

# AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments

October 2011



## from Betsy's desk...

Any day now the cooler temperatures will arrive. Once the temperature does drop (and it will), it is recommended that you remove any personal air conditioning units from the windows and store them appropriately in either your basement or storage area. Doing so will allow for more efficient heating when the time comes. For those apartments which have University installed air conditioning units, these are not to be removed. Any questions, please contact our office.

**Summer Projects** in some areas are coming to completion: *York Crown* ceiling fans have all been installed, The *Whitehall* mailboxes are just about completed and the new community area at *68 Mansfield* is set up for use. *Sterling Quadrangle* will be participating in a special project that will provide enormous feedback on the use of electricity in the apartments. More information will follow as they prepare to install these devices.

**Residence Life programming is now in full swing!** Community awareness and neighborliness is happening everywhere! People have met each other at barbecues, play groups, pot luck suppers and other fun things. If you have an idea for an event, channel the information to us and we can pass it on. If you have not attended anything, please do. Being a part of a community makes for new friends and allows you to get to know your neighbors. So take a break from the routine and enjoy!

The *Whitehall Community Garden* was a huge success once again this summer. Thank you to Jason Wallace! His coordination and efforts over the past two years are greatly appreciated.

**Special Programming** Last month I spoke about a new program for those apartment residents who are interested in learning English. Inquiries were made and a small group has formed under the instruction of Milica Stevic. Students will be learning English as well as American customs. Don't be shy! There is room for others if you are interested. Please email her directly at milicakovacevicstevic@gmail.com.

I am also interested in volunteers who may be interested in organizing an evening celebration of *Diwali, Indian Festival of Lights*. A committee meeting is being planned for sometime next week. If you are interested please email me at betsy.rosenthal@yale.edu. I look forward to hearing from you!

## Be Informed \* Be Smart \* Be Safe!

The University's continued mission of finding new ways to safeguard its community has recently launched a new service called **BULLDOG MOBILE (BDM)**. BDM uses your cell phone to directly connect you to the Yale Police Department (YPD) with crucial information instantly during emergency situations. BDM includes the following three important features:



**\* Instant Information:** You provide information to the YPD when you sign up for the service, and the YPD dispatcher can access your profile when needed.

**\* GPS location:** The YPD can pinpoint your exact location using your cell phones GPS system.

**\* The Security Timer:** (i.e. 'virtual escort') When traveling across campus, you can call a number and indicate how long you expect your journey to take. If the service is not deactivated before the time expires, the YPD will call you.

The Yale Police Department strongly urges all Yale students, faculty and staff members to register for this free service at [www.yale.edu/bdm](http://www.yale.edu/bdm). This new service is in addition to, but does not replace, other public safety options such as:

**\*Security Escort:** 24/7 walking escort program 203-432-9255 or 2-WALK from a campus phone.

**\*Security Safe Rides:** nighttime door-to-door ride to campus locales 203-432-6330.

**\*Blue Phones:** Over 500 located throughout campus, identifiable by their blue lights. Each blue phone is equipped with a red emergency button that connects the caller directly to the YPD.

"The best way to stay safe is to use common sense and be aware of the security services available to everyone here at Yale" -Yale Police Chief Ronnell Higgins

## December Graduations

Students, who will be submitting their dissertations in October with the expectation of December graduations, need to notify the Graduate Housing Office of your plans. Please contact me at betsy.rosenthal@yale.edu to set up an appointment to discuss your plans as soon as possible.

## Maintenance Info...

**BATHROOMS...**shower curtains must be closed tightly when bathing or showering. If the curtain is fully closed and tucked inside the bathtub, water from the shower will not splash out onto the bathroom floor where it could damage the floors or walls or leak into the apartment below.

**KITCHENS...**Lining stove burners and walls with foil, newspaper or plastic wrap can lead to a potentially dangerous situation. This could damage the stove or start a fire and you could be charged for repairs. Please do not put any material on your stove or the walls around it. Be sure to wipe down the stove top after each use and clean the oven regularly.

**SAFETY SHOES...**Maintenance staff members are required to wear safety shoes and cannot remove their shoes when entering apartments. Please put down newspaper or cloths if you do not want maintenance personnel to walk on your floors.

## Reporting Maintenance

It is important to report a maintenance problem as soon as you are aware than to wait until it becomes urgent.

Report **routine apartment/building requests for the graduate apartments** through the FAMIS system at <http://www.facilities.yale.edu>. Please be sure to include the grad.aps@yale.edu email as the second requestor so that our office is alerted of the request.

Residents at the *Sterling Quadrangle* should report all routine apartment/building request to [facilities.divinity@yale.edu](mailto:facilities.divinity@yale.edu).

All **apartment/building emergencies** should be reported by calling 203-432-6888.

**Notice to Residents...**certain maintenance calls such as plumbing leaks & clogs may require entry to adjoining apartments without prior notice to investigate or repair a problem.

It is not possible to schedule specific appointments for these visits.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Yom Kippur
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Columbus Day	MANSFIELD NIGHT OUT!			Esplanade Kids Arts & Crafts	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Whitehall Kids Arts & Crafts		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Cooking w/ Valerie: Whitehall	68 Mansfield Pizza Study Break	Cooking w/ Valerie: Esplanade		
	30 Whitehall Halloween	31			Esplanade Halloween	
23	24	25		26	27	28
						Mysteries Of Halloween

## October happenings..



10/11, Mansfield Night Out!, Details to be announced soon.

10/14, Esplanade Kids Arts & Crafts: Make a jar Jack o'lantern and yummy fall snack! 3:45 pm in the community room (A9). Kids K-6th grade.

10/18, Cooking with Valerie! Whitehall: Featuring Pizza & Calzones! 7pm in the community room.

10/19, 68 Mansfield Pizza Study Break!, 8 pm in the basement community room.

10/20, Whitehall Kids Arts & Crafts: Pumpkin decorating!! 6 pm in the community room. Please email Mary at glendonsen@gmail.com or Elizabeth at elizavernon@gmail.com to reserve your pumpkin for decorating.

10/20, Cooking with Valerie! Esplanade: Featuring Pizza & Calzones! 7pm in the community room.

10/28, Esplanade Halloween! Enjoy pumpkin carving and a potluck dinner. Bring your favorite soup or hot dish to share! 5:30 pm in the community room (A9) Email Monica at moholmes1129@yahoo.com by 10/22 to reserve your pumpkin for carving.

10/29, Mysteries of Halloween! Peabody Museum, 10am-3pm An annual celebration of some of the "spooky" animals and nature-based traditions associated with Halloween. Come learn about spiders and snakes. And don't miss some of the strangest-looking specimens from our collection rooms that rarely see the light of day. Crafts and Magic shows at 11 am and noon. 203-432-3776, www.peabody.yale.edu/events/halloween.html.

10/31, Whitehall Halloween! 5pm in the community room. Details to be announced soon!

## Whitehall Community Swap Room

Whitehall residents are encouraged to visit and use the Community Swap Room located in the basement of 521. The Swap Room is like a thrift shop, except that everything is FREE to a good home! Inventory includes clothing for babies and children, toys and small household goods and small appliances (e.g. clocks, lamps, kitchenware). All gently used.

Clothing is presorted by size to make browsing easy. To use the Swap Room, please contact Krista Smith at 203-645-4257 or email kls200@gmail.com.

## Quiet Hours

Your Graduate Apartment lease agreement requires residents to observe quiet hours between 10 pm and 8 am daily. These hours are during the time when most people sleep. Residents must control use of their voices and use of equipment, radio and television at noise levels that are considerate of your neighbors. Please refrain from using the laundry equipment and musical instruments during quiet hours.



**INGALLS RINK IS OPEN FOR THE SEASON!**  
PUBLIC SKATING IS AVAILABLE WEEKDAYS,  
MONDAY-THURSDAY, 11:30AM-12:45PM.  
DROP IN FOR YALE STUDENTS IS \$5,  
OTHER ADULT, \$10, CHILDREN UNDER 13, \$5.