

# News & Views



SPRUCE RESIDENTS

MARCH 2024

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### OFFICE HOURS

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### ON-TIME PAYERS RENT REDUCTION MONTHLY WINNERS

**Qiju Huang** . . . . . \$60  
Spruce

**Aleria Garcia Roza** . . . . \$50  
Cottonwood

**Olivia Webster** . . . . . \$40  
Cedar West

**Shravani Vadde** . . . . . \$30  
Cedar West

**Caroline Luman** . . . . . \$20  
Cottonwood

## Director’s Message

Dear Residents,

It is March and spring is almost here bringing fresh beginnings, renewed energy, and, of course, spring break.

Sunnyside Apartments is hosting an open house for the campus community at the Cottonwood Community Center on Friday, March 22, from 11 am to 2 pm. This is an opportunity for prospective residents to tour apartments and the community, meet our staff, and enjoy some refreshments.

Current residents may participate by bringing a friend and be entered into a drawing to win a prize. We appreciate you spreading the word about the Sunnyside community and the benefits of being a resident here.

We hope your semester is going well and you have an enjoyable spring break!

Wendi Carlson-Kenley  
Director, Family and Graduate Housing

## POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Rental rates for Graduate Housing 2024-2025 Beginning July 1, 2024

Sunnyside Apartments is a self-supporting auxiliary operation at the University of Utah. As an auxiliary operation, Sunnyside Apartments receives no funding from student tuition/fees/or State appropriated funds. The rental rates include utilities, gas/electric/ water/sewer, trash removal, laundry, basic cable TV, and Internet.

If you have a recurring payment set up in the Resident Portal please remember to check the payment amount for the new year.

Spruce studio - Graduate Housing	\$1,300.00
Spruce 1 bedroom 1 bath - Graduate Housing	\$1,490.00
Spruce bedroom and private bath in 2 bedroom 2 bath unit - Graduate Housing	\$1,150.00/bed
Spruce bedroom and shared bath in 3 bedroom 2 bath unit - Graduate Housing	\$900.00/bed
Spruce bedroom and private bath in 3 bedroom 2 bath unit - Graduate Housing	\$1,000.00/bed

## SUNNYSIDE EVENTS

**FREE HIGH FITNESS CLASS**  
THURSDAY NIGHTS | 7:00pm–8:00pm  
Cottonwood Community Center

**FREE HOME BUYERS SEMINAR**  
MARCH 14 | 7:00pm–8:30pm  
Spruce Community Center

Whether you’re planning to buy a house, or just want to be prepared for the future, this seminar will benefit you. The following topics will be covered:

- How to build and improve your credit now
- Down payment options and sources
- Strategies to keep your payment as low as possible, even with rates up.
- How to negotiate the purchase price.
- Basics of real estate contracts/negotiating options

**GARDEN PLOT APPLICATIONS GO LIVE**  
MARCH 19 | 8:00am

### HEALTH INSURANCE SEMINAR & RESOURCES

MARCH 19 | 7:00pm–8:00pm  
Spruce Community Center

Do you have questions about health insurance? Need access to a dentist? Not sure how to apply or what you qualify for? Come learn about health insurance and other resources from U Health Plans. Refreshments will be served and attendees will be entered to win some U of U swag!

### SUNNYSIDE APARTMENTS OPEN HOUSE

MARCH 22 | 11:00am–1:30pm  
Cottonwood Community Center



# Campus and Community Resources

## Resident Council Elections

Resident Council Elections are coming soon! The Resident Council is composed of elected community leaders that work in cooperation with the Resident Life team, and act as liaisons and advocates for Sunnyside Apartment residents. You can find the election packet and more information on the Sunnyside Apartments website starting March 7. You can also contact current Resident Council members to ask questions about their work.

Scan here for more information about Resident Council:



## Resident Council (RC) positions include:

- Mayor coordinates RC activities and facilitates meetings
- Campus Liaison maintains communication with ASUU and proposes budgets
- Community Liaison assists with coordinating events in the community
- Communications Liaison maintains social media and communication channels

We encourage all residents to review the detailed position descriptions and responsibilities found in the Constitution and in the 2024 Election Packet to learn more and consider running for a position. Any adult living at Sunnyside Apartments is eligible to run for Resident Council--both students and non-students. Residents must be I-9 eligible to serve in these positions.

## What are the benefits of serving on Resident Council?

Resident Council members get an inside peek of what goes on behind the scenes at Sunnyside Apartments, get to know fellow residents at various activities, meet with Sunnyside Apartments administration regularly to advise on resident concerns and pitch new ideas, and receive a partial rent reduction –which is a nice bonus!

Join us in providing leadership for the Sunnyside Community.

## Important Dates:

- March 7 Election packet available
- March 26 Declaration of Intent Due
- April 16 Virtual elections

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



On Saturday, February 17 the cement slabs were poured in the first phase of the new graduate student building. This building is located along Sunnyside Ave. By the time you receive this newsletter, the crane will be standing, and the walls will be going up. We are going to start seeing rapid changes in the coming weeks!

Work on the new family building has begun. On February 20 the aggregate piers began being placed at the south end of the building pad.

Aggregate piers are columns of compacted stone that are forced into the soil to reinforce the ground and make it strong enough to support the new building. Piers will continue to be placed over the next several weeks.

The south road between the Spruce building and the Main Office has been closed longer than expected. This area will remain closed for the foreseeable future while crews work to lay new water infrastructure.

As a reminder, we will continue to see intermittent road closures and traffic interruptions for the duration of the project.

You may have noticed the construction crews working on Saturdays. Saturday work hours are the same as weekday hours: 7:00 am - 5:30 pm.