

AT HOME WITH Graduate Apartments



A monthly newsletter for Yale Graduate Apartment Residents

October 2007

From Betsy's desk...

October is a great time of the year in New England. For those new to the area, it can be a time of fluctuating temperatures. The easiest way to be prepared is to dress in layers. The evenings can be cool and the days warm. We are frequently asked when the heat will be turned on. For those students living in apartments where heat is included in your rent, the main switches are usually activated the first few weeks of October depending on the average temperature. Once we have received a sustained cold spell, the heat will go on. Most apartments have thermostats that regulate the heat within your apartment. The top numbers reflect the desired heat; the lower number reflects the actual heat. For others, there is a pre-set thermostat in the building. Any questions, please give us a call.

Lastly, here are a few reminders...**SMOKING** is not permitted in the apartments, including basements. Smokers must be at least 10 meters from the exterior of the building. **PETS** are not permitted. Please refer to your contract for specific guidelines. **STORAGE** in the hallways is restricted. Fire Marshall states that all hallways must be clear of trash, shoes, strollers, etc. **BICYCLES** can not be tethered to railings on campus. If bicycles are found in an inappropriate place, they will be "locked down" by the Fire Marshall's office and removed. All **VEHICLES** that are parked at the apartments must be registered with the Graduate Apartments office to receive a parking sticker. The lots are monitored on a regular basis. Any vehicle without a sticker will be towed at the owner's expense.

Wireless Service... Over the summer wireless service was installed at most of the Graduate Apartments. ITS is still working on a plan to provide wireless service to 68 Mansfield. Residents will be notified when a plan is in place. All network problems or questions should be directed to the Student Technology Staff at 432-5242 or email student.technology@yale.edu.



OPEN HOUSE for Grad Students!

Have a cup of coffee and meet officers from the Yale Police Department on **Thursday, October 25th** at 5 p.m. 101 Ashmun Street. Officers will be on hand to answer your questions and offer important information including tips on how to stay safe and help build campus partnerships. University and City police encourage students to be aware of their surroundings and trust your instincts. Don't walk alone at night. Take advantage of the services available. Use the university's shuttle and escort services.

..... Maintenance

What is a maintenance emergency? Maintenance emergencies are situations which may pose a health or safety threat to the residents or may cause damage to the apartment and must be taken care of immediately. Examples of an emergency are: no heat/hot water, no electricity, plugged or overflowing toilets or sinks, water leaks and gas odors. All emergencies should be phoned in to the housing office at 432-8270 during the business day, Monday-Friday (9 am-4 pm). During non-business hours (evenings, weekends) emergency requests should be directed to Physical Plant emergency at 432-6888. Residents are strongly encouraged to use the FAMIS system for reporting non-emergency repairs by logging into <http://www.facilities.yale.edu/Who/FandO.asp> and following the instructions on the left side menu. Please report your routine repair as soon as you are aware. Waiting can result in an emergency situation. In some cases it may be necessary to enter other apartments in the building to investigate a problem such as a water leak.

No Foil Please! Placing foil under stove burners or the walls around the stove could result in a dangerous situation such as damaging the stove or causing a fire.

Safety Shoes Maintenance are required to wear safety shoes at all times. Please put down newspaper or cloths if you do not want personnel to walk on your floors.

Apartment Living

Getting along with others is not always easy. People are different in the ways that they think and act. When you live close to others as in apartment settings, these differences can at times get frustrating and overwhelming. As tension builds, it can be hard not to lose your patience. But before you bang on the wall, yell at your neighbor or call it quits, here are some pointers on how to approach your neighbor:

Introduce yourself clearly and specifically state your problem. Use the perspective that you know best - your own. Use statements such as "I feel as though..."

Listen. How does the other person feel about the situation?

Suggest possible solutions. Use statements such as "Is it possible to...", "I was wondering if..." or "Do you think..."

Remember, treat the other person with respect and gentility. They will respond to one gentle honest word twice as quickly as they will to a hundred poundings on the wall. And who knows, you might make a friend!

The apartments office requests that all residents observe **QUIET HOURS** between 10 pm and 8 am. This is the time when most people sleep. Noise travels easily from apartment to apartment and can seem especially loud during the nighttime/early morning hours. Please be considerate of your neighbors.



Apartment inspections have been scheduled for the week of October 15th. The purpose of our visit will be to check that maintenance issues have been attended to and that residents are properly maintaining their apartments. Apartments should be cleaned regularly and trash must be removed from the unit promptly and discarded in the closest dumpster. Any new or outstanding maintenance concerns should be attached to your apartment door or refrigerator. It is not possible to schedule specific times for our visit. Check the calendar for your buildings schedule.

Zipcar

Yale has entered into an agreement with **Zipcar, Inc.** Their goal is to reduce the number of student and faculty cars on campus and to provide Yale affiliates with cheaper, greener transportation options. The fuel efficient cars are available to all faculty, staff and students at 5 campus locations 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Cars may be reserved up to 4 days at a time with an hourly rate of \$8.50. All gas, insurance and maintenance costs are included in an annual membership charge of \$35. For more information on how to become a member visit www.zipcar.com/yale or email yale.transit@yale.edu.





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					Esplanade Preschool Playgroup	Yale Football!
	1 Whitehall Preschool Playgroup	2	3	4	5	6
	Columbus Day			Esplanade Cooking Night!	Esplanade Preschool Playgroup	
7	8 Whitehall Preschool Playgroup	9	10	11	12	13
East End Hike	Inspections				Esplanade Preschool Playgroup	
	Whitehall	Mansfield	Esplanade	York Crown & Berkeley		
14	15 Whitehall Preschool Playgroup	16	17	18 WOMEN'S Self Defense	19 Parent's weekend	20
	Esplanade Cooking Night!				Esplanade Preschool Playgroup	
21	22 Whitehall Preschool Playgroup	23	24	25 MEN'S Self Defense	26 Mansfield Happy Hour	27
Fall Foliage Hike			Halloween			
28	29 Whitehall Preschool Playgroup	30	31 Esplanade Trick or Treat			

Things to do in October

Whitehall Preschool Playgroup meets every Monday in the Community Room (535-5) from 10 am-12 pm.

Esplanade Preschool Playgroup meets every Friday in the Mansfield Community Room, (295D) at 10 am

10/6, Yale vs. Dartmouth, 12:30 pm Yale Bowl.

10/11, Esplanade Cooking Night! Apples and Pumpkin/Squash! 6:30 pm in the Mansfield Community room (295D),

10/14, East End Hike, (over seldom visited trails) 1:30 pm, Sleeping Giant State Park, FREE, 272-7841, Bring snacks and water.

10/22, Esplanade Cooking Night! Learn how to prepare Sushi! 6:30 pm in the Mansfield Community room (295D),

10/26, Mansfield Wine & Cheese Happy Hour!, 5-7 pm, Mansfield Community Room (295D) Please RSVP by Oct 19th to stephanie.blair@yale.edu

10/28, Fall Foliage Hike, 1:30 p.m. Sleeping Giant State Park, FREE, 272-7841. Dress for the weather and wear comfortable supportive shoes. Bring snacks and water.

10/31, Esplanade Trick or Treat, 6:30 pm, contact Amy Whitaker for details, 710-6859



Self Defense Workshop

Graduate Housing will be offering a Self Defense workshop this month.

The workshop will teach risk reduction and realistic self-defense techniques. Two 1 1/2 hour sessions have been scheduled. One for men and one for women and will provide students with simple but effective self defense strategies for various scenarios. **Residents are strongly urged to attend this very important program.**

[Self Defense for Women Thursday, 10/18](#)
[Self Defense for Men Thursday, 10/25](#)

Both sessions will be held at Helen Hadley Hall, 420 Temple Street, 7-8:30 pm.