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Welcome to the Great Hill Student Apartments!



The Residence Life staff of the Student Apartments would like to welcome you to your new home for the 2011-2012 academic year!

At the Student Apartments, you'll find a community that values your independence. Every apartment has a full kitchen and all single bedrooms. But we also believe it is important for everyone to feel included in a participatory community. To do this, the RA staff will provide social and educational programs throughout the year. We also have recently benefited from the addition of

courtyard picnic tables—and a Wii video game system and various board games available for check-out.

Additionally, you'll find a number of amenities within the common building: mailboxes, laundry and vending machines, recycling bins, a television/study lounge, and of course the RD/RA office.

If you ever have any questions, just ask one of the RAs or the RD, and we will be happy to help! Our staff is here for you whenever you need assistance.

We look forward to your arrival on campus and hope that you have a fantastic year ahead at the Great Hill Student Apartments!

Meet the RD

My name is Mike Goodhart, your Resident Director of the Great Hill Student Apartments.

I have been working at Bridgewater State University since 2006. I am originally from western New York. I received my bachelor's degree in psychology at Radford University in Virginia and earned my master's degree in higher education and student affairs at The Ohio State University. I previously worked in Residence Life for two years at Capital University in Ohio and for three years at the University of Idaho. In terms of hobbies, I love amateur photography, researching family histories, and fitness walking.

I look forward to getting to know you throughout the year. Feel free to stop by during my office hours in the RD/RA office in the common building to the left of the guard booth. I hope you have a fantastic year!

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Who are your RAs?

Resident Assistants are upperclassman students who live in the Student Apartments and serve your needs in the community in terms of assisting you, planning events, and enforcing policies.

We have a Senior RA (SRA) and three RAs. The SRA holds five office hours every week in the RD/RA office. An RA is on duty at the RD/RA office every night starting at 7pm and are available in their room after midnight until 7am. They are here to help you out!

Presenting Your RAs!

- Kayley Robsham, **SRA (5B2)**
- Laura Donahue (8B5)
- Chris Goncalo (10C5)
- Dylan Shirley (4A1)

Do you have an interest in being an RA for the 2012-2013 academic year? Every spring, the office of Residence Life and Housing accepts applications for RA positions. Ask an RA or the RD about what it's like to be an RA. Get involved with RHA, attend RA programs, or join a club or organization on campus to gain experiences. Stayed tuned for more info later in the fall.

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Bridgewater State's New Tobacco-Free Policy

Effective September 1, 2011, BSU has a no smoking policy for all faculty, staff, students, visitors, customers, vendors, consultants, contractors and their employees.

Bridgewater State University prohibits smoking and tobacco use on all University property.

University property includes, but is not limited to, University owned and leased buildings and facilities; University owned and leased vehicles; parking lots, building entrances, and common areas.

The University will fully implement

this policy and all applicable laws, regulations, and local ordinances.

Bridgewater State University reserves the right to initiate disciplinary procedures, up to and including termination for employees or expulsion for students, against any individual found to be in continuous violation of this policy.

Full details of this policy can be found in the Student Handbook at: <http://www.bridgew.edu/Handbook/PoliciesProcedures/TobaccoFreePolicy.cfm>

Quiet Hours

Sunday—Thursday:

9:00pm to 8:00am

Friday—Saturday:

Midnight to 10:00am



Did You Know?:

The picnic tables, Wii games, and board games at the Apartments were all awarded through the Residence Hall Association!

Residence Hall Association: Get Involved!

The Residence Hall Association is a student organization that serves as a governing body of the residence halls. RHA provides funding for programs, and it works with students with concerns regarding residential student life. As a resident, you're already a member!

This year, your RHA wants to make this school year the best

one yet. With new events, new improvements, and new members, the BSU RHA is ready to make this a year that none of us will soon forget.

For more information see any of your RAs or the RD. Meetings are Wednesdays at 5:30pm in Council Chambers (located in the Campus Center). All are welcome!



In the event of a fire

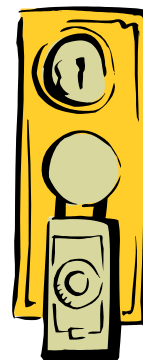
alarm, you should ALWAYS evacuate immediately. Never assume it is a false alarm. Upon evacuation, our meeting point is in the Apartments parking lot, away from the sidewalk coming up from Burrill Avenue since that is where the fire truck will pull up.

Card Access in the Apartments

You must have your Connect Card at all times with you when on campus. Once in the Apartments, you'll scan it at the guard shack to verify you're a resident, and you'll use it to enter your apartment and bedroom.

If you ever notice the lock for your apartment or bedroom is flashing yellow, notify an RA or the RD immediately as it means

the lock battery is dying. Letting us know will ensure that we can have the locksmith come out to replace the batteries before the lock dies.



Locked Out of

Your Room?

During the day, find an RA, RD, or Office Assistant. After 7:00pm, find the RA on duty. If you still can't find someone, call BSU Police at 508-531-1212.

Important Tips and Policies to Highlight

GUEST POLICY

When visiting, guests should call the resident in advance to meet them at the guard shack. The resident must sign his/her guest in with the ISO. Guests must have an acceptable form of ID, such as: a driver's license, state ID, military ID, passport, or liquor ID. All guests must be escorted at all times. The pre-approval of the resident's apartment-mates is needed for day or night visits. Anyone who doesn't live in a particular apartment is a guest of that apartment (including residents in other buildings).

DAMAGE BILLING

There are two types of damage billing:

- 1) **Individual:** one or more specific individuals are found responsible for damage in a student room or common area; charges are assessed to their student accounts
- 2) **Community:** If no individuals can be determined responsible for damages in a common area, all community members (apartment, stairwell, building, or Apartments community) are assessed evenly split charges to their student accounts. An e-mail is sent to all

Apartments residents on a monthly basis with community damages.

TRASH & STAIRWELLS

Ensure you empty your trash into the dumpsters located behind the common building. Stairwells must always remain clear in case of an emergency.

WORK ORDERS

If you notice something needs to be fixed, notify an RA or the RD if it is an emergency. Otherwise, submit a work order: <http://www.bridgew.edu/RLH/Intranet/WorkOrder/workorder.cfm>

Campus Phone #'s

Apts Office:	x1308
Residence Life:	x1277
BSU Police:	x1212
Safety Escort:	x1745
Health Services	x1252
Counseling Ctr	x1331
Acad. Achv. Ctr	x1214
Financial Aid	x1341
I.T. Help Desk	x2555
Parking/Connect Card	x2897
ResNet	x7999

Alcohol Policies in the Apartments

- Alcohol may only be transported by Great Hill Student Apartments residents.
- Guests may not bring alcohol on campus regardless of age.
- Residents of the Apartments who are under 21, if found in the presence of the approved amount of alcohol in an apartment with those who are of legal drinking age, **and** are not believed to be drinking, will not be charged in the student conduct system.
- Providing alcohol to a person under 21 is a crime and can be punishable by BSU Police and the student conduct system.
- Possession of alcoholic beverages within a 24 hour period is strictly limited to:
 - * Six beers OR
 - * 200 ml of hard liquor OR
 - * 750 ml of wine OR
- Exceeding these limits may result in police involvement and/or referral to student conduct.
- Consumption of alcohol or possession of an alcohol container in public is prohibited. This includes stairwells, common areas, the courtyard, and areas adjacent to the Apartments.



Apartments Security

Every time you enter the Apartments, an Institutional Security Officer (ISO) will inspect your bag, coat, purse, groceries, or packages. They will also sign in any guests that you may have. Please be respectful and cooperative. It is their job to ensure your safety and the community's safety. If you don't want something on your possession searched, you will not be able to bring it into the Apartments.



A Note About Posting Items on Your Walls:

We strongly recommend that you be careful when posting items on your walls in your bedroom or apartment. Only use tape that will not mar the wall surface. Consider that the longer tape is left on the wall, the greater the chance the tape will remove paint, so you may want to re-decorate your room once a semester! You are ultimately responsible for your room condition upon check-out.