

AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments

June 2011



from Betsy's desk...

It is amazing how fast time has gone by and here we are at the end of another academic and fiscal year for the University. As the Summer gets started, we say good bye to our neighbors and welcome new residents.

It has been a good year with a few little twists and changes, just like the weather. The Spring rains, early heat and fluctuating temperatures have impacted projects that we would have expected to be completed by this time.

*Beginning next week Summer Crews and Contractors will be working in our buildings cleaning, painting and various other projects. The playgrounds at **Mansfield, Esplanade** and **Whitehall** will all receive new mulch and sand for the sandbox areas. The Whitehall Community Garden plantings have already sprouted. Please be sure to follow garden guidelines. If you have any questions please contact Jason at jason.wallace@yale.edu.*

*The **Mansfield** Apartments project includes some detail work with the HVAC Systems. It should not impact any current residents, only those apartments where there is a turnover from vacating and new residents' arrival. As with all projects throughout Graduate Housing, if your apartment is identified for work, we will be contacting you directly as the schedule unfolds.*

*New mailboxes are on order for **Whitehall** apartments! As well as new barbecue grills for **Whitehall, Mansfield** and **Esplanade**.*

PLEASE NOTE: During the summer months, all reservations for the use of the Community Rooms will go through the Resident Coordinators. Please contact Mary Glendon for Whitehall, Carolyn Ly for Mansfield and Monica Holmes for Esplanade.

COURTYARDS

The courtyards are a shared space for all residents and their families to gather and enjoy. It is important that the areas are maintained regularly by all who use them. Do your part to keep your courtyard a clean safe place for you and your neighbors to enjoy.

Listed below are a few simple guidelines to follow :

ALL CHILDREN must be supervised when outside playing. Parental supervision in the courtyards is essential at all times. Courtyard gates must remain locked.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS (toys, clothing, pools, food, etc) must be removed from the courtyard at the end of each day.

GARDEN HOSES are not meant for play. Hoses are limited to use by an adult ONLY to fill a child's pool or watering plants.

CHARCOAL GRILLS should never be left unattended once it is lit. Remove all left over food, charcoal, cooking utensils and any other personal belongings. Promptly dispose of all trash.

Laundry Equipment Repairs

All reports for service/repair of the laundry machines must be reported directly to MacGray Laundry Services at 1-800-622-4729 or online at www.macgray.com to complete a service request. DO NOT CALL FACILITIES for this service.

July Rent

The University's fiscal year ends June 30th. July rent charges will be applied by the end of June along with the August rent charge. Therefore your July 1st statement will show charges for July and August. Please call Student Financial Services at 203-432-2700 for information regarding payment due schedule. If you have not already done so, this would be a good time to review the use of automatic deductions with SFAS. Contact Shirley Farm at 203-432-2715 with your questions.

Parking Stickers

Parking stickers for July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 are available at the housing office for pick up. If you have purchased a new vehicle please be sure to update the information with the apartments office. This will require a copy of the vehicle registration. If you no longer have the vehicle registered with our office, please notify us immediately.

Basement Cleaning

During the summer months we take the opportunity to thoroughly clean the basements of all the buildings. Please be sure that your storage areas are secured and labeled with your name and apartment number. All belongings need to be secured inside the cage.

Pool Safety Reminders

Pools are a terrific way to keep cool and have fun during hot, humid, summer weather. Many apartment residents use small "wading" style pools to help kids stay cool and to play. Please keep in mind the following precautions.

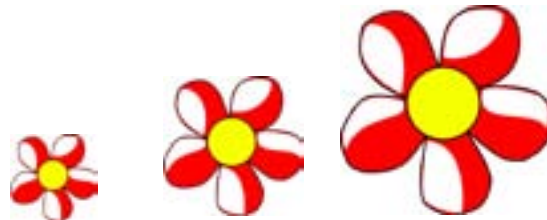
*Never leave young children alone in or around a pool containing water.

*Only small, portable-style pools may be used on campus property. These are typically less than 5' in diameter and contain no more than 6-8" of water.

*An unsupervised pool full of water can create a serious hazard to children. ALL POOLS MUST BE DRAINED AFTER EACH USE. This will also prevent reduce a mosquito-breeding habitat. Store unused pools so that they cannot accumulate rain-water.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<i>Hike-A-Giant</i>						<i>International Festival of Arts and Ideas begins</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
						<i>Strawberry Festival</i>
12	13	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15	16	17	18
<i>Father's Day</i>						
19	20 <i>Summer begins</i>	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Things to do in June...

6/5, **Hike-A-Giant**, 1:30 pm, Sleeping Giant State Park will hold its annual Hike-A-Giant event in celebration of Trails Day. Select from a choice of 2 or 3 simultaneous hikes, easy, moderate, advanced. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water and snacks. FREE, www.sgpa.org, 203-789-7498.

6/11-6/25, **International Festival of Arts and Ideas**, Experience ambitious theater, music & dance with plenty of family friendly events. For more information and schedule of events please visit <http://artidea.org>.

6/18, **Strawberry Festival @ Hindinger Farm**, 11am-5pm, Celebrate the beginning of summer! family hayrides, fun clowns, lots of food! and entertainment. (raindate 6/19) 835 Dunbar Hill Road, Hamden. 203-288-0700 or www.hindingersfarm.com.



FARMER'S MARKETS

Uncommon Market Friday's beginning June 10th @ Beinecke Plaza. 11am-1:30pm. Locally grown produce, fresh breads and sustainable items in an outdoor 'marketplace'.

Downtown Market Wednesday's beginning June 15th @ Church Street at the Green. 11am-3pm.

Wooster Square Market Saturday's 9am-1pm. Russo Park, corner of Chapel Street and DePalma Court.

Connecticut Attractions

There are many museums and parks to enjoy throughout the state. Plan a day trip and visit one of Connecticut's finest attractions.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children, Norwalk, CT Offers interactive and hands-on activities, educational exhibits and hands-on activities. www.stepsstonesmuseum.org.

Lake Compounce Theme Park, Bristol, CT 50 rides and attractions including *Splash Harbor Water Park*. www.lakecompounce.com

Hammonasset State Park, Madison, CT 1 mile south Exit 62 from Route I-95. Hammonasset is Connecticut's largest public beach facility featuring two miles of white sandy beach.

Quassy Amusement Park, Middlebury, CT mixes the old-time charm of carousels and kiddie rides with modern excitement of drop towers and water slides. Music festivals and special family events take place all summer long. www.quassy.com.

Yale Outdoor Education Center, East Lyme, CT. Comprised of 1500 wooded acres, the Yale Outdoor Education Center is nestled on the south shore of pristine mile-long Powers Lake. Enjoy swimming, canoeing, kayaking, camping, cabins and more! <http://sportsandrecreation.yale.edu/facility/outdoor-education-center/outdoor-education-center>