

AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments

April 2011



from Betsy's desk...

April has arrived and as I prepare this newsletter we may be expecting a snowstorm. I am assured the Spring weather will eventually arrive and it will be welcomed openly by everyone.

Through a partnership with the Divinity School, Graduate Housing has assumed the responsibility of the three buildings of apartments for Divinity Students. We welcome all of these residents into Graduate Housing and will include them in our monthly newsletter announcements.

Thank you to everyone for their responses to the Housing Intent Surveys which were completed on line this year. It seemed to be a more efficient system and easier access for all.

Renewals Email confirmation will be sent to those residents who have requested to renew their contract or will be transferring within the graduate apartments. Contracts will be available for signing Monday thru Thursday, April 4-7 at the Graduate Apartments office between 9 am and 4 pm. If this timeframe does not fit into your schedule please contact us to set up an alternate time. **All contract renewals must be completed next week!**

Bursar Hold Students who are currently on Bursar Hold have been notified by Student Financial Services and our office. If you have not met with me to discuss your options, please do so. You will not be permitted to sign a contract without completing your current financial obligations.

Vacating Vacating Instruction Packets will be delivered to each resident on the first of the month that they have indicated that they will be vacating. Please take the time to read and follow the instructions. The contract ends on the last day of the month stipulated. Extensions are not possible. If your contract ends May 31st, it does not mean June 1st. And a June 30th end date does not mean July 1st. Please be respectful of these dates. Any resident vacating beyond the last day of their contract will be assessed a penalty fee a minimum of \$200.

Insurance Personal Property Insurance is required to complete your contract. The University assumes no responsibility for your personal property. Continuing contracts will require proof of coverage beginning for the 2011/2012 year by July 1st.

Divinity students who will be signing with us for the first time must provide proof of insurance in order to sign your new contract. Insurance can be obtained through any private insurance carrier or by visiting www.haylor.com/student.

Words From the 'Back Room'

Off Campus Programming continues to provide active and exciting programming opportunities. Look for our flyers and emails about upcoming shopping and destination bus trips being planned for later this month.

Our operations area provides you with a liaison for maintaining the upkeep of your apartment. We have just completed our annual spring inspections for most of the apartments. Necessary repairs have been reported to Facilities for follow up. Vacating inspections will be scheduled as we near move out time. This will also include those vacating Divinity apartments.

Many Thanks! to those of you that routinely enter your non-emergency maintenance request through the online FAMIS system or CALL IN YOUR EMERGENCIES to 203-432-6888. We are always willing to assist you with follow up if a response is not timely.

We are located in Helen Hadley Hall, 420 Temple Street, down the hall behind the Dormitory and Apartment offices.....hence, the 'Back Room'. Feel free to call us! John Phifer at 203-432-9933 or email john.phifer@yale.edu or me, Donna Schaefer at 203-432-9635 or email donna.schaefer@yale.edu

Classified Ads



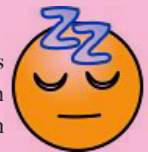
Do you have items for sale and would like to place an ad in our classified section of the May newsletter? Email all information no later than April 22nd to apts@yale.edu or fax to 203-432-4578.



Income Tax Returns

U.S. Tax Law is applicable to everyone whether you are a U.S. citizen or an International scholar. Taxes must be filed by April 15th. It is necessary for everyone to be aware that this is important and should be taken seriously. For information on whether you should be filing, please visit www.yale.edu/tax.

Ssshhhh!!!



The Graduate Apartments has quiet hours which are in effect from 10 pm to 8 am daily. Please be considerate of your neighbors and refrain from noisy activities during this time.

THANKS!

As we wind down another great year of exciting programs and events. We would like to thank our Resident Coordinators and those who lent their support to the Residence Life Program. The programs were well attended. Some exceeding our expectations! This is largely attributed to the great staff planning them. This semester we have also enjoyed sharing some of your knowledge in Astronomy and Music. A special thanks to Ruben Rodriguez who shared his love for music with our families in 'Meet the Musicians"! If you have a special area of focus that you would like to share in a program setting please let us know!

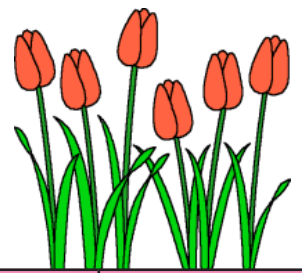
HELP WANTED

Resident Coordinator Position available:
Whitehall

Community Garden
Esplanade/Mansfield

Position descriptions are available upon request by email to laura.bertolini@yale.edu. Residents interested in applying should provide a resume and cover letter no later than Thursday, April 7th. Resumes can be mailed to 420 Temple Street, Rm G4 or faxed to 432-4578. Interviews will be scheduled for the week of April 11th.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				April Fools Day!		Feed the Need 5k!
	contract signing					
3	4 Whitehall Playgroup	5	6	7 Esplanade Playgroup 10 am (A9)	8 Esplanade Kid's Arts & Crafts	9 Whitehall Spring Egg Hunt
HISTORY OF THE GIANT Mansfield Bagel Brunch!	10	11	12	13	14	15
17 Palm Sunday	18 Whitehall Playgroup	19 Family Day @ the Peabody! Passover begins	20	21 Esplanade Playgroup 10 am (A9)	22 Whitehall Kids Arts & Crafts Esplanade Kid's Arts & Crafts Earth Day @ the Peabody! Good Friday University closed	23
24 Easter	25	26	27	28	29	30 Rock To Rock Earth Day Bike Ride

Things to do in April...

4/2, **Feed the Need 5k!**, 9 am Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT Entry fee is 25 non-perishable food items which will be donated to the Shoreline Soup Kitchens. For more information or to register online at www.feedtheneed.org.

4/9, **Whitehall Spring Egg Hunt**, 10 am, meet in the community room for light refreshments followed by an egg hunt in the courtyard!

4/8, **Whitehall Children's Arts & Crafts**, Featuring....Juice Bottle Spaceship, 4 pm in the community room.

4/10, **Mansfield Bagel Brunch!** Please join the Mansfield community for a bagel brunch on 1pm. If the weather cooperates, we'll have games and outside fun in the grassy area by the BBQ grills. If the weather is bad, we'll be in the community room, just upstairs from the laundry area. We hope to see you there!

4/10, **History of the Giant**, 1:30 pm, Free. Meeting place is at the bulletin board/kiosk near the park entrance. Sleeping Giant State Park, Mount Carmel Avenue, Hamden. 203-272-7841. www.sga.org.

4/16, **Esplanade Brunch & Spring Egg Hunt!**, 9-11 am in the Esplanade Community Room (A9)

4/19, **Family Day @ the Peabody!** 11am-3pm, Join the Peabody for their first Family Day! Enjoy fun and exciting games, crafts, and other activities for the whole family to enjoy!

4/22, **Whitehall Children's Arts & Crafts**, Featuring....Egg Carton Sea Creatures!, 4 pm in the community room.



Rock to Rock Earth Day Bike Ride April 30th, 9 am -3 pm

Rock to Rock is a day long celebration of Earth Day. Bike from West Rock to East Rock with celebrations along the way. Eat tasty food, hear great music, and explore the city's parks. Young and old, serious riders or weekend warriors. All are welcome! \$25 in advance, \$30 on-site. Registration fees help support local environmental organizations such as Common Ground, City Seed, Solar Youth and many more. Visit <http://www.rocktorock.org> for more info.

Earth Day @ the Peabody Museum April 22nd, 10 am - 3 pm

Raising awareness about environmental threats and encouraging citizens to strive for healthy, sustainable surroundings. Local organizations will share their own efforts and tell you about some simple actions you can take to protect the earth. Kids can plant a seed, take it home to nurture. Activities include games and crafts. www.peabody.yale.edu.

Plan Events, Get Paid, Have Fun, Be a Leader, Meet other Students!

If you would like to organize student life events for grad students and their families, to learn and develop leadership skills, to collaborate with other students and administrators, and to meet new people, **apply to be a McDougal Grad Student Life Family Fellow for 2011/2012!**

Apply online at <http://www.yale.edu/graduateschools/studentLife/>
deadline to apply: April 4th at noon