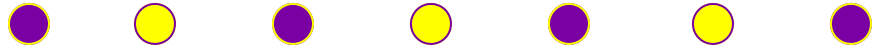


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Community Council

We're going green!

Future issues of Village Voice will only be available online!

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Click "Village Voice"

If you are interested in taking on a leadership role in Community Council, e-mail me!

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Semester Schedule

September 29
October 27
November 17

All meetings are in the Billiards room in the basement of the Union from 7-9pm.

Community Council is back!

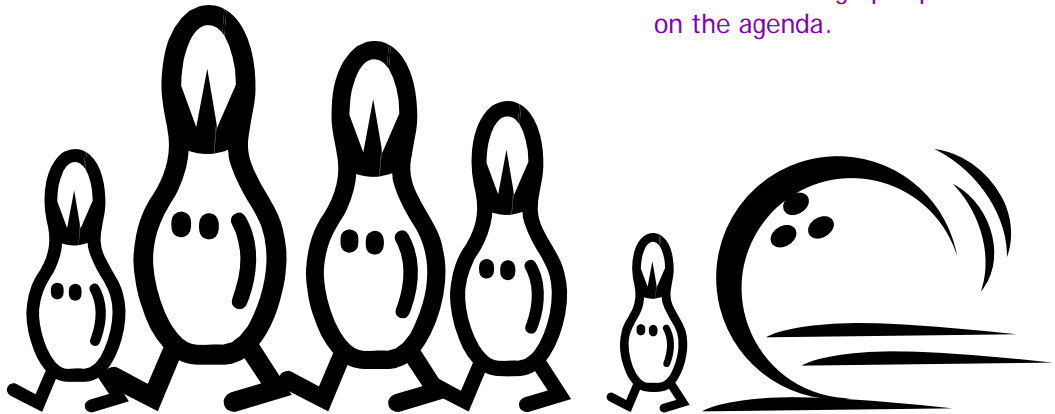
It's an opportunity to voice your concerns and opinions. It's an opportunity to socialize with your neighbors. It's an opportunity to spice up your Monday night with bowling! The first meeting is September 29 from 7-9. We are going to start out in the billiards room with time for open forum. What is going well in your community? What can be improved? Come to Community Council to have your voice be heard! We will start bowling at 7:45. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend to have your voice heard!

If you would like to submit a topic for the agenda please e-mail Jenny at JM-Douglas@wiu.edu

There will be a chance to bring up topics not on the agenda.

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Meet Your Staff

George P. Holman

Assistant Director of Residential Life
Seal Hall

George P. is in his 7th year at WIU, serving the department as an Assistant Director of Residence Life. Prior to this, George P. served as an Area Coordinator and a Complex Director of Thompson Hall for three years. George P. is also responsible for supervising the Graduate and Family Housing Staff. George P. did his undergraduate at Western Illinois University and his graduate work at Ball State University in Muncie, IN. In his spare time George P. enjoys building his own furniture, golfing, and working on his 1969 Chevy Camaro.

Patrick Walsh

Resident Director
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Hey everyone my name is Patrick Walsh. Right now I am sitting at the Old Dairy coffee shop in Macomb, Illinois and thinking about how excited I am to be working with you all in Graduate and Family Housing. I just started my second year of graduate school and am working toward my Masters of Science in College Student Personnel. My hope is that one day I will be a Dean of Students at a small private college but this dream is still far away. At WIU, I work in Residence Life as the International House, Resident Director. I am especially excited to be working with Graduate and Family Housing and collaborating with the staff to bring you fun and exciting programs. Just last year I helped to coordinate St. Baldrick's, which is a campus fundraiser at which participants shave their heads to raise money for kids' cancer research. Long story short, the hair has grown back nicely, although I am finding a lot of gray hairs! I consider myself a very active person, especially in the summer. I love to play volleyball, ultimate Frisbee and baseball, and I am also really into hiking. After graduating from St. Olaf college, my best friend and I celebrated by going on a hiking trip throughout Greece.



Sara Featherlin

GFH Clerk
Seal Hall

Hi, I'm Sara the clerk for Graduate and Family Housing. I work in Seal Hall and handle all of the paperwork for check-ins and check-outs as well as the work order requests. In my time off of WIU I work at Walmart. In my free time I like to read and I love to spend time with my nieces and nephew.

David Weaver

Resident Manager
University Village
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Hello, I'm David Weaver, the Resident Manager in University Village. I'm married and my wife Sarah and I don't have any kids yet. I'm a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer and graduate of WIU with a master's in economics. As a Peace Corps volunteer I served in the beautiful Balkan nation of Albania in the field of health education, and during my time there learned the Albanian language. I'm currently pursuing two post baccalaureate certificates, one in community development and one in African world studies. When I finish up I intend to pursue a career in student development or take the US State Department Foreign Service exam and work in economic diplomacy. As a new manager and resident here at University Village, I know I have not yet been able to greet and welcome all of my University Village neighbors. I'm eager to meet each of you and I sincerely look forward to serving the Graduate and Family Housing campus community in the coming months.

When I am not outside, I spend my time drinking coffee, looking for music concerts to attend, doing Sudoku, trying to figure out Lost or occasionally playing videogames. I am thrilled to be spending another year at WIU. I am only at Western for a little while longer but, along with the rest of the Residence life Staff, I plan on helping to make it another great one in Graduate and Family Housing.

Nik Kuster

Resident Manager
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My name is Nikolous Kuster. I am the Resident Manager in Building 3 at Lamoine Village. I live in apartment 3-111 with my beautiful wife Ina and our 2 year old daughter Shaylee. In October we will be adding our second child to the mix, a boy named Atticus. I am finishing my Masters degree in Clinical Psychology. I have one year left and for that one year I am doing a professional internship in Carthage. I like spending time with my family, listening to loud and annoying music and drawing and painting. I also like people and encourage you to come to me with any problems you have with your apartment over the course of the year. I look forward to working with you over the next year.



Daniel Woldegiorgis

Resident Manager
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My name is Daniel Woldegiorgis and I am originally from Eritrea East Africa. But I have lived here in USA for most of my life. I have served in the US Army military for about eight and half years active, and in the National Guard for the last two years. I am in my second year of my undergraduate school year. This is my first semester as a building manager. I want you to email me any time when you have issues with the apartment.



Satya Atluri

Resident Manager
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Hello friends, I am Satyasri Atluri, Resident manager for Lamoine village building 2. I am from India and working on my Masters in Kinesiology at Western. I love travelling new places and enjoying the nature. I enjoy chatting with friends and playing with kids. I am staying in 2-206 Lamoine village. My office hours are on Monday and Wednesday 8.00am to 10.30am in 2-216 Lamoine village. I am friendly and always ready to help. Contact me at S-Atluri@wiu.edu for assistance regarding the problems in your apartment. Have a wonderful semester.



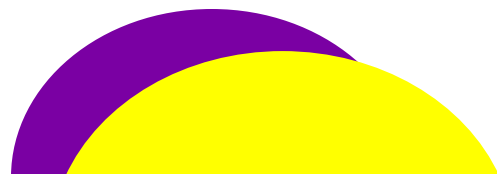
Jenny Douglas

Assistant Complex Director
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Hey everyone! I am in my first year of grad school and I am studying College Student Personnel. I graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a degree in psychology last December. I am an avid Cubs fan, so it was a pretty good summer and I hope that it continues into October. I love going to stand-up comedy and improv shows as well as watching Denzel Washington films. I am really excited to

be at WIU and working with the GFH community. I look forward to working closely with the community council and each of you to make it a fantastic year in the villages! Feel free to stop by the East/University office in UV18 if you need anything at all, we are here to help you!



Joe Haferman

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Hi! My name is Joe Haferman and I am the Assistant Complex Director for Lamoine Village. I am originally from Wisconsin Rapids, WI (right in the center of the state) and have a bachelor of science in political science from UW-La Crosse. I am currently a second year student in the College Student Personnel graduate program at

WIU. Graduate and Family Housing has a great staff this year, and I would encourage you to talk to any one of us if you have any problems, or would just like to talk. I certainly looking forward to working with and for all of you and if you need anything please do not hesitate to bring anything to my attention.

Keith Luecht

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Hi! I'm Keith. I'm been living in Macomb with my wife for the past three years. We were married in 2004 and just celebrated four years together. I'm currently a master's student studying education and am also getting certified to be a PE teacher—it's a long process. If everything goes right, though, I should be all finished in May. I also did my undergrad here at Western in broadcasting and sociology. The past two years I was the women's soccer grad assistant. I enjoy playing guitar and writing music—let me know if you ever want get together to do music sometime. I'm looking forward to a great year and definitely want to get to know everyone, so stop by whenever. Have a great day.

Office Hours

Lamoine Village

Monday — 8:00-10:30a
Tuesday — 9:00-11:30a
Wednesday — 8:00-10:30a
Thursday — 9:00a-11:30a, 1:30-3:30p
Friday — 8:00a-12:00p

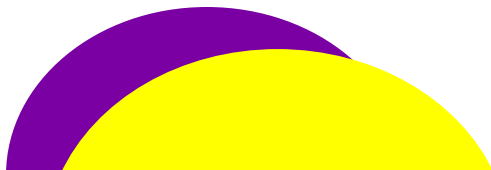
East/University Village

'A' Week

Monday — 8:30-9:45a, 6:30-7:30p
Tuesday — 8:30-9:45a, 5:00-7:00p
Wednesday — 8:30-9:45a, 2:00-6:00p
Thursday — 8:30-9:45a, 10:00a-12:00p, 1:00-2:45p, 5:00-8:00p
Friday — 10:45a-12:00p

'B' Week

Monday — 8:30-9:45a, 10:00a-12:00p
Tuesday — 8:30-9:45a, 5:00-7:00p
Wednesday — 8:30-9:45a, 2:00-5:00p
Thursday — 8:30-9:45a, 10:00a-12:30p, 5:00-8:00p
Friday — 9:00-11:30a



The schedule is posted outside of the office and indicates whether it is an 'A' week or a 'B' week. The weeks alternate and the week of September 15 is an 'A' Week.

New Humidity Control Guidelines

Due to the location of your apartment and the type of ventilation systems that are in your building, University Housing is requiring the following procedures to be followed. Failure to follow these procedures may result in the introduction of mold spores to your apartment. If the procedures are not properly followed, you may be responsible for damage and cleanup to University property or University furniture. Following these procedures will reduce humidity and mitigate conditions for mold growth.

These guidelines are to be followed during the months of June, July, August, and September.

Windows are to remain closed. This is true of all windows in bedroom, living room, or screen entrance door.

Air conditioning is to remain on at all times. We appreciate the potential cost savings to the University by turning off the air conditioning during times you may be away from your apartment. However, we now require that all air conditioning units remain on and cooling during these summer months. If you believe that your air conditioning unit is not working properly, please call 298-3331 immediately.

During these four months, if you are leaving for more than 4 days, we now require that you notify our office at 298-3331. While you are away, we will enter your apartment to empty your dehumidifier and ensure that your air conditioning is running properly.

Any water leaks or other liquid spills must be cleaned up immediately.

If you have a dehumidifier in your apartment we require that these are emptied daily to assist in keeping the humidity at the proper levels. If you don't have a dehumidifier in your apartment but would like one, we will supply a dehumidifier at no charge.

If at any time you see or experience moisture or water leaks on your floor, windows, bathroom etc., because of condensation, water pipe leaks, or air conditioner leaks, please call our office and we will get a technician out to repair the problem.

If at any time you see the introduction of mold on your walls, countertops, or ceiling, please notify our office immediately. We will assist in helping clean the area.

Keeping the Mold Out

Keep your apartment cool and dry in order to prevent mold from growing!

September can be a hot, humid time, especially in Lamoine since it is so close to the river. Mold growth is encouraged by warm and humid conditions. It is likely to grow and become a problem where there is water damage, high humidity, or dampness. It is estimated that about 50 to 100 common indoor mold types have the potential for creating health problems. Exposure to molds can cause symptoms such as nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, or wheezing. Some people, such as those with serious allergies to molds, may have more severe reactions. There are several things you can

do to keep the mold out of your apartment. You should run your air conditioner, especially if you're going to be out of town for a while. If you have a dehumidifier in your apartment run it too, on the humid days the bucket will fill up fast, so make sure to empty it regularly. Mold begins to show in most of the apartments first on the ceilings, especially in the bathroom and right in front of the living room window. If you begin to notice mold in your apartment, let your manager know right away.

FIX IT!

Our online room repair request system has changed a bit. Please make sure that you fill out a request as soon as you discover the problem OR call Sara at 8-3331. Keep in mind that Sara works Monday through Friday 8:00a to 4:30p and the repair people are here Monday through Friday 7:00a to 3:30p. Please be as detailed as possible in your description of your problem. If you have an

emergency, please call OPS at 8-1949 so they can page the building manager on duty.

<http://www.student.services.wiu.edu/uhds/gfh/current/repair/>



What's Coming Up?

Monday, September 15

3:30p or 7:00p — Science Fiction Film Series, Malpass Library Room 180:

"Invasion of the Body Snatchers"

Tuesday, September 16

12:30p—Sustainability Brown Bag, Malpass Library Room 180

Thursday, September 18

7:00p — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

8:00p — Club Wetzel, The Underground in Bayliss-Henninger

Friday, September 19

Family Weekend Begins

6:00p — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Saturday, September 20

6:05p — GFH goes to the football game!

Sunday, September 21

4:00p — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Monday, September 22

3:30p or 7:00p — Science Fiction Film Series, Malpass Library Room 180:

"1984"

Tuesday, September 23

11:45 — WIU Founders' Day Luncheon and Program

12:30p—Sustainability Brown Bag, Malpass Library Room 180

Thursday, September 25

7:00p — "Made of Honor," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Friday, September 26

7:00p — "Made of Honor," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Saturday, September 27

7:00p — "Made of Honor," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Sunday, September 28

4:00p — "Made of Honor," Sandburg Theatre in the Union

Monday, September 29

3:30p — Science Fiction Film Series, Malpass Library Room 180: "Village of the Damned"

Big Pink Starts

7:00p — Community Council in the Billiards Room, Union

Tuesday, September 30

12:30p—Sustainability Brown Bag, Malpass Library Room 180

If you would like to add an event to the Village Voice calendar, e-mail us! We would love to support you in your campus or community involvement!



Reminders

- Lamoine Village and East Village apartments need to have 2/3 (the living room and bedroom) carpeted. It will help to cut down on noise problems!
- Don't forget to take your garbage out to the dumpsters!
- There is a waiting list for dehumidifiers and Sara is working to make sure that everyone is being taken care of.
- We are following the rules set in place by the Student Government Association for lock-outs. In accordance with their rules, the first time you lock

yourself out, it's free. Every time after costs \$15, which will be billed to your student account.

- Your lease says you must leave your air conditioner on and windows closed during the months of June, July, August and September. Even though the temperature is cooling down, please make sure you are leaving your air conditioner on and your windows closed through the month of September. In addition, if you'll be gone for more than four days this month, you must notify the Seal Hall office at 298-3331.

GOT BUGS?

Tell your manager

immediately

so we can contact pest control and get that taken care of for you!

WE'RE ON THE WEB!

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