



Office of the President

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Greetings Evergreen Community,

I want to take a moment to address the absence of our community message last week, understanding it might have caused some frustration. The reason behind no announcement was simply that there weren't any notable developments from the previous week to share. I apologize for not sending out at least a message to let everyone know there wouldn't be an update.

Here is some new information to share:

- As communicated before, Residential and Dining and Facilities staff conducted inspections of all apartment housing at the beginning of Winter Quarter. Work orders were generated to capture the findings from the inspections.
- Work orders are primarily related to windowsills, building heat, shower room paint and building exhaust. The remainder of the issues are aesthetic.
- Windowsills will be cleaned over Spring Break to remove mildew. During the summer months, all windows will be stripped of existing caulking and resealed. The sills will also be sanded, stained, and varnished.
- We have hired MacDonald Miller, an outside contractor, to assess our heating system and repair any identified deficiencies. All common room heaters have been serviced and service work began this week for all bedroom heaters. Our goal is to have all heating fully operational by the end of Spring Break.
- Also over Spring Break, custodial staff will be cleaning all apartment bathroom walls and ceilings. Any further work will be conducted over the summer when spaces are unoccupied.
- We are consulting with an outside contractor to review all the exhaust systems in the apartments and propose upgrades. Meanwhile, maintenance of the existing building exhaust system vents and ducts will begin over Spring Break and continue until complete.
- Lastly, at the same time as maintenance work continues in existing housing, we know there is a shortage of affordable housing in our region. We need to provide more space and more options for current and new students. After further evaluation, we have decided to renovate Dorm Building B, rather than Building C as previously shared, as it is the best option for a Fall 2024 opening.

We will send out another update next week. In the meantime, please 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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