

FALL 2015 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 will be providing you with resources that will ease your transition on and off campus. And we will be offering programs that will help you and the residents of Burlington enjoy our beautiful city and build a community together.

The City is a diverse place with students, professionals, retirees, children, 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 play, live, study, work and yes - sleep - are greatly appreciated!"

As we enter the 2015-2016 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 these partners join together to provide education and outreach in efforts such as door-to-door fliers, e-mail newsletters, and off-campus-living workshops. Material is distributed and initiatives are carried out to help address the challenges of:

- Personal safety (e.g., "Crime Prevention Tip Sheet")
- Housing safety and tenant rights and responsibilities (e.g., Off Campus Living Workshops and Off Campus Living Survival Guide)
- Noise in the neighborhoods (e.g., "Have a Heart" campaign)
- Underage drinking and drinking in public areas/on the street (e.g., StepUP: Think/Care/Act marketing campaign)
- Parking (e.g., Parking Regulations section of the Off Campus Living Survival Guide)
- Trash and proper recycling (e.g., "The Guide to Sustainable Living in Burlington")
- Addressing neighborhood conflicts (e.g., conflict resolution services of the Burlington Community Support Program and the UVM Office of Student and Community Relations)

In addition to the educational campaigns underway, specialized enforcement details will also be deployed to strictly enforce the laws and ordinances that are designed to create a foundation for a high quality-of-life in Burlington. Those initiatives include:

- Roving 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

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 Survival Guide” visit the UVM Office of Student and Community Relations web site at <http://www.uvm.edu/~oscr/>

We wish you a great year ahead,

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