

Courtyards Clubhouse Hours

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

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

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2010-2011 Leasing begins NOW!

Leasing Applications and Intent to Return Forms

Leasing Application forms and Intent to Return Forms are available on our web-site.

(www.umdcourtyards.com) All Applications must be submitted by Feb. 17th at 11:59pm. Your Intent to Return Form must be completed and submitted by Feb. 10th at 11:59pm.

Pull-In Information

If you are planning to Pull-In someone into your apartment for next year you will need to submit that students Name, UID number, and email address

on your Intent to Return Form by Feb. 10th 11:59pm

All Questions concerning leasing can forward to our Leasing Agent:

Darren Hoppert at office@umdcourtyards.com or 301-314-9141.

The Courtyards

Tour Dates

There will be three separate Tour Sessions for the Courtyards on the following dates:

Feb. 4th 7:00pm
Feb. 8th 7:00pm
Feb. 10th 7:00pm

Meet the New CA for Spring 2010

Paula Mouzon is the New CA for Building 500. She is excited to be the newest addition to the Community Assistant staff. She is currently a junior and a community health major. She is eager and looking forward to meeting you all and wishes you the best this semester. Welcome Paula!



SPECIAL LEASING NOTE FOR BUILDINGS 100 & 200

Significant maintenance renovations will be completed in Buildings 100 and 200 during the time between leases this summer (July 31-August 22). Because of this, any residents renewing leases within *or* transferring to **Courtyards Building #100 and #200** will be required to move out at the end of the 2009-2010 lease. This requirement includes same bed lease renewals. By July 31, 2010 at 12PM you must vacate the apartment and remove all personal belongings and trash. You will be allowed

to move-in to your 2010-2011 space beginning on August 22, 2010. We recognize this may pose an inconvenience to some of you. To assist with that inconvenience, storage units will be available for free on a limited, first come first served basis. If you live in **Courtyards Building #100 or #200** and your personal circumstances cause you to need a place to stay during the period between leases (August 1-22, 2010) you are encouraged to choose to transfer units within the Courtyards Community and

to apply for a Direct Transfer. Direct Transfer Applications will be available at your leasing appointment, in the Courtyards Office, and online at www.umdcourtyards.com **The deadline to submit a Direct Transfer Application is May 26, 2010.** Feel free to contact the Courtyards Office with any questions regarding this special notice. The Courtyards Management appreciates your cooperation and understanding as we continue to maintain and improve the community.

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What we can do to help Haiti, now and beyond

By Bill Clinton

Need More Space in Your Room?

We have storage units available to rent!

\$25 per month
Contact
Account
Coordinator

Misty Adams if you are interested or with any questions.
(301) 314-2466
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@umdcourtyards.com

As I write, we don't know the extent of the damage wrought by the [earthquake that rocked the coast of Haiti](#) on Tuesday. But a tragic number of people have been killed or injured, and early estimates indicate that nearly 3 million people -- almost a third of Haiti's population-- may need aid, making this one of the great humanitarian emergencies in the history of the Americas.

I met with U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday and with other key U.N. leaders to discuss Haiti's immediate and long-term needs. Those who are still alive under the rubble must be found. The bodies of those who have died must be taken away. Power must be restored and roadways cleared. But what Haiti needs most is money for water, food, shelter and basic medical supplies to bring immediate relief to those who are homeless, hungry and hurt.

The entire United Nations system is working hard to meet these needs and to regroup on the ground in Haiti after the collapse of our headquarters building and the loss of many of our colleagues. The [U.S. government has pledged its full support](#) to the recovery effort, as have the governments of many other nations. Non-governmental organizations and

ordinary citizens have offered to help. Even small contributions will make a big difference in the aftermath of such destruction.

But after the emergency passes, the work of recovery and reconstruction will remain. Since Hillary and I first traveled to Haiti in December 1975, I have been captivated by that country's promise and peril and by the persistence of hope among its people even in the face of abuse, neglect and poverty. Already, the Haitian government and citizens, the Haitian Diaspora, neighboring countries and allies, NGOs and international groups were committed to a plan for long-term development. These efforts will need to be amended because of Tuesday's disaster, but they cannot be abandoned.

As president I worked to end a violent military dictatorship in Haiti and to restore Haiti's elected president to office. Last June, I accepted the role of U.N. special envoy for Haiti to help implement Haiti's long-term development plan by increasing foreign government assistance and private investment and by coordinating and increasing the contributions of nongovernmental groups involving more members of the Haitian Diaspora. This work helps create more jobs, better

education, better health care, less deforestation and more clean energy for a nation in desperate need.

We made a good beginning, and before the earthquake I believed that Haiti was closer than ever to securing a bright future.

Despite this tragedy, I still believe that Haiti can succeed. First we must care for the injured, take care of the dead, and sustain those who are homeless, jobless and hungry. As we clear the rubble, we will create better tomorrows by building Haiti back better: with stronger buildings, better schools and health care; with more manufacturing and less deforestation; with more sustainable agriculture and clean energy.

In the coming days, stories of loss and the triumph of the human spirit will be told. They will call us to help -- not just to restore Haiti but to assist it in becoming the strong, secure nation its people have always desired and deserved.

The writer was the 42nd president of the United States and is the U.N. special envoy for Haiti. If you are looking for ways to help please look at Page 5 for more information.

Leasing Dates to Remember....
2/10 Intents Due by 11:59pm
5/26 Direct Transfer Deadline

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Direct Transfers by Darren Hoppert, Leasing Agent



If you are planning to transfer spaces within The Courtyards then you should pay close attention to the following dates and guidelines. If you decide to complete a transfer then you will have to move out of your apartment during the "Turn Period". The Turn Period is from August 1st until August 22. This time is needed for inspections, maintenance and cleaning. If you directly transfer into your new space then you will need to com-

plete a direct transfer application. The direct transfer applications will be approved on a case by case basis and you must provide documentation/proof with your application as to why you should be allowed to stay during the turn period. This applies to all transfers within the community, even transfers within the same apartment unit.
February/March 2010: Direct transfer Application available on websites and at

transfer appointments (i.e. same apartment & within community)
Wednesday, May 26, 2010: Direct Transfer Application Deadline
Wednesday, June 2, 2010: Direct Transfer Approvals/Denials Sent
Monday, August 2, 2010: Direct Transfer Move-In 10am-4pm

Success Starts Now for Spring Semester by CA Amina Daniels

Feeling anxious about beginning a new semester? Don't worry! Many students at the University of Maryland are in the same boat as you especially if they did not perform as well as they expected to during the previous semester. It is important to analyze why poor performances may have occurred while also recognizing successful goals. Instead of waiting until the class is a month into the course to buy your books, try checking out the library or borrowing from friends so that you do not fall behind. Another thing to keep in mind is planning ahead. Procrastination is

almost inevitable without being organized. Taking the precautions steps to stay ahead of work is extremely important when trying to have a successful semester. Building healthy relationships with those closest to you is more important than you may think. It helps to keep your mind clear and stress free when schoolwork may become too overwhelming. Give yourself study breaks by going to the gym or attending your Community Assistant's programs. This study break allows you to escape from the pressure of school exams, papers, group projects, etc. and clear your

mind.

There are numerous ways to have a successful spring semester at the University of Maryland. Below are a few more helpful tips:

Communicate with your teacher before classes begin so that your role and responsibilities won't come as a shock.

Be physically and mentally organized.

And finally, go in with an optimistic, positive attitude ready to surpass the goals that you have made for yourself!

Credit 101 - Introduction to Credit Part 2.

What is a credit report?

When you apply for credit, the lender reviews your credit report before approving your application. The three major credit reporting agencies are Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. These agencies, which are also called "bureaus," collect and report information about consumers' financial habits and put the information into a credit report.

Each agency's report contains the same basic information: name; Social Security number; current and previous addresses; details about loans and how they've been handled; public-record information, such as bankruptcies, court judgments, or liens; and

a list of companies that have reviewed the credit report.

Why is it important to establish a good credit history?

Establishing a good credit history is an important part of your personal and financial future. It can help open doors for you or keep them locked.

A variety of people and businesses make decisions affecting your future that are based on your credit history. Banks and other lenders consider your credit report when reviewing applications for mortgages, revolving lines of credit, or other loans. Landlords sometimes use credit reports to decide among rental applicants. And a

potential employer may even assess an applicant's credit report before extending a job offer.

Your credit report may also be reviewed when you apply for auto insurance or homeowner's insurance, or even a mobile phone. That's why it is so important to establish a positive credit history.

How do I establish a good credit history?

In short, it's by consistently paying your bills on time. Remember, to establish a good credit rating, you should always pay at least the minimum amount due every month by the due date.

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

THE COURTYARDS

at University of Maryland

The Courtyards Area Council

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President

Courtney Buchanan

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Bei AchiriMofor

V.P Programming

Josh Grinter

Senator

Courtyards Area Council

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

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!**

National Stalking Awareness Month

by CA Gary Foster

January is National Stalking Awareness Month. As we begin another semester here at the University of Maryland, it is important to keep in mind any and all threats of crime in our area. We are all familiar with the crime reports that are sent out by the College Park Police, and the majority of those crimes range from robbery to sexual harassment and rape. Although crimes like this can be committed by random people, it is also very possible for these crimes to be committed by people who are familiar with us as well. This is why it is highly important for residents to keep their eyes open and try to stay aware of suspicious behavior. As the weather warms up this spring, there is the potential for more criminals to be walking outside, so it is important that all residents report any suspicious behavior so that they can help keep themselves and the community safe. The safety of our residents is one of our highest priorities here at The Courtyards, so please help us to help you by taking the necessary precautions to keep yourselves out of harm's way. There is a wealth of resources online that can provide prevention methods and help those who may be victims of stalking. Please visit www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org to find some helpful information and learn more about this crime. If at any time you feel threatened or you suspect anything serious please call the police immediately (Dial 911 from any campus telephone, or 301-405-3333 from any non-campus phone).

Recipe of the Month -

Pasta, filling and fast!

Easy Pantry Pasta

INGREDIENTS

- 2 slice(s) country bread
- 6 tablespoon(s) olive oil
- 1/2 large yellow onion, chopped
- 2 clove(s) garlic, finely chopped
- 3/4 teaspoon(s) crushed red pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon(s) sea salt
- 3 tablespoon(s) chopped parsley
- 2 tablespoon(s) chopped capers
- 1 large lemon, zested
- 3/4 pound(s) spaghetti or linguine
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 cup(s) grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees F. Cut the bread into 1/3-inch cubes. Toss with 1 tablespoon oil and spread in a single layer on a baking pan. Bake until golden -- 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Fill a medium stockpot with water and bring to boil. Heat 4 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, red pepper, and salt, and

cook until
onion is



golden brown. Remove skillet from heat and add the parsley, capers, and lemon zest.

3. Add about 2 tablespoons coarse salt to the boiling water, add the pasta, and cook until al dente -- about 8 minutes. Drain, reserving 3 tablespoons of the cooking water.
4. Slowly whisk the reserved pasta water into the egg yolks and remaining tablespoon of oil.
5. Add the egg mixture and spaghetti to the skillet. Toss to combine and cook over low heat until warmed through -- 1 to 2 minutes. Transfer to a serving bowl. Top with Parmigiano-Reggiano and the croutons and serve immediately.

Recipe Information:

Serves: 4

Total Time: 30 minutes

Nutritional Information: (per serving)

Calories	660
Total Fat	30g
Saturated Fat	--
Cholesterol	160mg
Sodium	830mg
Total Carbohydrate	78g
Dietary Fiber	5g
Sugars	--
Protein	21g
Calcium	--

For more great ideas visit: <http://www.delish.com/>

HAITI EARTHQUAKE: HOW TO HELP

[Action Against Hunger](#), 877-777-1420

[Agape Flights](#), 941-584-8078

[Airline Ambassadors International](#), 866-264-3586

[American Red Cross](#), 800-733-2767

[American Refugee Committee](#), 800-875-7060

[American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee](#),
212-687-6200

[American Jewish World Service](#), 212-792-2900

[AmeriCares](#), 800-486-4357

[Beyond Borders](#), 866-424-8403

[B'nai B'rith International](#), 202-857-6600

[CARE](#), 800-521-2273

[CarmaFoundation](#)

[Catholic Relief Services](#), 800-736-3467

[Childcare Worldwide](#), 800-553-2328

[Church World Services](#), 800-297-1516

[Clinton Foundation](#), 501-748-0471 Text "HAITI" to 20222
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[Clinton Bush Haiti Fund](#)

[Concern Worldwide](#), 212-557-8000

[Convoy of Hope](#), 417-823-8998

[Cross International](#), 800-391-8545

[CRUDEM Foundation](#), 413-642-0450

[CRWRC](#), 800-55-CRWRC

[Direct Relief International](#), 805-964-4767

[Doctors Without Borders](#), 888-392-0392

[Episcopal Relief and Development](#), 800-334-7626

Information provided by MSNBC.com

[Feed My Starving Children](#), 763-504-2919

[Food for the Poor](#), 800-427-9104

[Friends of WFP](#), 866-929-1694

[Friends of the Orphans](#), 312-386-7499

[Habitat for Humanity](#), 1-800-422-4828

[Haiti Children](#), 877-424-8454

[Haiti Foundation Against Poverty](#)

[Haiti Marycare](#), 203-675-4770

[Haitian Health Foundation](#), 860-886-4357

[Healing Hands for Haiti](#), 651-769-5846

[Hope for Haiti](#), 239-434-7183

[International Child Care](#), 800-722-4453

[International Medical Corps](#), 800-481-4462

[International Rescue Committee](#), 877-733-8433

[International Relief Teams](#), 619-284-7979

[Islamic Relief USA](#), 888-479-4968

[Lions Club International Foundation](#), 630-203-3836

[Lutheran World Relief](#), 800-597-5972

[Medical Benevolence Foundation](#), 800-547-7627

[Medical Teams International](#), 800-959-4325

[Meds and Food for Kids](#), 314-420-1634

[Mennonite Central Committee](#), 888-563-4676

[Mercy Corps](#), 888-256-1900

[Mission of Hope Haiti](#), 816-246-7774

[Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#), 800-306-9950

[New Life for Haiti](#), 815-436-7633