



Office of the President

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Greetings Evergreen Community,

This week's update is brief, yet steady progress continues, especially in student housing. Here are a few highlights to share:

- Based on the apartment building inspections, we have identified that ventilation is a problem in some units, particularly in the bathrooms. Some apartments have a better ventilation design than others. We have a contractor working to address this finding.
- Like many structures in the Pacific Northwest, some campus housing units are experiencing an influx of brown marmorated stink bugs. They are not harmful to humans, but they are an invasive species, and they are a nuisance. We are working with a pest management firm to control their points of entry where possible – usually windows. Residents need to leave their units for several hours while the treatment is applied. Residential and Dining staff will coordinate the timing of treatments with impacted students.
- In addition to ventilation and stink bugs, we have fully assessed the other inspection findings. Some of the work that needs to be done is deferred maintenance and others are new discoveries. We are putting together a schedule to resolve the issues. Some of the work will be done over Summer Break when fewer students will be in residence.
- We have two Geoduck Student Union representatives joining our Senior Leadership Team meeting later this week. We look forward to their attendance, engagement, and perspectives as we lean into improving communications between students and the college administration.
- And lastly, Dr. Dexter Gordon has met in person twice with the student who published a letter in last month's *Cooper Point Journal* and will meet a third time this week. The second meeting included additional students. Dr. Gordon will also be providing a written response to the *Cooper Point Journal*.

Continue sending your questions and comments to community-response@evergreen.edu and visit www.evergreen.edu/campustragedy for more information and resources.

Sincerely,

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