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Platt's Lane Estates Newsletter



Hello Platt's Lane!

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the summer! Now that the fall season is approaching, it is time to announce our upcoming programs, events, and trips. Take a look through this newsletter for information about all of the exciting opportunities. Please register for events that you are interested in so that your spot can be saved and enough supplies can be provided. Also, please remember that these events and programs are not a form of child care. Platt's Lane Volunteers are not qualified to supervise children. Please attend all events as a family so that all children will be supervised. Also, let me know if you have a great idea for a program! Have a safe and exciting fall season! Thank you,

- Erin Peterson, Community Development Leader

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Fall Event

Date/Time/Location

Volunteer Council Meeting

Thurs, September 21, 6pm-7pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Apple Picking

Sat, Sept. 30, 11am-3pm
329 Richmond St, Thorndale

Volunteer Council Meeting

Thurs, Oct. 19, 6pm-7pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Pumpkin Carving & Movie

Thurs, Oct. 26, 6pm-8pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Halloween Party

Tues, Oct. 31, 6pm-9pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Volunteer Council Meeting

Thurs, Nov. 16, 6pm-7pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Adult Board Game Night

Thurs, Nov. 16, 7pm-9pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Visit to see Santa Claus

Sun, Dec. 3, 11am-2pm
2609 Fanshawe Park Rd E, London

Winter Holiday Party & Movie

Sun, Dec. 17, 11am-3pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Volunteer Council Meeting

Thurs, Dec. 21, 6pm-7pm
PLE Community Centre, London

Messages from the Rental Office

Parking Registration for 2017/18

Please note that parking application forms will be available in the Rental Office beginning Tuesday September 5, 2017. Parking Services will not begin ticketing vehicles until September 18, 2017. Therefore, all tenants must complete this form by September 17, 2017. Please be aware that all tenants require a new 2017/2018 parking permit in order to prevent receiving parking tickets. Only one parking permit per unit will be issued. If you have a second vehicle, a visitor's pass may be issued, based on availability in our lots. All tenants must show proof of their current vehicle ownership (in tenant's family name only) to the Office Staff in order to receive their new permit. All visitors will require a visitor's parking pass if visiting during Office Hours, beginning September 18, 2017. These permits are for Platt's Lane tenants only and are only for use in Platt's Lane Estates.

Pests

Housing at Western attempts to take a proactive approach with pests by inspecting adjacent units when one is infected. Tenants are encouraged to report issues. Remember, if you report a pest problem, you do not have to pay for the treatment. You will not be blamed for a pest issue. Tenants are only asked to keep their units clean and participate in the treatment process by preparing their units properly for treatment.

The primary issue we have faced in Platt's Lane is that some of our tenants have different tolerance levels. Some tenants describe a single sighting as an "infestation" while others simply do not report roaches even if they have dozens or hundreds of them in their unit.

It is also counterproductive if a pest control treats with baited gel (a slow poison that kills nests) and tenants either have unsanitary conditions that provide an alternate, non-lethal food source, OR they try to be helpful and use their own products like Raid. Raid will kill the insect it touches, but it will then discourage other insects from consuming the bait if the spray is close to it.

Finally, while everyone may have their own opinion on how best to treat insects, there are National and Provincial laws/regulations that govern pest control treatment. Rentokil must abide by these laws or risk their license.

Earlier this month Housing placed monitors (glue traps) in all apartment units with the goal of identifying all units where roaches may be present. These monitors were collected over the past week and have been provided to Pest Control so that they can identify the specific species and conduct the most effect treatment. We expect this to occur over the next few weeks.

The Rental Office has a supply of additional glue traps for use by tenants. Please feel free to stop by and pick up some up. Old traps can be disposed of in the garbage.

Western actually has a regular treatment day, which avoids lengthy delays between reporting a problem and treatment. (without these regular days, rather than weekly treatments it could be several weeks between a report and treatment).

Proper Preparation & Sanitation, and Patience are the keys to effective pest control. Please report any pest issues by letting the Rental Office know. If you have any further questions about pests and the steps that are being taken to treat them, please feel free to contact the Rental Office or your Community Development Leader. Let's keep Platt's Lane Estates safe and clean!



Fortunately, Western University is located in an area that is not prone to natural disasters such as hurricanes, earthquakes or tsunamis. However in addition to extreme weather events such as blizzards, snowstorms, thunderstorms and tornadoes, like any city London is subject to other types of emergencies, such as infrastructure failures.



In an emergency, it could take some time for emergency workers to mobilize and to provide assistance. The Government of Canada encourages all Canadians to be prepared to cope on their own for up to 72 hours after an emergency. The following website contains helpful information on how to prepare for an emergency:

<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca/index-eng.aspx>

Common Events to be Prepared For...



Snow/Ice/Wind/Thunder Storms - A severe snow, ice, wind or thunder storm could result in road closures and cessation of normal operations by London Transit, Western and other organizations. You can check the status of weather related closures via the internet or local radio.



Power Outage (Blackouts) – Power outages can be caused by equipment failures or severe weather events. In the vast majority of cases power will be restored within a 1-3 hours. ***Please do not call Campus Police to inquire when power will be restored. This is not information they will be able to provide, and the volume of calls may interfere with legitimate emergency calls.*** The life safety equipment in all Western operated buildings has generator backup and/or battery back-up. This will keep emergency lighting and fire alarm systems operational as well as prevent people from being trapped in an elevator if the power fails.

Steps you can take



As per the Government of Canada recommendations, all tenants are strongly encouraged to be prepared to cope on their own for short period of time. An important part of being prepared is for tenants to have the following items available for use in an emergency:

- Flashlight & batteries
- Battery powered radio
- Small supply of food & water. Food items should not spoil or require electricity for preparation (i.e. canned food with manual can opener and energy bars)
- Extra blankets
- First Aid kit
- Special Needs Items (prescription medication, infant formula, etc.)



Tenants are strongly advised to ensure that they have suitable Renter's Insurance. In addition to financially protecting personal property, Renter's Insurance can prove invaluable if temporary alternate accommodations are required due to a disaster.

This Fall, Housing will be introducing a pilot project that will replace two existing garbage sheds with new bins. These new bins, which are starting to be used in retail and condominium complexes are designed easy to use, discourage rodents (raccoons/skunks) and be more aesthetically pleasing. If successful, we would convert other garbage sheds to the new bins in the spring.

Thanks for Reading!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, or comments about the newsletter or programming at Platt's Lane Estates! You can reach me by emailing platts.programs@uwo.ca.

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Questions about your unit?

Contact the Platt's Lane Estates Rental Office

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