

AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments

January 2011



from Betsy's desk...

Happy New Year! Hopefully by now everyone is well rested and energized for the new semester. This is a reasonably quiet time for the Graduate Apartments office as we make preparations for the Spring and Summer. This is a time that we review our policies, rates and focus on possible enhancements and new projects for the apartments.

Thank you to those residents who responded with suggestions and ideas for programming and functional apartment improvements. It is our community that often knows best what is needed. The ideas are not necessarily just at the buildings but also our website, handbook or even this newsletter.

Coming In March... Information about contract renewals and those students departing will be published in the March newsletter. If you need answers to questions before then please feel free to contact me. All Graduate Apartment policies are currently being reviewed. Updates will be available in March.

For those students graduating in May, it isn't too early to make plans for your visitors accommodations! Please visit www.yale.edu/och and select 'overnight accommodations' for a complete list of Hotels and Bed and Breakfasts in and around New Haven. Many hotels offer a discount to Yale affiliates, so be sure to inquire.

GRAND OPENING...WHITEHALL COMMUNITY SWAP ROOM

Whitehall Residents are invited to a special open house event:

Saturday, January 15th, 9am - 12pm
(located in the basement of the 521 building)

It is a lot like a second-hand shop, except everything is FREE and right next door! Help yourself to household goods and gently used clothing (baby's and children). Meet the coordinators Krista and Tyler Smith, ask questions and get more information. No appointment necessary.

Laundry Room Etiquette

Coin-operated washers and dryers are available at all of the Graduate Apartments. Please be considerate of others using the machines. Laundry must be removed promptly when the machine stops. Also please be sure to clean up and discard your empty detergent bottles. Any problems with the equipment should be directed to Mac-Gray Laundry Services at 1-800-622-4729 or on-line at www.macgray.com.

Quiet Please...

A FRIENDLY REMINDER THAT GRADUATE APARTMENT QUIET HOURS ARE 10 PM TO 7 AM SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. Residents must control use of their voices and use of equipment, radio and television at noise levels that are considerate of your neighbors. Musical instruments should not be played during quiet hours. Please be considerate of your neighbors!

Snow Removal

After a snow storm arrangements will be made to remove the snow from the parking lots. This requires everyone's cooperation. The general rule is that the lots are cleared about 24-48 hours after the storm. This will be communicated to you by an email which will inform you of the day and approximate time that your car needs to be moved.

Snow shovels are available in the laundry rooms at the various buildings. Residents are asked to return the shovels to the laundry area after use so that they are available to other residents.



I have a dream...

Each year on the third Monday of January (17th) America celebrates the birth and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King was one of the nation's most outstanding spiritual and civil rights leaders. This is a time for the nation to remember the injustices that he fought. It is a time for the nation to remember his fight for freedom, equality and dignity of all races and a time to remember the message of change through non-violence. The University observes this holiday and most offices on campus including the Graduate Apartments Office will be closed. If you would like more information about this holiday please visit www.martinlutherholiday.com.

Safe Winter Driving

Before heading out on the roads this winter pay close attention to the weather forecasts and driving conditions. Leave plenty of time to get to your destination so that you won't feel rushed. Always lower your driving speed in poor weather conditions. Listed below are important tips to follow to ensure safe road travel.

Make sure your car has:

- > Adequate antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid
- > A full or close to full tank of gas
- > Tires that have good traction and are inflated to the appropriate tire pressure
- > Working heaters and defrosters
- > Well maintained brakes
- > Fully charged battery

In case of an emergency keep these supplies handy:

- > Snow brush and Ice Scraper
- > Blankets
- > Flashlight with spare batteries
- > Water and snack foods
- > Shovel
- > Sand
- > Jumper Cables



Ice Skating

Whether you are new to the sport or a seasoned skater ice skating is fun for everyone! Listed below are several ice rinks in the area that offer public skating and skate rentals...

- ~Edward L. Bennett Rink,
1 Circle Street, West Haven, 931-6890
- ~Ralph Walker Rink,
1080 State Street, New Haven, 946-8007
- ~Milford Ice pavilion,
291 Bic Drive, Milford, 878-6516
- ~Veterans Memorial Ice Rink,
71 Hudson Street, East Haven, 468-3367
- ~Hamden Memorial Ice Rink,
595 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 287-2610



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Things to do in January...

1/7, Whitehall Children's Arts & Crafts: Featuring...Snowman Bookmarks, 4 pm, Whitehall Community Room.

1/7, Esplanade Children's Arts & Crafts: Featuring...Tissue Paper Butterflies! 4pm in A9.

1/10, Whitehall Playgroup, 10 am Whitehall Community Room (535-5)

1/11, New Haven Magnet School Information Session, 12-1 pm, 221 Whitney Avenue, Training Room 5&6. To register email worklife@yale.edu or visit www.NewHavenMagnetSchools.com.

1/13, Esplanade Playgroup, 10 am in the Esplanade Community Room (A9).

1/14, Esplanade Children's Arts & Crafts: Featuring...Snow globes! 4pm in A9.

1/16, Mansfield Pancake Brunch, 1:30 pm in the Mansfield Community Room.

1/16- 1/17, Dr Martin Luthers King, Jr's, Legacy of Environmental and Social Justice at the Peabody Museum, The Peabody Museum will open its doors for a free, two day festival in honor of Dr. King. The celebration features a poetry slam, open mic poetry, music, dance, storytelling and educational activities for the entire family. 203-432-5050 or visit www.peabody.yale.edu.

1/21, Whitehall Children's Arts & Crafts: Featuring...Egg Carton Turtles!, 4 pm, Whitehall Community Room.

1/10, Whitehall Playgroup, 10 am Whitehall Community Room (535-5)

1/27, Esplanade Playgroup, 10 am in the Esplanade Community Room (A9).

What's new this month

Leitner Observatory and Planetarium!

Thursday, January 20th at 5:30 pm.

Enjoy a guided tour through the night sky hosted by astronomy students living in the graduate apartments.

Cooking With Valerie! Join Whitehall resident Valerie Ramos as she demonstrates some of her favorite recipes.

Wednesday, January 26th, 7pm Esplanade (A9)

Thursday, January 27th, 7pm Whitehall (535-5)

All Graduate Apartment Residents are welcome to attend!

Coming in FEBRUARY...

MEET THE MUSICIANS!

Saturday, February 5th at 4 pm in the Helen Hadley Hall lounge.

An interactive musical event for adults and children. Enjoy an introduction to the instruments and concert performed by some of our very own graduate apartments music students.