on the property make sure it is secured on a bike rack.

Take precautions if you will be here during the break

- Keep windows and doors locked when not home. Use your alarm system.
- Keep doors locked while in the apartment.
- Notify UMPD of suspicious behavior or persons in the community.
- Do not walk, run, or bike alone especially after dark.
- Share your plans and whereabouts with family, friends, and roommates.

Hours of Operation Surrounding Spring Break

March 12	9AM-5PM
March 13	10AM-6PM
March 14	10AM-10PM
March 15	1PM-5PM
March 16	9AM-6PM
March 17	CLOSED
March 18	9AM-6PM
March 19	9AM-5PM
March 20	CLOSED
March 21	10AM-10PM

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Follow Us @CourtyardsUMD on Twitter!

The New York Times calls Twitter "one of the fastest-growing phenomena on the Internet" and we are a part of it! Use the web or your mobile device to get the latest updates and reminders from The Courtyards.

Not a part of Twitter yet? Visit www.twitter.com for more information. It is free and easy, and you do not have to have a mobile device to be a member.

Once you start following @CourtyardsUMD, don't forget to tell your friends and roommates to follow us, too!



St. Patrick's Day 17th March

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated by the Irish and Irish at Heart in big cities and small towns alike with parades, "wearing of the green," music and songs, Irish food and drink, and activities for kids such as crafts, coloring and games. Its a time for fun. Some communities even go so far as to dye rivers or streams green!



Dress to Impress: How to Present the Best "You" For an Interview By: CA Stephanie Owusu-Boateng

In this economic distress, it is very important that students applying for internships or jobs present the best version of themselves. In my years at the University of Maryland, I have encountered some people whose fashion sense can be considered colorful, edgy, and sometimes straight out the freak box. These eccentric outfits may work in the college scene, but during a job interview, you should be doing the talking not your outfit. First impressions can be formed in 7 seconds. Kim Zoller of Image Dynamics states that 7% of a first impression is based on what you say. The next 38% is based on the tone in your verbal speech, and the last 55% is

actually based on how you present yourself; basically how you look like. Therefore, even if you are well qualified for a certain position, your overall look can dissuade an interviewer from hiring you.

It is essential to remember the word "conservative" when choosing an outfit for an interview, no matter your gender. Women should refrain from wearing a dress, platform heels, excessive jewelry and makeup; basically any outfit Lady Gaga will even consider wearing. On the other hand, woman should wear a solid pant or skirt suit with a coordinating blouse, sensible shoes, a neat, simple, professional hairstyle, subtle makeup and limited

jewelry. Man should consider wearing a solid, conservative suit, a white button down, a simple silk tie, dark dress socks, hair professional done, and limited jewelry. Men should refrain from wearing large, iced out jewelry, fitted hats, Nike boots and or timberlands, jerseys, and a bright colorful three piece suit that would be worn by Steve Harvey. Following these basic guidelines will place you step ahead of the competition. If for some reason you are unsure of what to wear depending on the type of job you are applying for do not hesitate to research what attire to wear by going online or visiting the career center.



Don't forget to take your trash to the dumpster. Residents found with trash outside of their doors will be fined \$15 per resident per bag/item left. Please dispose of your trash appropriately to avoid these fines.

Direct Transfer Application Process

What is a transfer? If a resident is currently living in Courtyards (CTY) and moving to a new apartment or bedroom in CTY for the 2010-2011 lease year, they must completely move all belongings out of their current bedroom and apartment at the end of the lease period on July 31, 2010, and find a place to store them that is not on CTY property. Their new unit will then be cleaned and prepared for them and they can move in at the start of the new lease on August 22, 2010.

What is a direct transfer? If a resident absolutely cannot move out of the building for that period of time, they can *apply* to directly transfer into their new space. With this option, residents take the new space as the outgoing resident leaves it "as-is" (i.e. there will be no cleaning, painting, carpet cleaning, repairing of damages or other maintenance concerns addressed by CTY staff). Residents will have to be able to move during an assigned time on August 2, 2010.

Requirements of Direct Transfers

(you must be able to meet all requirements):

1. Be able to move into your new space during any assigned window of time on August 2, 2010. You will be given a four hour window of time to move all belongings from one space to another.
2. Be willing to take the new apartment/space AS-IS. This means that our staff will not do ANY cleaning, painting or preparing of the new space. You will get the apartment EXACTLY as the departing resident left it. Allowing direct transfers does not give us any time to prepare the space for a new resident. Be sure you are willing to take the space exactly how the person before you left it, which may not be to your standards. Once moved into your new space, you will need to keep items stored in your bedroom or in cabinets so that staff will be able to work within your apartment if there is a new resident moving in.

Application: You will need to submit an application if you are interested in directly transferring into your new bed-

room or apartment. Applications are available in the Courtyards Office and online at www.umdcourtyards.com under the *Applications/Forms* section. Applications must be submitted to the Courtyards Office. The deadline to submit an application is May 26, 2010. You will be notified by June 2 whether or not you will be able to directly transfer into your new space. Not all applications will be approved. Staff will examine individual needs and circumstances including classes, internships, permanent address and other extenuating circumstances.

Feel free to contact Leasing Agent, Darren Hoppert with any questions by visiting the Courtyards Office, e-mailing office@umdcourtyards.com, or calling 301-314-2466.



Bikes, Bikes Everywhere!!!

Please remember to register your bike and park it appropriately in the community to avoid your lock being cut and bike being removed.



Don't have a PlayStation 3? Well use ours! Wireless remotes and games are available in the Clubhouse. Just bring your I.D. and your game face.

Some of our titles include: Leisure Suit, Larry-Box Office Bust, Shaun White Snowboarding, Burnout Paradise, Madden 09, Star Wars- The Complete Saga, Midnight Club-Los Angeles, Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six Vegas, Virtua Fighter 5, NCAA Basketball 09, Socom- U.S. Navy Seals Confrontation, Call of Duty 4- Modern Warfare

Courtyards Area Council

The Courtyards Area Council is looking for a few good volunteers. Consider joining The Courtyards Area Council.

The Courtyards Area Council Officers 2009-2010

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President

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V.P Programming

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Senator

The Courtyards Area Council strives to :

1. Provide more effective and open lines of communication between Courtyards management and Courtyards residents.
2. Organize and provide Courtyards residents with activities and programs.
3. Address issues residents may have such as safety concerns, trash collection, parking, and roommate situations.
4. Organize and allocate the money available in the budget for community improvement.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please come out to our meetings.

New to the Courtyards?
Join our Area Council today!

Recipe of the Month - Ramen Noodle Recipes

Nearly every college student, at one time or another, has lived off Ramen Noodles. Here are several recipes to add flavor, zest & variety into a super fast, extra cheap dinner.

Beef and Broccoli Ramen Noodles

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package beef ramen noodles
- 2 cups water
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 3/4 pound beef sirloin cubed
- 1 onion cut in wedges
- 2 cups broccoli, cut up
- 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 can cream of broccoli soup
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce

Directions:

Cook noodles according to package directions and drain. Add seasoning packet. Brown beef in oil with garlic powder. Add onion and broccoli. Cook over medium heat until tender. Add soup concentrate, 1/4 cup water and soy sauce. Simmer ten minutes. Serve over noodles.



Creamy Veggies and Ramen Noodles

INGREDIENTS

- 1 package any flavor ramen noodles
- 2 cups water
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 cup broccoli, cut up
- 1/2 cup cauliflower, cut up
- 1/2 cup carrots, sliced
- (Or you can use 2 cups frozen mixed or canned veggies)

Directions:

Heat cream of celery soup and milk to boiling. Stir in veggies. Heat to boiling; reduce heat and simmer 15 minutes. Cook noodles according to package directions and drain. Mix noodles with seasoning packet. Top noodles with soup mixture.