



**NOW IS THE TIME TO  
GIVE THANKS**

November is known as the month for thanks, which is why we are taking advantage of this opportunity to thank you, our valued Residents. While we always appreciate our Residents, at this time of year, we especially wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for choosing our Apartment Community as your home. We also hope you and yours have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  
OFFICE SCHEDULE**

In order for the employees of your Apartment Community to spend Thanksgiving Day with their loved ones and friends, the rental office in your Apartment Community will be closed on Thursday, November 23, 2017.

**ENJOYING THE THANKSGIVING  
WEEKEND OUT OF TOWN?**

If you are planning to be out town for the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, please notify your rental office. If the temperatures drop below freezing, you will need someone to enter into your apartment to turn on the heat to prevent the pipes from freezing. Otherwise, if the pipes thaw, they will burst and flood your apartment.

**WILL YOU BE COOKING  
THIS HOLIDAY?**

If you will be cooking for this year's holiday dinner, here are a few important tips:

Now is the time to ensure your oven is working perfectly. If it is not, please notify the rental office so a service request can be created and the maintenance issue assessed and corrected.

Do not pour cooking grease down the kitchen sink or any other drains. This will clog the drain and possibly your neighbors' drains, too. Instead, wait until the hot grease cools and then pour the grease into an empty tin can or milk carton. Then, dispose of it in the trash. Do not leave cooking food unattended, as this is a dangerous fire hazard.

**EARTHQUAKE SAFETY CHECKLIST:**

**HOW CAN I PREPARE:** Become aware of fire evacuation and earthquake plans for all of the buildings you occupy regularly. Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you. Practice drop, cover and hold on in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms. Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person's bed.

**WHAT SHOULD I DO DURING AN EARTHQUAKE:**

*If you are inside when shaking starts...* Drop, cover and hold on. Move as little as possible. If you are in bed, stay there, curl up and hold on. Protect your head with a pillow. Stay away from windows to avoid being injured by shattered glass. Stay indoors until the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. If you must leave the building after the shaking stops, use stairs rather than an elevator in case there are aftershocks, power outages or other damage. Be aware that fire alarms and sprinkler systems frequently go off in buildings during earthquakes, even if there is no fire.

*If you are outside when shaking starts...* Find a clear spot and drop to the ground. Stay there until the shaking stops (away from buildings, power lines, trees, street lights). If you are in a vehicle, pull over to a clear location and stop. Avoid bridges, overpasses and power lines if possible. Stay inside with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then, drive carefully, avoiding bridges, ramps that may have been damaged. If a power line falls on your vehicle, do not get out. Wait for assistance. If you are in a mountainous area or near unstable slopes or cliffs, be alert for falling rocks and other debris. Landslides are often triggered by earthquakes.

**WHAT DO I DO AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE:** After an earthquake, the disaster may continue. Expect and prepare for potential aftershocks, landslides or even a tsunami. Tsunamis are often generated by earthquakes. Each time you feel an aftershock, drop, cover and hold on. Aftershocks frequently occur minutes, days, weeks and even months following an earthquake. Check yourself for injuries and get first aid, if necessary, before helping injured or trapped persons. Put on long pants, a long sleeved shirt, sturdy shoes and work gloves to protect against injury from broken objects. Look quickly for damage in and around your home and get everyone out if your home is unsafe. Listen to a portable, battery-operated or hand-crank radio for updated emergency information and instructions. Check the telephones in your home or workplace to see if you can get a dial tone. Make brief calls to report life-threatening emergencies. Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake. Clean up spilled medications, bleach, gasoline, or other flammable liquids immediately. Open closet and cabinet doors carefully as contents may have shifted. Help people who require special assistance, such as infants, children and the elderly or disabled. Watch out for fallen power lines or broken gas lines and stay out of damaged areas. Keep animals under your direct control. Stay out of damaged buildings. If you were away from home, return only when authorities say it is safe to do so. Use extreme caution and examine walls, floors, doors, staircases and windows to check for damage. Be careful when driving after an earthquake and anticipate traffic light outages.

**Live Where You Work and  
Work Where You Live!**

If you are seeking employment, consider joining our team! Save yourself a time consuming and expensive work commute by contacting your Apartment Community Manager, today! We love to hire our Residents! And, if you know of someone in search of employment, refer that person to your Apartment Community Manager. Once your referral is hired, you will refer a \$200 Employee Referral Check!

**APARTMENT COMMUNITY OF THE MONTH**



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Nestled in a peaceful, park-like setting, Stonegate Apartments offers newly renovated one and two bedroom apartments with fully equipped kitchens, stainless steel appliances, fireplaces, modern washer and dryers and private decks and balconies with private storage. The residents enjoy a state-of-art fitness center, free tanning salon, resident business center and resident social room. The pool, hot tub and limited access gate top off this beautiful apartment community making it the perfect place.

The Stonegate Apartment Community is also a convenient commute to the I5 Freeway, Lakewood Towne Center, Lakewood Gardens and Fort Steilacoom Parks. It is centrally located close to shopping, dining, the St. Clare Hospital, Pierce, Bates and Clover Park Technical Colleges.

Refer your next resident referral to the newly renovated Stonegate Apartments and receive a \$350.00 once your referral moves in.

## IMPORTANT NOVEMBER DATES

**Nov 1st** - Rent is Due, Day of the Dead and All Saints Day  
**Nov 1st - 3rd** - Resident Appreciation Days  
**Nov 3rd** - Last Day to Pay Rent and Avoid a Late Charge  
**Nov 4th** - Late Charges Are Now Due  
**Nov 5th** - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
**Nov 7th** - Election Day and World Freedom Day  
**Nov 10th** - Last Day To Give Notice To Vacate  
**Nov 11th** - Veterans' Day  
**Nov 13th** - World Kindness Day  
**Nov 14th** - World Diabetes Day  
**Nov 15th** - America Recycles Day  
**Nov 19th** - Equal Opportunity Day  
**Nov 22nd** - Stop the Violence Day  
**Nov 23rd** - Thanksgiving Day (Rental Offices Closed)  
**Nov 24th** - Black Friday  
**Nov 25th** - Support Small, Local Business Day  
**Nov 30th** - Resident Appreciation Day for Those Paying Rent Early

**Week Two of November is National Hunger Awareness Week**

**Week Four of November is Family Week**

**November is Alzheimer's Awareness, National Child Safety Protection and National American Diabetes Month**

## RENT IS DUE ON THE FIRST

Rent is due on the FIRST of the month. There is a three day grace period. Rent is considered late after the THIRD of the month. Late Charges take effect on the FOURTH day of the month. If you are unable to pay your rent in full by the FIRST of the month, contact the Apartment Community Manager before the FIRST of the month when the rent is already due.

## IF YOU MUST MOVE

We certainly do not want to see any of our valuable Residents move. If you have a concern or unresolved issue, please either call or email your Apartment Community Manager or email [livehere@dmcimail.com](mailto:livehere@dmcimail.com). We encourage you to make your voice heard. You are a valued Resident, and we appreciate the opportunity to hear your concern and correct the situation. Your satisfaction is important to us. If you must move, do notify the Apartment Community Manager as soon as possible. The last day to give the required written Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate required by Washington Landlord/Tenant Law to move the end of November will be on November 10, 2017. However, if you paid a Last Month's Rent, in order to avoid a Late Fee and a Three Day Notice your Notice of Intent to Vacate must be completed and submitted to the rental office by the third of the month. There is a Cleaning List at the bottom of the Twenty Day Notice of Intent to Vacate form. When disposing trash or unwanted items, do not leaving them outside the dumpster or trash compactor. In addition, do not put large objects, such as furniture, in the dumpster or trash compactor. These items will need to be disposed of by you via another means. To ensure your Security Deposit Refund Accounting arrives in a timely manner, include your forwarding address on your Notice of Intent to Vacate form, as well as confirming this information when you turn in your keys. As a Former Resident, you will qualify for a \$250.00 Former Resident Referral for any friend, co-worker or relative you refer who chooses to rent from any Apartment Community managed by Dobler Management Company. Also, should you be in need of an apartment anywhere in the South Puget Sound area in the future, we hope you will think of our Apartment Communities.

## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS NOVEMBER 5TH

This is an excellent day to change the battery in your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detector. If you need assistance with this, please contact the rental office so a service request may be created. Although there will be a charge for the battery, we are happy to provide this maintenance service for those of our valued residents unable to perform this task themselves. This is also a good time to dust and clean the heaters in your apartment home, before you start using them.

## WHEN TEMPERATURES FALL

As temperatures start to fall, be careful when leaving or returning to your apartment home, especially in the early morning and late at night. Use caution when driving, parking and walking. Black ice, the invisible sheen of ice which can occur on sidewalks, parking lots and roads, is very hard to see. Be careful when getting in and out of vehicles, since there may be ice, especially black ice, near the vehicle. When walking on ice or snow, take short and flat steps. Do not wear tennis shoes or high heels, when there is snow and ice. When going up and down stairwells, be sure you hold onto handrails. Use care, too, when getting mail from your mailbox and around the dumpster area when depositing trash in the dumpster. Also, if you like to warm up the motor of your vehicle before departing, stay with your vehicle when it is running. For everyone's safety and crime prevention, do not leave your vehicle running unattended, even for just a few minutes.

## REMINDER TO OUR RESIDENTS WITH PETS

If you own a pet or service animal, please be a responsible and clean up those "little messes" they leave behind. Not cleaning up after your animal can create health hazards in the yards and common areas where children play. Also, do not leave food or water outside for your animal. Food left outside will attract unwanted animals, such as strays, scavenger birds, insects, and vermin. These unwanted animals cause unsanitary conditions, may endanger your animal, your children, and neighbors. Therefore, only feed your animal inside your apartment. Thank you for your cooperation.

## DAYS ARE SHORTER & DARKER

As the days get shorter and we have more hours of darkness, we remind you to slow down and be even more careful driving in our apartment communities in the parking lots and driveways. Please watch for other Residents, especially our younger & littler Residents going and coming from their school busses. Also, please watch for Residents walking their dogs. Thank you in advance for being a good neighbor.

## AFTER OFFICE HOURS MAINTENANCE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

If you have a maintenance emergency after the Apartment Community Rental Office is closed, call the phone number for the Rental Office. The voicemail message will instruct you to do one of the following:

- Call the maintenance emergency phone number provided.
- Go to the Rental Office and call the emergency maintenance number posted outside the rental office door.
- Dial the number for an emergency pager. When you dial the number for the emergency pager, enter your phone number including your area code and then push the # button. A Team Member will call you.
- Not all maintenance issues are an emergency. A flood, property damage, loss of electricity and/or the stoppage of plumbing are all examples of maintenance emergencies. A dripping faucet, a pest problem, or being locked out of your apartment home is not considered a maintenance emergency. The person who responds to your initial call will need to know the nature of the maintenance emergency, your full name, full address including apartment number and phone number. For other emergencies, such as a fire or noise complaints, immediately dial 911 and report what you know. Then, call the Rental Office and leave a voicemail so the Apartment Community Manager will also have the same information, once the Rental Office opens.

## HELP PREVENT VEHICLE PROWLS and BREAK-INS

Vehicle prowls occur anywhere... where we live, work and play. Here are a few ways you can help prevent having your vehicle prowled: Always lock your vehicle. Before departing your vehicle, whether going to work, shopping or returning home, always lock all doors and be sure no windows are open. Do not leave anything in view, which may interest criminals. Even an empty shopping bag or a gym bag, may create unwanted interest. Locking items in the trunk of your vehicle, is preferable to leaving them within sight. Park your vehicle in well-lit locations. Install a vehicle alarm system and always use it. Record your vehicle serial numbers and keep them in a secure place other than your vehicle. There are apps and/or devices that gps track location of your vehicle such as HUM and Linxup which are available to purchase via Verizon, Amazon, Walmart and other retailers. Criminals are opportunists. Do not give criminals a reason to break into your vehicle. Report suspicious people and activity by calling 911, filing a report with police, and then report it to your Apartment Community Manager.