



LIVING @ USI

A Housing and Residence Life Informational Newsletter

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Important September Dates

- 12 -13: RFWC Whitewater Rafting trip
- 14: SAFE, Women's Defense Class at the RFWC 3:30Ppm-5:30pm
- 18: Registration deadline for RFWC Marengo Caving trip #1, disc golf scramble #1
- 19: RFWC. Komen Race for the Cure
- 25: Registration deadline for RFWC coed softball tourney

The Department of Housing and Residence Life would like to welcome you home to USI Living. Whether you are a returning or new resident, you are important to our housing family. The **LIVING @ USI** newsletter is a monthly publication Housing and Residence Life sends electronically to students living on campus. It contains pertinent information about campus processes and events, as well as articles written by staff and students. We hope you find the newsletter helpful and will utilize the information you are provided. We are committed to making USI Housing and Residence Life, "The Best of it's Size and Type in the Nation." We welcome and encourage your feedback. Feel free to visit our website at www.usi.edu/res. If you have any questions, contact us at living@usi.edu or 812/468-2000.

MAP-Works

Our Mission as a Department of Housing and Residence goes well beyond providing a place to stay. Our goal is to provide a community that supports students' learning and ultimately graduating from the University of Southern Indiana. To assist students reaching the goal of graduation, we partnered with the University Division to implement MAP-Works. This is a 20-minute online assessment that we will ask all first time, full-time freshmen, living on campus to complete during September. Each student taking the quiz will receive personalized feedback and strategies for a successful academic career at the University of Southern Indiana. The results, along with support from university staff, will help students see if they are making a successful transition and will also provide resources in areas where they may not be transitioning as well. A follow up survey will also be available to help students stay on track.

Roommate Drama

Conflict is an inevitable aspect of life. Clearly, it can occur on college campuses, with faculty, peer groups, significant others, and roommates. Though many may want to avoid conflict and confrontation, it is important to learn healthy means of communicating issues and concerns with others. We may want to handle the issues on our own, however, sometimes having a neutral third party can make all the difference, and assist in finding a solution in a more convenient and timely fashion.

Housing and Residence Life offers a mediation program through the Office of Student Conduct and Resolution Services. Mediation is an attempt to effect a peaceful settlement between two or more individuals. Mediation is a fluid dialogue, where matters are solved through controlled collaboration. Our purpose is that through the process of mediation, trained mediators will strive to see connection and civility among participants through efforts of collaboration, cooperation, and communication, in order to find a compromising solution. For more

26: RFWC Marengo Caving trip #1
 27: RFWC Disc Golf scramble #1
 30: SAFE, Women's Defense Class at the RFWC 8pm-10pm
 30: Career Services Fall Career Link-Internship/Co-op, Full Time, and Graduate

Numbers to Know

Fix My Home	2176
Academic Skills	1743
Bookstore	1717
Bursar	1842
Computer Center	1080
Counseling Center	1867
Food Services (Meal Plans)	1859
Multicultural Center	7188
Registrar	1762
Security (non-emergency)	1845
Student Development Programs	7167
Health Center	1250
Immunization Office	5285
Telephone Services	1080

information on this program, please ask your Resident Assistant or your Area Coordinator. You can also find more information on our website: <http://www.usi.edu/res/current/mediation3.asp> .



Get Involved!

Residence Hall Community Council Living in the Residence Halls? Here's your chance to... Get involved on campus right off the bat! Gain valuable leadership experience as a freshman! Have fun and plan programs for the Residence Halls! Sound interesting? E-mail Sarah Truax Versteeg at struax1@usi.edu or Ryan Miller at rmiller3@usi.edu

Student Housing Association The Student Housing Association (SHA) is getting ready for an exciting year, and we would love to have your help! SHA is a dynamic organizations of student leaders who want to help make the on-campus living experience a positive one. They plan programs for on campus students (i.e. Block Party, Midnight Breakfast, etc.), represent USI at regional and national conferences for student leaders, and represent the student voice on various university and housing issues. We meet every Monday at 4pm in the Community Center.

Our next meeting is Monday, September 14th. At that meeting, we will be taking nominations for positions on our executive board. Currently, our open positions include: President, Vice President, National/Hoosier Communications Coordinator, Public Relations Coordinator, Secretary, Programming Coordinator, and Treasurer. If you are looking for a chance to make a difference and shape the future of our organization and housing at USI, consider becoming a member of our executive board!

If you would like to learn more about the opportunities that SHA has to offer, contact me at amhobkirk@usi.edu, find our table at the upcoming involvement fair, or attend one of our future meetings. We look forward to meeting you, and making your voice heard!

Eagle Road Crew Want to make a difference in the world around you? Do you enjoy helping others? Do you want to meet new people and get involved?

Sign up for Eagle Road Crew, housing's community service organization! We will offer one service project opportunity per month on or off campus! Sound interesting? E-mail Area Coordinator Sarah Truax Versteeg at struax1@usi.edu for more details!

Peer Educators

Are you an experienced student, with beneficial information to share with new students? If yes, then become a Peer Educator. Peer Educators, are student volunteers who will participate in eight 1-hour sessions and then be asked to explain policies and procedures, make referrals to the Counseling Center and other campus resources, implement social and educational programming, provide peer crisis intervention, and provide information about campus resources, health topics, and important issues on campus.

You must be able to attend all 8 sessions. Dates are September 29 –November 17. To apply, get an application at the Counseling Center (located in the Rm1051 in the Orr building) and you will have an interview with one of the counselors.

For more information, contact Sarah Phillips at sbphillips@usi.edu or Christine Tolis at catolis@usi.edu.

Live On, Live Green

With the instability in the national economy it is vital for local communities to make an effort to reduce, re-use, or recycle. USI Housing and Residence Life staff and residents have implemented a few **Green** initiatives to do our part to further local sustainability efforts.

Click below to preview the recycle locations in your area



Important! Throwing away personal trash in one of the recycle stations, will result in a fine of \$125.00 Starting September 5, we will be starting a Recycling Contest by area. Contest ends on September 30, with the winner announced at EARTH-A-PALOOZA! Earth-a-Palooza is from 4pm-6pm, on September 30 at Newman and Governors Halls.

The first 50 people will receive a free t-shirt.

Need Some Insurance?

While the University of Southern Indiana makes every attempt to make sure that your student lives in a safe and secure environment, there are sometimes situations that arise that are beyond our scope of control. It is the suggestion of the Department of Housing and Residence Life that you either purchase renter's insurance or check with your insurance agent to see if your student's belongings are covered under your homeowner's insurance policy.

College students are sometimes covered by this protection, but it's always better to ask up front than be surprised later should the need arise to use it. The University of Southern Indiana and the Department of Housing and Residence Life shall not be directly or indirectly liable for loss or theft of personal property, or for damage or destruction of such property by fire, water, or other causes.

Know the Code and Know YOUR Rights

Refer to the [Students Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, A Code of Student Conduct](#) for detailed descriptions of the rules and regulations for the University of Southern Indiana and Department of Housing and Residence Life.

USI Prepares for H1N1

The University of Southern Indiana is working closely with local and state health officials in preparation of an outbreak of H1N1 on campus," said Dr. Nadine Coudret, interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, who is working with Housing and Residence Life, Student Health Center, Security and Public Safety, Sodexo Food Services, and other offices across campus.

"Every person can help reduce the spread of disease by staying away from others when sick," she said. She added that frequent hand washing, covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, disposing of used tissues, and other basic personal hygiene practices also can prevent the spread of the infection.

Students and employees with flu-like symptoms should not attend class or work and should stay isolated from others. If illness occurs, the faculty will work with students to meet course requirements.

Area Coordinators and Resident Assistants will help students make arrangements to stay isolated and to have food and other needs delivered to them should the infection spread on campus.

Symptoms generally last less than a week. Infected people can return to normal activities 24 hours after their fever subsides (less than 100 degrees without medication) without risk of infecting others. Coudret requests individuals (students and employees) who develop the flu go to the Student Health Center web site, www.usi.edu/studenthealth, and report the illness so incidences of flu on campus can be monitored. Individuals may also choose to call their doctor or the Student Health Center to get medical treatment if symptoms are severe.

Visit www.usi.edu/emergency for a list of resources with up-to-date information about the H1N1 virus. This web site will have the latest H1N1 information for the campus community.

Fix My Home

Have a leaky faucet? Is your AC not working? Maybe all of the light bulbs in your room have burned out. What should you do? Who should you call?

First, always refer to your [Resident Self Help Referral Guide](#). If the issue is something you cannot fix on your own call Fix My Home at ext. 2176 or go online and submit a work order at <http://www.usi.edu/phyplant/fixmyhome/>.

Be sure to be as detailed as possible with your maintenance issue (name, building and apartment number, issue, and issue location).

If you need help, ask your Resident Assistant!

Komen Race For the Cure

Saturday, September 19th! New Location!! Downtown on the riverfront. Be a part of the USI team. Registration is available online until September 9th at www.komenevansville.org.

For more information, call 461-5268.



Career Opportunity

Career Services would like to invite Juniors and Seniors in the Health Professions and Social Work to attend a series of Job Preparation workshops beginning September 14 at HP1027 in the Health Professions building at 4:30- 6:00pm. The workshops will continue Sept 21,28 and October 12. This is also a good way for Freshmen and Sophomores to prepare for the future.

- Sept.14—Resumes
- Sept. 21-- How to work a Job fair
- Sept. 28 --Interviews with guest professionals from Radiology/imaging, Nursing, OT, Health Administration, Social Work
- October 12—Choosing the right job
- October 19—Health Professions Career Expo—Carter Hall--Over 40 Institutions and agencies attending

For more information please contact Career Services, 464-1865. Career Services--Where Your Future Begins

Housing and Residence Life

Again, we welcome your interest in the **U**niversity of **S**outhern **I**ndiana and Housing and Residence Life! Feel free to visit our website at www.usi.edu/res. If you have any questions, contact us at living@usi.edu or 812/468-2000.