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AUXILIARY SERVICES &
UNIVERSITY HOUSING

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Health & Safety**
Inspections are coming up, turn to page 3 to find out what you need to do to prepare.
- **TODAY:**
Dining Services wants your feedback on Sept. 18th at 5PM. Turn to page 6 for more information.

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NEWS ON THE PRAIRIE

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The Semester Is Off To A Great Start!

We're only one month into the semester and we have already had some great programs hosted by Prairie Place staff, Hall Council and Faculty-in-Residence. Check out some of the highlights from events like our Welcome Back Picnic, Volleyball Game, Meet Your Hall Council and our Vision Board Party!



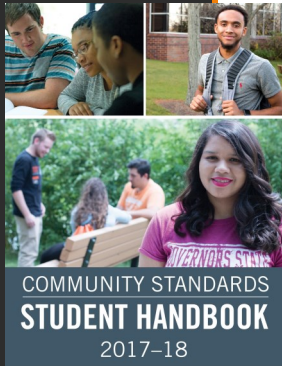
Hall Council Policy Quiz Update

During the start of the semester, Prairie Place Hall Council released a policy quiz that offered residents who took the quiz and received a score of 80% or better a free Prairie Place T-Shirt!

In less than a month, 32 students successfully completed the quiz and received their free T-Shirt!

Remember, you can find this quiz at the front desk and receive your free T-shirt too!

Limit one per resident.



***“Residents may
not lend their keys
or myONECARD
to anyone.”***

Know Your Rights & Responsibilities!

Review the 2017-18 Student Handbook online at

www.govst.edu/handbook.

If you have any questions or concerns about your student rights and responsibilities, please

contact Community Standards:

- Office: C1310
- Phone: 708-235-2845
- Email: communitystandards@govst.edu

Lock Out & Lost Key Policy

Lock Out Policy

You must carry your keys with you at all times. Being responsible with your key and myONECARD is important to your safety and that of your fellow residents. Keys and myONECARD are the responsibility of the resident. Residents may not lend their keys or myONECARD to anyone.

Lock Out Procedure

If you are locked out of your room or apartment, you will need to locate a housing staff member (Resident Assistant, Assistant Residence Hall Director, or Residence Hall Director) to open the door for you. Each residents is allowed (2) lock-out incidents per semester without charge. Beginning with the third lockout incident, you will be charge \$10 per incident to your student account.

Lost Key Policy

If you lose a key it should be reported immediately to the Residence Hall Director. You will receive a temporary key until your room/apartment door can be re-cored and a new key issued to you. You will be responsible for the cost of the re-core and new key. If the temporary key is not returned in the allotted time, a charge of \$25 will be assessed to your Student Account.

Side Door Policy



Per the University Housing Policy accessing known or marked restricted areas is prohibited.

As a reminder, the side door near the gated parking lot is considered a restricted area from 10PM to 8AM.

During this time you must enter the building through the main entrance.

If students are seen accessing the building during the prohibited hours listed above, they will be referred to conduct.

Health and Safety Inspections for Fall 2017

The Prairie Place Housing Staff will be conducting health and safety inspections throughout the FALL semester and the first inspection will take place on **Tuesday, September 26th from 8PM-9:30PM.**

During these inspections any violation of the [University Housing Handbook 2017-2018](#) will be documented and any appliances that are against University policy will be confiscated. **Residents do not have to be present in the room during the inspections.**

Prairie Place staff will do the following to administer inspections:

- 1) Staff will knock on the door and announce themselves
- 2) After 2-3 knocks if the student does not respond the staff member will key into the room
- 3) Once in the room staff will do a visual inspection for any health & safety policy violations. Please note, that if any other violations are identified as a result of the health and safety inspection they will also be documented and any illegal items in the room will be confiscated.
- 4) Staff will assess the overall cleanliness of the room during

the health & safety inspection. Rooms/apartments that are significantly filthy will be documented as well. If a unit fails due to cleanliness, the residents of that unit will have 1 week to rectify any noted cleanliness issues. If upon a second inspection it is still an issue, residents of that unit will be referred through the conduct process

- 5) On exiting the room/apartment staff will secure all doors

We encourage students to take time to review the [University Housing Handbook 2017-2018](#).

Tips For Passing Health and Safety Inspections

Prior to the first Health and Safety Inspection scheduled for **Tuesday, September 26th from 8PM-9:30PM**, residents should arrange a time with their roommates to ensure the room/apartment is cleaned (e.g. clean the dishes, take out the trash, etc.).

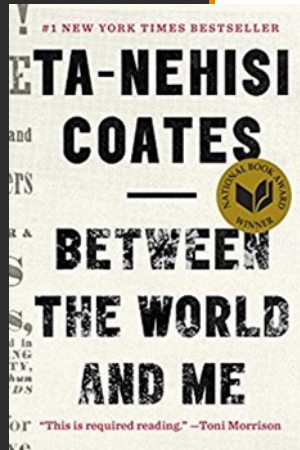
Also, just a reminder the following appliances are **NOT** permitted in Prairie Place:

- 1) Devices with open heating elements
- 2) Toaster ovens

- 3) Freezers
- 4) Lava lamps
- 5) Halogen light bulbs (used in desk lamps or free standing lamps)
- 6) Window/portable air conditioners
- 7) All indoor grills (e.g. Black and Decker®, George Foreman® etc.)
- 8) Candles, incense, lanterns or any similar open flame devices

If you have any questions about this information please feel free to reach out to a Prairie Place staff member or email University Housing at housing@govst.edu.

**QUICK
TIPS**



One Book One University Event

Between the World and Me

Experiences of Being African American in the US and Abroad

On Thursday, September 21 from 3-4:30PM in Engbretson Hall, students, faculty, staff and all in the GSU community are invited to attend an insightful and enlightening panel discussion inspired by the One Book One University selection, BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME, by Ta-Nehisi Coates.

Moderated by Dr. Phyllis West, University Senior Lecturer in the Department of Social

Work, a panel of GSU students will share their experiences being African American in the US and abroad.

There will be a drawing for a variety of travel items and refreshments will also be served. Attendance is free, but all are asked to register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/between-the-world-and-me-tickets-37727538082>.

This event is sponsored by the Office of International Services through a grant from the GSU Intellectual Life Committee.

*The GSU Library
has many
resources to offer
to GSU students,
check out their
tips for more info!*

Tips from the GSU Library

TIP #1

Need help writing your resume for a job interview?

Visit the Office of Career Services Walk-In Open Hours, Tuesdays between 3:30-4:30PM in B1215 or the Technology Desk in the GSU library on Thursdays between 3:30-4:30PM.

If you can't make it to the library, but have a question, please write to GSUlibraryinfo@govst.edu.

TIP #2

Did you know that the University Library has group study rooms that are smart rooms for students only? To reserve a room, please visit, <http://libguides.govst.edu/groupstudy> to register

Have Questions?

Do you have a question about how a process works in the building or do you need to ask for help?

If so, please contact one of the following numbers for assistance and a staff member will be happy to help.

- **Residence Hall
Director Office:**
708-235-7118
- **Prairie Place Front
Desk:** 708-235-7115
- **Main Housing Office:**
708-235-7110



2017-2018 Hall Council



On Wednesday September 6, 2017 the Prairie Place Residence Hall Council held elections for their remaining Executive Board positions and are happy to have a full team join the President, Tatiana Tapley and Communications Coordinator, Shannon Ward in carrying out initiatives for the academic year.

Please help us in congratulating the newly elected members:

- 1) Vice President, Nekia Driver
- 2) Treasurer, Carl McDonald
- 3) Secretary, La'Quita Hampton
- 4) Media Manager, Daisy Chaidez

Also, keep an eye out for an announcement about Hall Council's first General Assembly meeting. All residents are encouraged to attend the General Assembly meetings to voice their opinions and express any concerns to the Executive Board.

Upcoming Events

Looking for something to do in the Residence Hall so you can meet and mingle with other students? If so, check out some of our upcoming events below:

- 1) Hall Council Inspirational Quote/Candy Giveaway, Wed. Sept. 20th after 5PM in Prairie Place. Hall Council Executive Board members will be going door to door in the Residence Hall to spread some inspiration and sweet treats with the residents.
- 2) Mr. & Ms. GSU applications due Wed. Sept. 20th via Jaguar Connection
- 3) Student Activities Council
- Meeting, Thurs. Sept. 21st 3:30-4:30PM in A2110
- 4) Piñata Workshop, Mon. Sept. 25th 1-4PM in the Lakeside Lounge
- 5) Walking Taco Fundraiser, Thurs. Sept. 28th 12-4PM, Hall of Governors
- 6) Gaming Club Event, Fri. Sept. 29th from 3PM-10PM in the Prairie Place Great Hall
- 7) Hall Council Movie Night, Fri. Sept. 29th at 8PM in the Prairie Place Classroom.
- 8) GSU SPIRIT WEEK Oct. 2- Oct. 5th
- 9) ALAS Tamale Fundraiser, Wed. Oct. 4th at 11AM in the Hall of Governors

- 10) Hall Council Decorate the Great Hall Event. Wed. Oct. 4th at 7PM. Join the Hall Council Executive Board in decorating the Great Hall to show our school spirit for Friends and Family Weekend!
- 11) Family & Friends Weekend Open Mic Talent Show, Fri. Oct. 6th at 8PM in Sherman Recital Hall

Coming Soon: Yoga classes with Faculty-In-Residence Dr. Crystal Harris

Check out our Prairie Place Facebook page for flyers and info about upcoming events



It's Cool to Cook

Get chopping in this demonstration led by Faculty-In-Residence, Dr. Patrick Santoro, on how to prepare a budget-friendly, healthful meal. **Come hungry, leave happy!**

Date: Wednesday, October 4th

Time: 6:30PM

Location: Prairie Place First Floor South Kitchen



C-Store Daily Specials

Sept 18-Sept 24

Mon: Veggie cup with fresh veggies & ranch dip \$2.35

Tues: Fresh Made Protein Pak (cranberries, walnuts, salami, cheese & grapes): \$4.55

Wed: Turkey, Provolone Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato, in Sundried Tomato Wrap: \$4.55

Thurs: Fresh made Smoothie \$3.60

Fri: Ham, Swiss, Lettuce, Tomato on Marble Rye Bread \$4.55

Sat: Reese's Frozen Pie: \$1.85

Sun: Fresh Baked Cookie 2 pack \$1.55



Sept 25 - Oct 1

Mon: Vanilla Yogurt Parfait with Granola \$3.05

Tues: Roast Beef & Cheddar Cheese on Wheat \$4.55

Wed: BBQ Ranch Chicken on Garlic Herb Wrap \$4.55

Thurs: Vegetarian Chef Salad w/ ToFu \$5.05

Fri: Fresh Cut Fruit Bowls \$2.60

Sat: Fresh Popcorn \$1.00

Sun: Fresh Baked Cookie 2 pack \$1.55

Dining Services News

*"Check out the
Prairie Place
C-Store for the
expanded frozen
entrée and grocery
offerings"*

Tell us what you think...

GSU DINING SERVICES WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

TELL US WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE STOCKED

WITHIN THE C-STORE AT PRAIRIE PLACE.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AN ITEM FEATURED IN THE CAFÉ?

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 @ 5PM

GREAT HALL—PRAIRIE PLACE

*"Have
your
say"*