



# Under Our Roof Parent Newsletter

The Department of Housing Services, DePaul University



Fall 2015

## A Note From the Director

Greetings to all of our parents and guardians receiving our first quarterly newsletter for the 2015-2016 academic year. My name is Rick Moreci and I am the Director of Housing Services. This is one of my favorite times of year to be not only in Chicago but also at DePaul University. The temperatures are cooling and the leaves are changing colors. This time of year also marks new beginnings. Our freshmen and transfer students are getting settled into their routines of going to class, studying, making new friends and hopefully taking advantage of DePaul's many opportunities to get involved. This may be more familiar to parents and guardians of our returning students, but the excitement of a new school year is still ever present.

One of the most prominent goals in our department's strategic plan over the past three years has been

to ensure that our communication with parents and guardians remains open and transparent. This newsletter is just one of several ways we work to accomplish this goal. Our dedicated staff of professionals is happy to speak with parents and guardians one on one should you need our assistance. We value your input and look forward to hearing from you throughout the year. Thank you for allowing us to serve your students in our residence hall communities.

Yours in service,

Rick Moreci  
Director, Housing Services  
DePaul University



## Winter Break Information

Below is basic Lincoln Park winter break information, but please note, we will be providing additional information on our website and directly to your student prior to winter break. **Residents do not need to move all of their belongings out of their unit during break.**

### Traditional-Style Halls:

Residents living in Belden-Racine Hall\*, Clifton-Fullerton Hall, Corcoran Hall, Munroe Hall, Seton Hall and University Hall are required to vacate their room by noon on Wednesday, November 25, 2015. At the end of fall quarter, residents who will be returning for the winter quarter may leave their belongings in their room and will need to take their key home. Once residence halls are closed at the conclusion of fall quarter, **residents will not be able to access their room until the halls reopen for the winter quarter.**

*\*Belden-Racine Hall is open during December Intersession for those residents who have been approved to stay by completing a December Intersession agreement.*



### Apartment-Style Halls:

For the entire winter break period (November 25, 2015 – January 2, 2016), residents of Centennial Hall, McCabe Hall, Sanctuary Hall, Sanctuary Townhomes, Sheffield Square Apartments, University Center and the Vincent and Louise House may remain on campus.

### Returning to campus for winter quarter:

Residents living in traditional halls may return to Lincoln Park campus housing beginning 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 2, 2016. Housing Services will be sending information about advance check-in for winter quarter to **all** residents prior to this date (excluding University Center residents).

## Housing Services Happenings

Summer and fall are busy times for our department. Catch a glimpse of what move-in day looked like, as well students at the Blue Demon Community Meeting!



## Fall and Winter Dates

Fall Quarter Move-Out.....	Wednesday, November 25, 2015, noon
December Intersession Move-Out.....	Friday, December 18, 2015, 5 p.m.
Housing Services Main Office Closes.....	Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 5 p.m.
Winter Quarter Move-In.....	Saturday, January 2, 2016, 9 a.m.
Housing Services Main Office Reopens.....	Monday, January 4, 2016, 9 a.m.

## October is Fire Safety Month

During fall quarter, Housing Services emphasizes the importance of fire safety on campus. We carry out fire drills, in-hall education and publicity. We also like to partner with parents and guardians to help us highlight fire safety. Please encourage your student to review the fire safety section located in his or her Guide to Student Housing, which was handed out to residents at move in and is posted online (see right column).

Some personal items present dangers to the health and safety of the on-campus housing community. Residents using hair dryers, curling irons or hair-straightening irons are not permitted to leave them unattended while in use, and irons must be unplugged when not in use. For fire safety reasons, and to prevent electrical overloading, the following items are prohibited in all residential units on campus:

- Candles, whether lit or unlit
- Portable heaters and electric blankets
- Extension cords, outlet adapters or multiple plugs, except for power strips with built-in circuit breakers
- Halogen bulbs and halogen floor or desk lamps
- Electrical appliances without a "UL Certified" label for safety
- When plugged in and used in non-kitchen rooms: sandwich makers/grills, hot plates, rice cookers, slow cookers, waffle makers, toasters and other similar cooking tools
- For the complete list, see the Guide to Student Housing

Should Lincoln Park student housing staff discover any prohibited items in a unit, they may remove them or disable them with an appliance-locking device on sight. Additionally, residents may be cited for an electrical violation. Some violations incur a \$150 fee (covered smoke detectors, burning candles, etc.). We encourage parents and guardians to talk to students about fire safety and the importance of understanding prohibited items in housing.



*Pictured above: Residents participate in a fire drill.*

## General Reminders

- ✓ Learn more about campus housing policies by viewing the Guide to Student Housing, located on our website at [offices.depaul.edu/housing](http://offices.depaul.edu/housing) (click on Resident Resources, Guides). For the University Center, go to [universitycenter.com/current-residents/student-handbook](http://universitycenter.com/current-residents/student-handbook).
- ✓ We love it when parents and guardians follow us on our social media outlets! To stay informed on important information, follow us on:

**Facebook:** [facebook.com/DePaulHousing](https://facebook.com/DePaulHousing)  
**Twitter:** [@DePaulHousing](https://twitter.com/DePaulHousing)



## FAQ CORNER

### What is the guest policy in my student's residence hall? How many guests are allowed?

To maintain safety, we strictly monitor access in our residence halls. Guests must provide state, government or DePaul-issued photo identification, and residents must sign in and escort their guests at all times. In our Lincoln Park residence halls, a resident may have a maximum of two guests at any given time, and there is a two-night limit within any 14-day period. To have more than two guests at a given time or to have a guest stay more than two nights, a resident must request approval by submitting the form located at [tinyurl.com/dpuguestform](http://tinyurl.com/dpuguestform). Request forms must be submitted Monday through Thursday and at least one business day in advance of the guest's arrival. Once the form is submitted, Housing Services staff will contact the resident with notice of whether a request has been approved. For the guest policy for University Center (Loop) residents, visit the University Center handbook at [universitycenter.com/current-residents/student-handbook](http://universitycenter.com/current-residents/student-handbook).

***Do you have any questions for Housing Services? Email us at [housing@depaul.edu](mailto:housing@depaul.edu).***



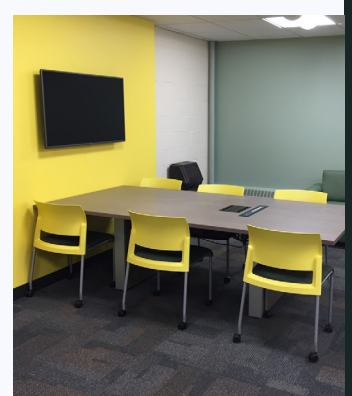
## Residence Hall Improvements at DePaul University

Summer break is a perfect time to work on projects that will improve housing quality for our residents on both campuses. Below are some highlights of recent updates:

**Laundry:** New machines were installed across our Lincoln Park Campus, and laundry is now included for on-campus residents. Residents can also use LaundryView, a new feature that lets them monitor laundry room and machine usage from a computer or smart phone by visiting [laundryview.com/depaul](http://laundryview.com/depaul).

**Technology lounges:** Three new technology lounges were installed over the summer in Centennial Hall, Clifton-Fullerton Hall and University Hall, bringing the total to eight across campus. Each lounge includes a large HDTV and a table with connections for multiple cables, allowing students to hook up their devices and collaborate on group projects or enjoy social time.

**University Center dining hall:** The space underwent a multiphase renovation from December 2014 through July to add a retail convenience store, expand seating capacity, introduce new food stations and increase choices for special dietary needs. Other updates included new flooring, lighting and seating areas.



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