

FALL 2019 QUALITY-OF-LIFE LETTER TO UVM STUDENTS

Dear UVM Students,

On behalf of the Student Government Association, the Dean of Students Office, and the Burlington Police Department, we want to warmly welcome all returning and in-coming students. We are excited to have you on campus and in the city of Burlington. Along with our partners, including, the Office of Student and Community Relations and Residential Life, we are providing you with the resources below to ease your transition on and off campus. Throughout the year we will be offering programs to help you and your neighbors enjoy our beautiful city and build a community together.

The City is a diverse place with students, professionals, retirees, families, and a host of others living in close quarters. Each brings something special to make Burlington among the most vibrant places in the nation. Your efforts to ensure that our neighborhoods remain great places to live, play, study, work and yes - sleep - are greatly appreciated!"

As we enter the 2019-2020 academic year, we would like to share with you the quality-of-life initiatives that are in place to make the opening of the academic year a smooth and kind one for all members of the community:

Each fall university and city partners join together to provide education, outreach, and resources to address the challenges of:

- Personal safety (see pgs. 17 to 22 in the [Off Campus Living Guide](#) and the [StepUP: Bystander Intervention Program](#))
- Housing safety and tenant rights and responsibilities (see the [Off Campus Living Guide](#) and attend an [Off Campus Living Workshop](#))
- Noise in the neighborhoods (e.g., “[Have a Heart](#)” campaign)
- Underage drinking and drinking in public areas/on the street (see pgs. 23 and 24 in the [Off Campus Living Guide](#))
- Transportation and Parking (see pgs. 22, 25, and 26 in the [Off Campus Living Guide](#))
- Trash and proper recycling (see pgs. 26 and 27 in the [Off Campus Living Guide](#))
 - You can also go to [See/Click/Fix](#) to report non-emergency issues and submit requests for service, such as potholes, graffiti, malfunctioning traffic signals, or abandoned vehicles.
- Addressing neighborhood conflicts (e.g., conflict resolution services of the [Burlington Police Dept. Community Affairs Liaison](#) and the [UVM Office of Student and Community Relations](#))
- [Cannabis: What Students Need to Know](#)

In addition to the above resources, specialized enforcement efforts will take place to insure that the laws and ordinances that are designed to create safer and healthier neighborhoods for all are respected. Those initiatives include:

- Quality-of-life foot patrols targeting noise, underage and public drinking, and parking issues.
- Bicycle patrols
- Extra cruiser patrols
- Joint patrols between UVM and Burlington Police
- UVM-BPD-Code Enforcement joint response to houses that are identified by police reports as having caused repeat disturbances in neighborhoods

The City has in place the following ordinances that support the peace and safety of our neighborhoods:

- **Burlington Noise Ordinance:** it is applied 24 hours a day with special "quiet hours" from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
 - General Noise Fines range from \$200 to \$500
 - Party/Social Noise Fines range from \$300 to \$500 and everyone on a lease can be fined.
- **Alcohol Violations:** Burlington police also do enforcement for underage drinking, furnishing alcohol to minors, and public intoxication.

We are hopeful that with extra attention given to both the education and enforcement initiatives that all students and their neighbors will enjoy a safe and harmonious fall season. For more information, including informational brochures, and downloadable "Off Campus Living Guide" visit the UVM Office of Student and Community Relations web site at <https://www.uvm.edu/oscr>.

We wish you a great year ahead,

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