## UAS Housing UNIVERSITY of ALASKA SOUTHEAST

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

## DECORATING FOR FALL?

As a reminder, UAS Housing has some new policies on decorations this year. To ensure the safety of residents, maintain facilities, and reduce the risk of fire please make sure you are familiar with the decorations policies. These include the following:

- Items may not be hung from ceilings.
- Decorations may not completely or partially block vents, peepholes or windows. This includes tapestries and signs in windows.
- They should be agreed upon by roommates.
   Additionally, if any resident finds something offensive, UAS Housing may ask that the decoration be moved or removed.
- Bicycles need to be stored inside the apartment or at designated bike racks.
- Public postings, including art, advertisements, or promotional materials, may not be hung in any common area, public place, or outdoor space without the approval of Student Housing staff.

UAS Housing will be lifting our restrictions for Halloween/Fall related items only from October 1 - November 1. Please ensure that you are still able to safely leave the apartment in an emergency and wait to put up any larger pieces until closer to the Safe Trick or Treat event.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Weekly Residence Life events.

Every week RA's craft and host events just for you! These are free and easy ways to engage with your community. Check UAS Connect often for updates.

2. Pugh Party! - John Pugh Hall 3rd Floor Commons. Friday, October 18th from 8:00 - 10:00 PM. Join us for this popular alcohol awareness event including mocktails and games. Rumor has it that prizes are involved!

4th Annual Safe Trick or Treat. Friday,
October 25th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. UAS invites
our community members into our Housing
facilities for an evening of fun and trick or
treating! Last year, we had over 500
participants on campus! Our residents can
participate in door decorating contests,
costume contests, and have the opportunity
to hand out candy to children from our
community. Candy will be provided at no
cost.

Sign up with this QR Code:

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## **UPDATES FROM THE DIRECTOR...**

We're thrilled to announce that UAS Housing is upgrading our housing software and will be testing it for the first time with the upcoming Winter Break Requests and New Student Spring applications! While we're still in the process of testing and building out all the features, by next Fall, you'll have greater control over your housing experience. You'll be able to select your roommates, your building, and even your specific suite—all on your own!

Additionally, during this time, we'll be introducing a staggered room selection period, which means seniors and students with high GPAs will get first pick of their space, allowing for a more personalized and prioritized housing assignment process.

In other news, we're moving forward with a major project to enhance security across campus. We'll be working towards replacing the locks in Upper Housing and increasing security camera coverage across our housing facilities, parking lots, and trail systems. This year, UAS was awarded half of the funds requested in our FY25 budget for Juneau Campus Safety & Regulatory Compliance projects. While this marks a great start to our multi-year effort to strengthen campus safety, we still rely heavily on our residents in the community to report any unusual activity they see and to continue taking personal safety precautions. Together, we can maintain a secure and welcoming environment for all.

On a final note, we are incredibly excited about the level of engagement we've seen on campus this year! Your participation in events and your dedication to building connections have truly helped shape the amazing community we call home. Please continue showing up, engaging, and creating the vibrant, inclusive environment that makes UAS a special place. Watch your email, UAS Connect, and social media closely for future opportunities and updates!

Sincerely,

Sean McCarthy
Director of Residence Life & Dining