

North Dakota State University

Welcome Home

Together we can make a difference

Dealing with Noise *A Community Concern*

A Cause of Conflict

Noise is a big cause of conflict in our community. Our staff is involved frequently with residents expressing dissatisfaction with the noise levels of their neighbors. Sometimes these folks want to move, sometimes they want university staff to kick neighbors out and sometimes they just want someone to tell their neighbors to "be quiet!"

How can I deal with my noisy neighbors?

Talk to them before you have a problem. Isn't it always easier to talk out a problem if you know someone by name? Have you met your neighbors? Go over when you are not mad and just chat with them. Try to establish a relationship.

If your neighbors are bothering you, tell them

It may seem intimidating to tell someone that they are bothering you. However, consider these points: your neighbor may not know they are

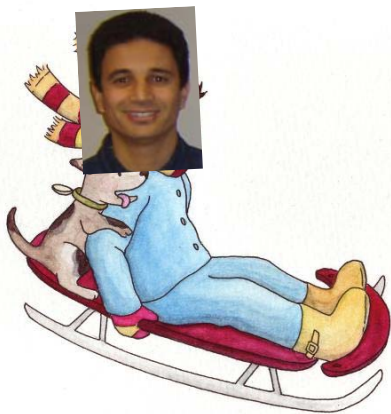
bothering you, and your neighbors will respond better to complaints if you tell them yourself.

Tips for talking to your neighbors

- * Knock on their door and introduce yourself
- * Have a coffee with your neighbors
- * Borrow something just so you can meet them and chat
- * Bake a pie or cookies and take them over and see if they want any
- * Go to university apartment events and meet other neighbors and people in your community

How can I be a better neighbor

Let your neighbors know when you plan to have people over and invite them to call if they believe there is too much noise. Buy headphones and keep your music to yourself in the later hours of the night. Keep your doors and windows shut when you have people over so the noise won't carry as much.



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20 Ways To Beat The Winter Blues

1. Visit the library and check out a good book
2. Try to create a new dish with items you only find in your pantry
3. Write a letter or e-mail to a relative or friend
4. Solve a crossword puzzle
5. Head to a local coffee house and relax
6. Try a new hobby
7. Take a walk
8. Head to the movies
9. Pick up some travel brochures and plan your next vacation
10. Get on the F/M transit and see where it takes you
11. Have a game night
12. Organize a progressive dinner with your neighbors
13. Rent a good movie
14. Bake and decorate a cake or cookies just for fun
15. Go to a nice restaurant for dessert
16. Make a good breakfast
17. Organize your apartment
18. Build a snowman
19. Window shop in downtown Fargo
20. Go swimming at the Bison Sports Arena



Did You Know?

- Burning candles and incense is prohibited in the university apartments.
- No pets are allowed in your apartment unless they are fish.
- That you are required to smoke outside at least 50 feet from any building entrance.
- That there is absolutely no driving on the sidewalks in University Village
- Check-out appointments need to be scheduled 5 days prior to move-out.

How May We Help You?

If you have questions or concerns please contact a complex manager

- Sisika Ranaweera and Mangala Ganehiarachchi:
263 University Village
Phone: 231.4177
- Cassie and Andy Wahl:
26 University Village
Phone: 231.4026
- Emily Olson:
218 Bison Court
Phone: 231.4500
- Bouchaib Falah:
181 University Village
Phone: 231.4175

Apartment Repairs

Please call Service & Repair at 231.7282. Please be ready with your name, apartment #, telephone # and a description of the problem.

Reminders & Notices

SNOW REMOVAL FOR UV 2-BEDROOM APARTMENTS

All snow must be cleaned off the sidewalks leading to your apartment within 24 hours after a snowfall. If you do not do this, the sidewalk will be cleared and a \$20 charge will be added to your account. This policy is in effect for your safety, the postal carrier and our maintenance staff. This policy will not be in effect over any scheduled breaks! If you have any questions or concerns please contact your complex manager.

SNOW REMOVAL FOR APARTMENT PARKING LOTS

When there is a significant snowfall, arrangements are made to have the parking lots cleared. We work with the FargoDome for use of the parking lot, the NDSU facilities management grounds crew and a towing company that removes vehicles that have not been removed by their owners. Once these arrangements have been made a memo will be distributed to you informing you of where you will need to move your vehicle and by what time. We will give you as much advance notice as possible.

OUTSIDE ITEMS

In preparation for winter, please plan to pick up toys and any other items you may have stored outside of your apartment. Make sure the walkways in front of your apartment door is CLEAR. Otherwise these items end up getting damaged by snow removal equipment.

ELECTRICAL EXTENSION CORDS

To eliminate damages or burying of your electrical cords that occur during snow removal, we recommend that you keep your cord in your apartment when it's not in use. The university is not responsible for cords left in the parking lot that are stolen or damaged. Please do not tie your cords to the chains in the lots.

WELCOME ROSALINDA

Starting on January 1st, 2009, there will be a new face around University Village in the courts of A and B. In our farewell to Cassie, we welcome Rosalinda and family. Keep your eyes open for more information about her in the February newsletter!