

# AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments

December 2011



from Betsy's desk...

It's hard to believe that 2012 is one month away and that the Fall semester is almost over. In the past three months we have completed a host of things that we feel have improved our facilities and add to our residents' lives. **Whitehall** has seen the completion of the mailboxes, new lighting for all of the basements and along with the rest of the Graduate Apartments a new commitment to maintaining our hallways for cleanliness and safety. **York Crown** has had ceiling fans installed in every apartment which allows a more even flow of temperature during both summer and winter times. **Sterling Quadrangle** apartments have begun a new study of managing utilities and an upgrade to the heating system. Other projects are still in the planning stages. More information will be provided as soon as a schedule is in place.

## Notice of Holiday Office Closing...

The Graduate Apartments Office will be closed beginning **Friday, December 23, 2011** and will reopen on **Tuesday, January 3, 2012**.

During this time office staff will not be available to assist you with your maintenance needs. If you are having an apartment/building concern please report routine requests through the facilities website at [www.yale.edu/facilities/students](http://www.yale.edu/facilities/students) as soon as noticed to avoid an emergency situation. All apartment/building emergency requests should be phoned in to Facilities emergency at 203-432-6888. Residents at the Sterling Quadrangle should direct all requests by email to [divinity.facilities@yale.edu](mailto:divinity.facilities@yale.edu).

Please be practical and patient regarding response times for non-emergencies. There will be limited facilities staff available over the recess break.

If you plan to be away over the winter recess please email [grad.aps@yale.edu](mailto:grad.aps@yale.edu) with your schedule and be sure to refer to the travel tips included in this newsletter.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**

## Rules of the Road

Did you know that the City of New Haven prohibits the use of bicycles on sidewalks? If you didn't, it could cost you \$93!



According to Connecticut State law, bicyclists must follow the same laws as motor vehicles on the road. Whether you are a bicycle enthusiast or a beginner, Environmental Health & Safety invites you to join in on one of our new bicycle safety training courses. The course includes information on state and local traffic laws pertaining to bicyclists, accident avoidance, maintaining your bicycle and the proper fitting of a helmet.

Speaking of helmets, join an upcoming training class and receive a free bicycle helmet! Register today at [www.yale.edu/training](http://www.yale.edu/training). Click on "Environmental Health & Safety" and you'll find class information on our bicycle safety training classes under the category "Physical Safety".

Also, be sure to visit <http://yale.edu/smartstreets> for some great information on street safety for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. The site features animated "Street Scenes" showing you how to behave responsibly in certain scenarios. While you're visiting the site, be sure to take the quiz to see how "Street Savvy" you really are!

## Whitehall Community Swap Room



Looking for gently used baby/toddler items? Come to the Swap Room!! Loads of baby boy size 0-6 months and girls 12-24 months are currently in stock. Not to mention a stroller and jumperoo!!

No donations needed, just come and take as you need. Call Krista (230-645-4257) if you are interested.

## Winter Weather

The first official day of winter is December 21st but often the winter weather appears weeks before. Many have not yet experienced a New England winter. In order to be ready for whatever Mother Nature sends our way the following tips should help you prepare.

\*Be sure your wardrobe includes a warm coat, hat, gloves and water resistant boots.

\*In the event of a storm stock up on non perishable foods and bottled water.

\*Always keep your vehicle's gas tank at least half full. This will help prevent the gas lines from freezing in extreme cold temperatures.



When a Winter Storm is forecasted it is important to be aware of changing weather conditions and avoid unnecessary travel. If you do need to go out during a storm be sure to dress appropriately. Several layers of lightweight clothing will help keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. SNOW REMOVAL...Once the storm has ended arrangements will be made to clear the parking lots of snow. It usually happens within 24 hours of the end of the storm. Watch for emails. They will tell you the day and approximate time that your car needs to be moved.

## Holiday Travel

Heading out of town over the recess? If so be we aware of the following...



Do not turn off the heat! Set your thermostat at 60 degrees to conserve energy and prevent water pipes from freezing.

Be sure all windows are closed and locked. Move valuables out of sight.

Turn off and unplug small appliances especially alarm clocks! Do not unplug your stove or refrigerator.

Be sure all holiday decorations do not present a safety hazard. Water your live Christmas tree daily and discard it next to the dumpster (not inside) before leaving town.

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

Yale University Police would like to remind you:

- Don't leave any visible items in your car
- Don't leave your GPS device or hook up in plain view
- Park in a well-lit areas
- Always be aware of your surroundings
- Never leave your purse, bags or laptop computer unattended
- Report any suspicious behavior to Yale Police at 203-432-4400
- DO NOT WALK ALONE AT NIGHT! Call 203-432-WALK (9255)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<i>New Haven Tree Lighting Celebration</i> <i>Cooking w/ Valerie: FONDUE! Whitehall</i> <b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>3</b>
<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <i>Family Day: Two Museums... Twice the Fun!</i> <b>4</b>	<i>Cooking w/ Valerie: FONDUE! Esplanade</i> <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>STRESS DOWN DAY!</b> <b>7</b>	<i>Esplanade Kid's: Ornament Making!</i> <b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <i>Esplanade Cookie Swap</i> <b>10</b>
<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<i>Child Care Information Session</i> <b>13</b>	<i>Managing Stress at Home &amp; Work</i> <b>14</b>	<i>New Haven Magnet School Information Session</i> <i>Whitehall Pizza Party!</i> <b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>17</b>
<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<i>Chanukah begins at sundown</i> <b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<i>Winter Recess University closed</i> <b>23</b>	<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>24</b>
<b>Movies &amp; Mimosas</b> <b>25</b>	<i>Winter Recess - University closed</i>					
<i>Christmas Day</i> <b>25</b>	<i>Kwanzaa begins</i> <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## What's Happening in December...

12/1 *Cooking w/ Valerie: Fondue! Whitehall*, 7 pm in the community room. for more information contact Valerie at [danielandvalerie@gmail.com](mailto:danielandvalerie@gmail.com).

12/1, *New Haven Tree Lighting Celebration on the New Haven Green*, Fun for the whole family, carousel rides, live music entertainment, holiday songs and more, FREE, 203-946-7172 (raindate 12/2).

12/3-12/4, *Movies & Mimosas: "A Christmas Story"* Enjoy this classic holiday film reminiscent of the 1940's. 11 am, Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple Street, 203-498-2500

12/4, *Family Day: Two Museums...Twice the Fun!*, 1-3:30 pm, Yale British Arts Center & Yale Art Gallery. Activities and storytelling for childrens ages 4-10. FREE

12/5 *Cooking w/ Valerie: Fondue! Esplanade*, 7 pm in the community room. for more information contact Valerie at [danielandvalerie@gmail.com](mailto:danielandvalerie@gmail.com).

12/8, *Esplanade Kid's: Ornament making!* 3:30-5 pm in the community room (A9).

12/10, *Esplanade Cookie Swap!*, 6 pm in the community room (A9), Cookies to eat and 4 dozen cookies to trade...no chocolate chip please...must be homemade! RSVP to [moholmes1129@yahoo.com](mailto:moholmes1129@yahoo.com). We will also show a movie for the kids!

12/10-12/11, *Movies & Mimosas: "White Christmas"* featuring Bing Crosby. Enjoy this classic musical holiday film. 11 am, Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple Street, 203-498-2500.

12/15, *Whitehall Pizza Party!* 6 pm in the community room.

12/17-12/18, *Movies & Mimosas: 'It's a Wonderful Life'*. Enjoy this heartwarming Christmas tale. 11 am, Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple Street, 203-498-2500

12/24-12/25, *Movies & Mimosas: 'Christmas in Connecticut'*, 1945 holiday classic starring Barbara Stanwick.. 11 am, Criterion Cinemas, 86 Temple Street, 203-498-2500

### STRESS DOWN DAY!

**Wednesday, December 7th 11am-3pm.**

Woolsey Hall President's Room, 2nd floor. Enjoy free chair massages, holiday arts and crafts, reiki energy healing, stress management tips, health information, delicious healthy snacks, and much more!

### Child Care Information Session

**Tuesday, December 13th, 12-1 pm**

221 Whitney Avenue, Room 109. Register at [worklife@yale.edu](mailto:worklife@yale.edu).

### Managing Stress @ Work & Home

**Wednesday, December 14th 12-1:15 pm.**

221 Whitney Avenue, Room 109. Register at [worklife@yale.edu](mailto:worklife@yale.edu).

### New Haven Magnet School Information Session

**Thursday, December 15th 12-1 pm.**

221 Whitney Avenue, Rm LL5. Learn about the New Haven Magnet School options for the PreK through High School application process, eligibility, lotter and deadlines for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications will be available. Register at [worklife@yale.edu](mailto:worklife@yale.edu).

