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GFH Thanksgiving Potluck

Jenny Douglas

GFH is celebrating tradition and culture on **Monday, November 10 at 6pm** in the **International House!** Bring your friends and family to this potluck dinner. We ask that everyone **brings a favorite dish to share**, whether it be an old family recipe or your favorite international dish. GFH will provide plates and silverware,

but the food that we eat is left up to you! We look forward to seeing a lot of people at the International House next week!

This program is in place of November's Community Council meeting. There will be an opportunity for you to voice concerns about the community during dinner. As always,

individual apartment issues should be brought to the attention of your manager. The contact information for each manager can be found on the last page of this newsletter!



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Office Hours

The office hours for each village are posted outside the office door. If you leave a phone message, you can expect that it will be handled as soon as someone gets into the office. There are several ways for you to communicate your needs to us! Just pick up the phone, send us an e-mail, or stop by the office!

GFH Art Exhibit

Satya Atluri

Art is the process or product of deliberately and creatively arranging elements in a way that appeals to the senses or emotions, especially beauty. In its narrow sense, the word art most often refers specifically to the visual arts, including media such as painting, sculpture, and printmaking. However, "the arts" may also encompass a diverse range of human activities, creations, and modes of expression, including

music and literature. Every individual has certain type of artistic ability; it is hidden or improved based on the available resources and support. We, GFH team are making an effort to encourage the resident's artistic ability by giving an opportunity to exhibit their arts in the forthcoming event in the month of December. So guys please be ready for the event which is going to give a nice opportunity

for your artistic ability to be known by your neighbors. Your works will be appreciated by awarding prizes. Kids will have a special room for their art exhibition. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to see you all in our art exhibit (Date will be announced soon). If you have any questions, you can come and talk to me in 2-106, Lamoine village. Make this event successful by your participation.

Volunteering in Macomb

David Weaver

Would you believe that by volunteering the same amount time it takes to watch a rerun of “Friends” on TV, you could make a lasting, positive impact on another person’s life? Volunteering just 30 minutes a week with one of the many worthwhile organizations in Macomb can make a big difference in this community. Wherever your interests lie, mentoring kids, helping animals, or working for social justice, human rights and the environment, there is something meaningful waiting for you to discover.

Volunteering is beneficial in more ways than one. By volunteering, people get the opportunity to learn new skills, enhance their résumé, try out possible career paths and network with community members. Volunteer positions can even turn into paid work, internships, or valuable references.

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Here is a brief list of local organizations that need volunteers on an ongoing basis:

Big Brothers Big Sisters - 837-KIDS
 Volunteer Now - 836-3754
 Western's All Volunteer Effort (WAVE) - 298-3287
 McDonough District Hospital - 836-1579
 Countryview Care Center (Nursing Home) - 837-2386
 Macomb Park District - 833-4562
 Macomb Public Library - 833-2714

Even with a busy schedule you can have your cake and eat it too! Giving a little of your time is a generous gift that won’t go unnoticed. Volunteering is personally rewarding and enriching, not to mention, it’s great for career advancement too.



Spraying over Thanksgiving Break

Pest control will be spraying every apartment over Thanksgiving break. The purpose of this spray is so that the bugs that try to move inside for the winter will go away. There will be more details to come and there will be an option to schedule the time that your apartment is sprayed so that you can be present. Once the details are worked out, we will e-mail you that information, so be on the lookout!

You can contribute to the Village Voice!

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Indoor Fun for the Winter

Keith Luecht

As we enter into November and Thanksgiving begins to draw near, the weather begins to turn a little chillier. While this means that less time will be spent outside enjoying beautiful weather, it doesn't mean that you have to be coupled up in your apartment all day. I want to tell you about a great option of what to do as we move indoors.

The I would like to suggest to you to go visit a local coffee shop. There are four quality places to go in Macomb, two of which are right off of campus. Adams Street Coffee is on Adams Street just east of campus and offers a nice variety of drinks and food. It has a cozy,

comfortable feel to it and is very popular with students. Café Aroma is located by the northeast corner of campus on University Drive. It has a Starbucks feel to it and offers a wide variety of drinks and also grilled paninis and wraps. If you're willing to go a little further from campus, the Little Java House offers a wide assortment of drinks that are quite good, and although seating is limited it is a fun place to go with a friend. Finally there is Sullivan Taylor on the square. It



offers a classic coffee house feel with art, couches, books, large drink menu, pastries, and some basic sandwiches. Don't feel that you have to love coffee to go to one of these places, in fact I don't even like coffee, but I have found that there is a great assortment of warm and chilled drinks that each one of these places serve that are quite tasty. Drinks like steamers, hot chocolate, Italian soda, and smoothies all offer great coffee free tastes. Bring a friend or a book and enjoy a nice warm relaxing place to be as the weather begins to chill. Stay for a while and enjoy being out of the apartment, yet still very comfortable.

Intent to Vacate?

If you plan to vacate your apartment at the end of the Fall 2008 semester, you must come to the GFH Office in Seal Hall no later than **Friday, November 21** to file your intent to vacate form. The last day to vacate your apartment is Monday, December 22, 2008. An intent to vacate form must be filed and a check-out date and time must be scheduled in the GFH Office. Changes in

this time must be made with the GFH Office at least one week in advance of your check-out time or the day you wish to move, whichever is first. Failure to follow these procedures will result in forfeiture of your deposit and an improper check-out fee.



Communicate!

If you have any sort of issue with your apartment, we want to know about it! Be in contact with your manager so we can make your living experience the best it can possibly be!

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