

WHISPER IN THE WOODS

DECEMBER 2008
HOLIDAY EDITION



NJIT

**TIS' THE SEASON
FOR THEIVING!
PROTECT YOUR STUFF**

**BECOMING A CA/RA
ATTEND AN INFORMA-
TION SESSION**

**ROOM SELECTION
SELECTING YOUR
ROOM FOR 09-10**

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is always a busy time of the year for everyone. Making time to study for final exams, preparing to graduate, finding time to shop for gifts and managing priorities during this hectic time of the year always makes everyone eagerly anticipate the much deserved winter recess. Fortunately winter break is once again on the horizon... the last day of the semester is fast approaching, before you know it **December 19th** will be here.

In anticipation of the close of the fall semester, the Residence Life staff is working diligently to ensure a smooth 'closing' for all of the resident students. Whether you are returning to the halls, staying over the break period, or graduating, there are a few steps you need to take. For those students who are not returning to the residence halls for the spring semester, please note that you should make arrangements to vacate your room by **12 p.m. on Friday, December 19th, 2008.**

The Residence Life staff will be conducting health and safety inspections for all rooms throughout the week of December 15-19. Any student who is leaving for all or part of the break period should be sure to complete the 'Resident Checklist' below. As a reminder meal plans ARE NOT active during the break period.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

RESIDENT CHECKLIST BEFORE GOING HOME...



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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAKE OUT ALL TRASH & RECYCLING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLOSE WINDOWS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAKE VALUABLES HOME | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLEAN YOUR ROOM/SUITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNPLUG ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TURN OFF THE LIGHTS |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LOCK YOUR ROOM/SUITE DOORS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CHECK-OUT WITH THE RA/CA |

HAPPY HOLIDAYS MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY HANUKKAH MERRY KWANZAA HAPPY NEW YEAR

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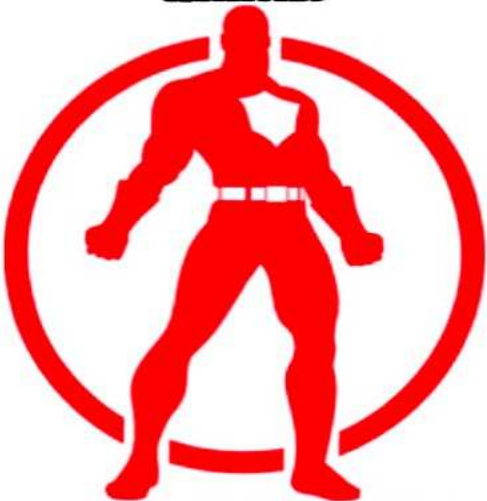
PUBLIC SAFETY LIAISON PROGRAM

Over the last few years Residence Life office and the Department of Public Safety have worked collaboratively to ensure that the residence halls are safe and secure. The safety and comfort of all of our residents is an extremely important priority for the University. Residence Life and Public Safety have once again partnered up to implement the 'Public Safety Officer Liaison' program. The PSOL program is designed to increase the visibility of Public Safety within the residence halls, implement programming initiatives and introduce the students to the Public Safety Officers in a more personal way. Each hall has its very own liaison.

Cypress Hall: Jerry Ramos
Laurel Hall: Eric DiFrancesco
Redwood Hall: Jay Bodie
Oak Hall: Meghan McCarthy

This semester, the liaisons have already hosted a number of programs in the residence halls. They have hosted a self-defense workshop, violence prevention workshop and the ever-popular 'Beer Goggles' program. Additionally, the liaisons have been busy attending RA/CA staff meetings, increasing patrols in the halls and serving popcorn during this years' Resident Student Appreciation Day. Mark Bullock, Cypress Residence Coordinator said, "I think it's great that the liaisons have really taken a proactive step in getting to know the residents. It makes everyone more at ease in approaching the officers and also gives the residents a sense of comfort in knowing that there is a police presence in the halls." In the spring, the liaisons plan to do more programming in the halls. Residents are encouraged to introduce themselves to the officers and ask questions if there ever have any.

**ORDINARY PEOPLE
DISCOVERING EXTRAORDINARY
ABILITIES**



SAVE THE RESIDENT...
SAVE THE WORLD

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN RA?

**Would you make a good Resident Assistant or Community Assistant?
Apply to be an RA or CA for the 2009-2010 Academic Year!**

The first step in the application process is gathering information about the position and the process that is used to select qualified candidates!
Make plans to attend ONE of the upcoming RA/CA Information Sessions:

Info Session:

Monday, January 26th @ 9pm
Redwood Study Lounge

Info Session:

Friday, January 30 @ 1pm
Laurel Meeting Room

***Attendance at one of the four info sessions is required!**

GREEN TIP OF THE WEEK

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY IDEAS THIS HOLIDAY

Every holiday season millions of Christmas trees, holiday cards, boxes and wrapping paper are used and then thrown away and most end up in city landfills or local dumps. In fact, 38,000 miles of ribbon alone are thrown out each year—enough to tie a bow around the Earth!

To help curb the deluge upon our landfills and dumps, we have found some suggestions for reducing and reusing this waste so we can all chip in and make our planet a better place now and in the future:

- Rather than buying ornaments, children can create their own from last years holiday cards, items around the house or from materials they may find in the backyard.
- Turn down the heat before guests arrive. You will save energy while the extra body heat of your guests will warm up the room.
- Buy items that can be recycled or reused, are not over-packaged, are durable, energy efficient, and NOT made of tropical woods such as teak, rosewood or mahogany. Toys that wind up or are rechargeable are also environmentally friendly.
- An artificial tree does not shed needles, does not need to be watered, and is a one-time investment that can save you money in years to come. You can even get pine scented candles to fill your home with the fragrances of the holidays.
- A living tree can be planted within ten days of being in the house, and the memories of Christmas with that tree can be regarded for years to come. Or you can donate the tree to a local school, park or community organization.
- Send presents in permanent boxes or gift bags, save and reuse the bags and boxes you receive.
- Look for cards, wrapping paper and gift tags that are made from recycled paper.
- Rather than storing unwanted gifts in the attic and throwing them away years later, donate them to a charity, and if you are unsure of a gift to give buy gift certificates. Or donate to an Environmental Organization in the name of one of your co-workers, friends or family.



CYPRESS HALL COUNCIL - NEW AIR HOCKEY TABLE!

BIG NEWS FROM THE CYPRESS HALL COUNCIL! You asked for it... and Hall Council delivered! Stop by Cypress Hall and check out the air hockey table courtesy of Cypress Hall Council. The new table was unveiled at the November 24th Hall Council meeting. Over 40 people came to the meeting/game night to enjoy free pizza and play pool, ping pong, and of course AIR HOCKEY!

AIR HOCKEY !!

HOSTED BY:
HALL COUNCIL

FOOD & PRIZES

**GAME TOURNAMENT TO INTRODUCE
NEW AIR HOCKEY TABLE!!**

RESIDENCE LIFE BENCH-MARKING SURVEY

Thank you to all of the residents that completed the E.B.I. Residence Life survey that was sent out in early November. Close to 60% of the resident students gave valuable feedback regarding, programming, security in the halls, their community, and food services. Congratulations to the following students, they won an **IPOD TOUCH** just for filling out the survey!

- Andrew Black
- In Kim
- Tyler Auten
- Ken Schreihofner

CONGRATULATIONS!

RESIDENCE LIFE
STUDENT SATISFACTION SURVEY
E.B.I. 2008
THANK YOU
COMPLETE THE SURVEY & ENTER TO WIN AN IPOD TOUCH
THE SURVEY LINK IS AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR NIIT EMAIL ACCOUNT. HAVING PROBLEMS COMPLETING THE SURVEY? EMAIL RESLIFE@NIIT.EDU.

GOURMET DINING SERVICES

Hours and information about food services.
FRIDAY, 12/19/08 THRU TUESDAY, 1/20/09

FRIDAY 12/19/08 - The following will close:

2:00 PM – FACULTY DINING
3:00 PM – LEAFS ,GRAINS AND HERSHEY’S
5:30 PM---C-STORE, TACO BELL, TECH CAFÉ, CONTINUOUS DINING, HIGHLANDER CLUB, THE GRILL, TRATTORIA

MONDAY 12/22/08 & TUESDAY 12/23/08

7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM – THE GRILL:
Breakfast 7:00 – 10:30; Lunch 11:00 – 2:00
7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM C-STORE
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TECH CAFE
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM GRAINS
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TACO BELL
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TRATTORIA

WEDNESDAY 12/24/08—SUNDAY 1/4/08
ALL SERVICES CLOSED

MONDAY 1/5/09-1/17/09

7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM THE GRILL
7:00 AM TO 2:00 PM C-STORE
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TECH CAFÉ
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM GRAINS
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TACO BELL
11:45 AM TO 2:00 PM UNIVERSITY CLUB
11:00 AM TO 2:00 PM TRATTORIA

SATURDAY 1/17/09 & SUNDAY 1/18/09 : CLOSED

MONDAY 1/19/09

CONTINUOUS DINING: 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM
C-STORE 11:00 AM to 1:00 AM

TUESDAY 1/20/09 Resume All Services

ONLINE ROOM SELECTION FOR FALL 2009—SPRING 2010 Quick Reference Guide

January 26–February 6, 2009

Go online to www.njit.edu/reslife. Click on the Online Housing Application and Contract. Enter your UCID and password to begin filling out the application. You must check your NJIT UCID and password prior to January 26, 2009 to make sure they are working properly.

Submit your housing application. You will receive a confirmation email, if you submitted it successfully. Students returning to housing for the fall 2009-spring 2010 **DO NOT have to pay the \$50.00 housing deposit**.

February 12-13, 2009

The links to applications listed below will be available the week of January 26, 2009

Squatting

If you are able to “squat” your room you will go to www.njit.edu/reslife, log on to the room selection website and select your current space.

Pull-in Application

If you “squat” your room and want to “pull-in” roommate(s) or suitemate(s) go to www.njit.edu/reslife, and log onto the **Pull-in Application** Site. You will need to enter your UCID and password to enter the application site.

Open Room Selection

If you are not able to “squat” your current space or you choose to participate in **Open Room Selection**, log onto the above website to find your lottery number and the date/time you will be able to select a room

Roommates

If you plan on going through **Open Room Selection**, you can go to the Residence Life Room Selection website and begin to select and match your roommates.

Single Rooms

If you want to apply for a **single room** you will go to www.njit.edu/reslife, and log onto the Single Room Application Site. You will need to enter your UCID and password to enter the application site.

February 19-25, 2009

If you are selecting roommate(s)/suitemate(s) you may do so during this time frame. Go to the Residence Life Room Selection website www.njit.edu/reslife and select them by entering the students last and/or first name or NJIT ID number.

Current residents who have not selected to “squat” their room will be allowed to participate in Open Room Selection via the web.

OPEN ROOM SELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE FROM FEBRUARY 25-26, 2009.

You will choose a room during your selected lottery date/time. You can locate your lottery date/time by logging onto the Residence Life website at www.njit.edu/reslife.

PLEASE REMEMBER, ONCE YOU SUBMIT YOUR HOUSING APPLICATION AND DECIDE TO CANCEL HOUSING THE CANCELLATION FEE IS \$750.00.

ROOM SELECTION LOTTERY

Extra points can help lower your lottery number for room selection.

DID YOU KNOW you can get EXTRA POINTS for Room Selection for being involved as a student leader or athlete, participating in community service or being an active member of RHA, Hall Council or the Peer Review Board. Start now... get involved and stay involved. These extra points can help lower your lottery number for room selection. Below is the point system. We will have the Community Involvement Form for signatures available later this semester and next semester. The Community Involvement Form will be due February 2, 2009 at 4:00 pm to the Residence Life Office.

Item	Description	Point Assignment
Academic Classification (at the end of the Fall 2008 semester)	Less than 12 credit hours completed	0
	At least 12 credit hours completed	1
	At least 36 credit hours completed	2
	At least 60 credit hours completed	3
	At least 80 credit hours completed	4
On Campus Residency	Number of regular semesters, including the current semester. Semesters do not need to be consecutive. Summer/Winter sessions are not included	1 point for each semester
Campus Involvement (only includes Student Organizations/Athletics recognized by NJIT) *You cannot receive points if you are receiving an athletic scholarship or if you are in a student paid/stipend position	Student Organization or Athletics	2
	Community Service (Only for current academic year)	1
	Active member of RHA, Hall Council, or the residence life Peer Review Board since the student has lived on campus (within current or 3 previous semesters)	1 point for each semester
Judicial Matters (within current or 3 previous semesters)	No disciplinary action (pending or resolved) on file with the Residence Life Office or the Dean of Students	3
	Two or fewer violations	2
	Four or fewer violations	1
	Housing Probation	0
Grade Point Average (a the end of the Fall 2008 semester)	< 2.5	0
	2.5 – 2.999	1
	3.0 – 3.499	2
	3.5 – 3.999	3
	4.0	4
YOUR TOTAL		?

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FORM
ROOM SELECTION SPRING 2009
NJIT Residence Life Office**

Print Full Name

NJIT ID

During the 2008-2009 academic school years, I was actively involved in the following (you only need to mention ONE for each category):

Student Organization Name (2pts.)
Contact #
Or Athletic Team Name
*You cannot receive points if you are
receiving an athletic scholarship or if
you are in a student paid/stipend position

Advisor Signature

Advisor

Advisor Print

RHA/Hall Council Member
Contact #
Peer Review Board
(1 pt/semester)

Advisor Signature

Advisor

Advisor Print

of Semesters

During the 2008-2009 academic school year, I was actively involved in the following on/off-campus community service (you only need to mention ONE community service to receive the point)

On/off-campus community
service

Advisor Signature

Phone #

Advisor Print

I understand that providing false information is an act of tampering with the Residence Life Office Room Selection process and your Housing Application and Contract, resulting in the loss of your eligibility of housing.

Signature

Date

**DUE TO THE RESIDENCE LIFE OFFICE by
February 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m., no exceptions**

***All forms must be filled out correctly and completely to be
considered for community involvement points.**

Office Use Only
Total Points _____
Initial _____

EVENTS AROUND CAMPUS

EVENTS CALENDAR



- MON, DEC 1: CONTRACT CANCELLATIONS DUE FOR SPRING
- MON, DEC 1: ROOM SELECTION INFORMATION DISTRIBUTED
- MON, DEC 1: WORLDS AIDS DAY OBSERVANCES
- WED, DEC 3, 2:30PM: WORKING WITH A TEAM (CAMPUS CENTER)
- WED, DEC 3, 2:30P-4P: COFFEE WITH COPS (CAMPUS CENTER GALLERY)
- WED, DEC 3, 2:30PM: RA/CA INFORMATION SESSION (CAMPUS CENTER 220)
- THURS, DEC 4: SENATE CASINO NIGHT
- WED, DEC 10: LAST DAY OF CLASSES
- WED, DEC 10, 2:30PM: SAC, STUFF-A-BEAR (PUB)
- THURS, DEC 11: READING DAY
- THURS, DEC 11: SAC, RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
- THURS, DEC 11, 11PM: MIDNIGHT BREAKFAST (CAFETERIA)
- FRID, DEC 12: READING DAY
- SAT, DEC 13, LAST DAY OF SATURDAY CLASSES
- DEC, 15-19: FINAL EXAM PERIOD
- DEC 24—JAN 5: UNIVERSITY CLOSED
- MON, DEC 29: WINTER SESSION BEGINS
- THURS, JAN 15: WINTER SESSION FINALS
- SUN, JAN 18, 10A-5P: NEW STUDENTS MOVE-IN
- MON, JAN 19: CLASSES BEGIN

FROM THE DESK:

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY THEIR NJIT ID CARD AT ALL TIMES

GUESTS MUST REMAIN WITH THEIR HOST AT ALL TIMES

NO GUEST MAY STAY OVERNIGHT FOR MORE THAN TWO NIGHTS PER WEEK

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Admissions	973-596-3300	Health Services	973-596-3621
Bookstore	973-596-3200	Honors College	973-596-5780
Bursar	973-596-3148	Laurel Hall Desk	973-596-5792
CAPE	973-596-8290	Library	973-596-3206
Campus Center Desk	973-596-3605	Oak Hall Desk	973-596-5636
Computing Services	973-596-2900	Public Safety	973-596-3112
Counseling	973-596-3414	Redwood Hall Desk	973-596-3040
Cypress Hall Desk	973-642-7161	Registrar's Office	973-596-3236
Center for First Year Students	973-596-2981	Residence Life Main Office	973-596-3039
Dean of Student Services	973-596-3466	Murray Center for Women & Technology	973-596-4885
EOP Program	973-596-3690		
Financial Aid Office	973-596-3479		



TIS' THE SEASON FOR THIEVING



It's the most wonderful time of the year... for thieves unfortunately. This time of year all across the country there is an increased risk of theft on many college campuses. Being in an urban environment students should take extra precaution to secure any valuables such as backpacks, books, laptops, money and other important belongings. Don't become a victim of theft, do not leave your belongings unattended even if just for a minute. When leaving your room, whether to shower or to visit a friend down the hall, be sure to LOCK your door AT ALL TIMES. Leaving your door unlocked even for a short amount of time leaves you susceptible to theft.

Other ways that you can reduce your risk of becoming a victim of theft are by making sure that you communicate with your roommate/suitemates so they also understand why it is important to lock the door at all times, by NEVER giving someone else your room keys, and by not propping exterior entrance doors. Additionally, try not to carry large sums of money on you or carry a wallet or other valuables in the open. If you need to use an ATM machine, use the one in the Campus Center or in the Public Safety office. Furthermore, when parking your car use NJIT lots as opposed to off campus parking which is much less secure and less frequently patrolled.

Lastly, be sure to report any suspicious activity, We are all responsible for campus safety. If you notice anything that doesn't 'seem' right, call Public Safety at (973) 596-3111.

- Never give out your room combination
- Close your door at all times, even if you are just doing down the hall for a moment
- Talk to your roommate/suitemates about locking the door and not sharing combinations
- Do not leave your belongings unattended (in the library, study lounge, laundry room)



**NEED SOMETHING FIXED?
NEED AN EXTERMINATOR?**

LET US KNOW. WE WANT TO HELP.

ENTER A MAINTENANCE REQUEST @

www.njit.edu/reslife/maintenance.php

-Rodent/Roach issues

(an exterminator visits the campus weekly)

-Damaged window screens

-Damaged furniture

-Heating/Air issues

-Laundry washer/dryer issues

-Plumbing issues

& more

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF IT IS AN EMERGENCY (i.e., flood) CONTACT YOUR HALL OFFICE OR THE MAIN OFFICE DURING BUSINESS HOURS OR THE RA/CA ON DUTY IN THE EVENING & ON WEEKENDS