

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 4TH, 2024

DECORATING YOUR UNIT:

As a reminder, to ensure the safety of residents, maintain facilities, and reduce the risk of fire please make sure you are familiar with the decorations policies. A common thing addressed during H&SI inspections were **items hanging from ceilings** and **lights going across windows** or **items on windows**. Please ensure these items are removed promptly, including any left over Halloween decorations. Resident Advisors will be providing friendly reminders to units to remove items in the near future (in case the information was missed previously!)

WINTER IS COMING:

With the chilly temperatures, we are already starting to see some frosty mornings! As a reminder, please use care when walking on the housing sidewalks and pathways, particularly in the mornings. For those driving up to upper housing, the bend after the trailhead can be particularly icy!

The cooler temperatures can also cause more condensation in units (particularly ground floor ones.) **Please ensure that your heat is on** and that **windows are no longer left open** for extended periods of time - especially overnight!

This also means reduced sun and vitamin D. Here are some ways to take care of yourselves and each other:

- Utilize UAS Counseling or TimelyCare Services
- Submit CARE Team reports for those of concern
- Check out a SAD (Happy) Light from the Lodge Desk
- Let your RA or Housing Staff know and chat about options!

UPCOMING EVENTS

1.

Advising Drop-ins! *From 12:30 - 4:30 pm on Thursday (11/7) in JPH and Friday (11/8) in the Lodge.* Class registration is beginning this week and Advising is coming to you! Get a head start and stop by the housing locations to meet with an advisor during the drop-in.

2.

4th Annual Community Feast. *Tuesday November 19th from 12:00 pm - 2:00pm.* Community Feast brings together our students, faculty, staff and community of Juneau to gather in place as we immerse ourselves in the Alaska Native Traditions while enjoying a (FREE) meal together. Stop by the Lakeside Grill to experience this big event and learn more about your community!

3.

Winter Break Closing. *Housing is closing for winter break from Monday, December 16th at noon to Thursday, January 9th at 9:00 am.* Please keep an eye out for additional information about how to prepare for a check-out, Winter Break requests, late move-out requests and more!

QUESTIONS? VISIT THE CONTACT US PAGE:

[HTTPS://UAS.ALASKA.EDU/JUNEAU/HOUSING/CONTACT.HTML](https://uas.alaska.edu/juneau/housing/contact.html)



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

We are dedicated to providing a safe, comfortable, and positive living experience for all residents. An essential part of this commitment is quickly addressing maintenance issues, safety concerns, and any potential community standard violations. For this, we need your help in reporting concerns to a UAS housing desk, an RA, or a professional staff member.

Even if you believe an issue has already been reported, we encourage you to let us know. Often, it is assumed that someone else has submitted a report, but this isn't always the case. Reporting an issue—even if you think it's already been addressed—helps ensure nothing slips through the cracks. Whether it's a maintenance concern or something that may affect the community, your input keeps our housing running smoothly and safely.

In recent Health and Safety Inspections, our team identified 43 maintenance issues that had not been reported. We want to ensure you have the best possible experience at UAS, and if we're unaware of an issue, we can't work to resolve it. Please report any maintenance concerns to a housing desk or by filling out the form on the "Moving In and Living on Campus" page of the Housing website. This page also includes a regular cleaning schedule, guidelines on how to keep drains clear, control moisture, and spills, and common maintenance challenges and what to do in each scenario.

When a report involves a possible violation of Community Standards, the Student Code of Conduct, or Housing Policies, it prompts an initial review by the Director of Residence Life. After this, professional staff determine whether the situation can be resolved informally or if a formal conduct review is needed. The focus of these investigations is not to penalize but to educate and provide opportunities for growth and understanding of UAS policies.

If you have any questions about maintenance requests or our policies, please reach out to us. We would be more than happy to discuss them with you further! Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, supportive, and welcoming living environment for everyone at UAS.

Sincerely,

Sean McCarthy
Director of Residence Life & Dining