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WINTER NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of the Platt's Lane Estates Community

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Happy New Year!

I hope you had a great break and are excited for another semester at Western! In this newsletter you will find an outline of programs to look forward to in the upcoming months and important information from housing.

As always if you have questions, concerns or comments about programming and events feel free to email me at platts.programs@uwo.ca.

If you have questions or concerns about the community or your unit (rental info, parking, etc.) contact the Rental Office at (519) 679-4561, email them at platts.lane.estates@uwo.ca or stop by in person at 538 Platt's Ln.

The University will be closed over the winter break and the Rental Office will reopen on January 3, 2019. Tenants may contact Campus Police for emergencies (911) and non-emergencies (519-661-3300) while the office is closed.

From,
Sapphire
Your Community Development Leader



Upcoming Events



Below are just some of the fun events we have coming up this term. Be sure to check the Facebook group (Platt's Lane Estates Community) regularly for information and to register for upcoming events. The Community Centre Address is 463 Platt's Ln

Potluck

January 14th 6pm-7pm
All Ages Event

Bring a dish to share with the community and we can have a potluck together. Please be mindful of allergies and label the ingredients in the dish. The event will take place in the Community Centre.

Kids Movie Night

January 31st 6pm-7:30pm
Kid Focused (Parents must supervise their children if they are attending)

Bring your kids out for a movie night with popcorn. This is a kid-centered event and will have an age appropriate movie. This event will take place in the Community Centre.

Paint Night

February 7th 7pm-8:30pm
Adult only event

Join us for a night of creativity. I will supply a canvas, paint and tutorial - all you need to bring is your creative energy! The event will take place in the Community Centre.

Family Day Activities

February 18th 1pm-5pm
All Ages Event

Come out to the Community Centre on Family Day for a fun day of activities including crafts, games and movies! This is a great way to spend time with your family as well as meet other families.

Tips for Winter from Housing



Winter is a great time of year to get outside and enjoy the snow. However, it also means that we must take some extra steps to make sure we are prepared for the weather both personally and regarding your units.

Preparing Units

Townhouses:

- Make sure you turn the back water tap off (located in the basement by the window) and make sure the window is also closed. This will prevent frozen pipes that may leak or burst.
- Make sure you shovel from your door to the sidewalk and if it is icy you can put salt or sand on the ice to avoid possible slips. This will keep you, your family, guests, and delivery personnel safe this winter.
- Make sure your furnace vent doesn't get blocked or covered with snow
- Keep one meter space around the furnace, water tank and electrical panel

Apartments: Make sure both windows are closed and pull out Air Conditioning units if they have them.

All Units:

-If you are putting Christmas lights up cords cannot go through the windows and doors to the outside. Extension cords are for temporary use only.

-The best way to deal with bugs is prevention. Make sure you use a grease cutting product and routinely clean your unit. Keep food items tightly sealed and put away. DO NOT bring in furniture (tables, chairs, etc) from the outside as they can carry bugs. That being said, if you do have bugs in your unit please report it to the Rental Office as soon as possible.

Transportation

Give yourself extra time to get places. If you have a vehicle, you may need to scrape ice off your windshields in the morning and you should also put on winter tires. During this winter season, tenants are encouraged to park in a parking spot that has already been plowed. This way, the snow can be removed from the unplowed sections of the parking lot. Please choose a plowed parking space whenever possible so that snow can be removed from the parking lot in a timely manner.



Tips for Winter from Housing



Dress for the Weather

As the weather changes remember to check the forecast and dress accordingly - especially on those cold winter nights! The average temperature in London, Ontario is -6°C elsius, but it can get much colder. Wear a hat, scarf, coat, boots, and gloves or mittens whenever you go outside.



Have Fun

Our last tip is the most important... **HAVE FUN!** Winter is a great time to play outside and experience a new version of Canada. Here are just a few activities you might want to try:

- Have a snowball fight
- Build a snowman
- Go sledding
- Catch snowflakes on your tongue
- Make a snow angel
- Build a snow fort
- Collect pine cones
- Make paper snowflake cut-outs
- Reread a favorite book
- Eat and Drink
- Bake cookies and share them with friends
- Bake a pie
- Drink eggnog
- Go ice skating
- Go snowshoeing

Western Groups



Tea and Info Sessions

Drop in for our Tea & Information Sessions and meet other spouses or partners of Western students, and our IESC staff. The Information Sessions will give spouses and partners of international students the opportunity to meet and get to know people, practice their English skills, learn about the Canadian culture, share knowledge, culture, and skills, as well as discuss topics related to international families and living in Canada.

Contact info:

International and Exchange Student Centre
iesc@uwo.ca
519-661-2111 ext. 89309

English Conversation Partner Program

English Conversation sessions last 2 hours, once per week, for 8 weeks each term. Circles are held at various locations on campus. Participants are matched in circles of 4 - 9 people based on the session time they register for. Registration opens in early January.

Contact: ecp@uwo.ca.

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We host topical social and wellness events, manage the joint wellness fund
and food support program.
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