

# The Courtyards Connection

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## Clubhouse Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am—5:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am—6:00 pm

## Clubhouse After Hours Desk

Monday—Thursday 5:00pm—10:00pm  
Friday No Desk Services  
Saturday 10:00 am—8:00 pm  
Sunday 12:00 pm—10:00 pm

## Clubhouse Pool Hours

Monday—Thursday 12:00 pm—8:00 pm  
Friday 12:00 pm—9:00pm  
Saturday & Sunday 11:00am—8:00 pm

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## WELCOME TO THE COURTYARDS!

On behalf of our entire community, I'd like to extend a warm welcome to all of the new and returning residents of the Courtyards. We are excited to see the many new faces and glad to see so many returning residents, too!

We have been working hard in preparation of your arrival to make this a year to remember. As a resident of the Courtyards, we look forward to being able to provide you a high level of service, engaging and informative programming, exceptional facilities, and a overall satisfying housing experience.

Please take advantage of the amenities that we have available to you, some of which include our swimming pool, computer lab, study rooms, fitness center, PlayStation 3, and recreation room. Also, feel free to stop by the Management Office with any questions you might have.

We look forward to seeing you in the community! Go 'Terps!

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## Voter Registration is here!

Students who are interested in voting in Maryland elections may do so by registering to vote at the Clubhouse. Registration forms as well as a collection box are located in the main office during normal business hours and with the after hours desk in the evenings and on weekends. Voter registration forms will be available until September 9, 2011, after which time they will be taken to the Board of Elections.



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# Courtyards Area Council

The Courtyards Area Council is looking for a few good volunteers.  
Consider joining and running for a position.

## What is the Courtyards Area Council?

The Courtyards Area Council strives to:

1. Provide more effective and open lines of communication between Courtyards management and Courtyards residents.
2. Organize and provide Courtyards residents with activities and programs.
3. Address issues residents may have such as safety concerns, trash collection, parking, and roommate situations.
4. Organize and allocate the money available in the budget for community improvement.

If you are interested in making a difference in your community, please come out to our meetings.

## What Positions Are Available?

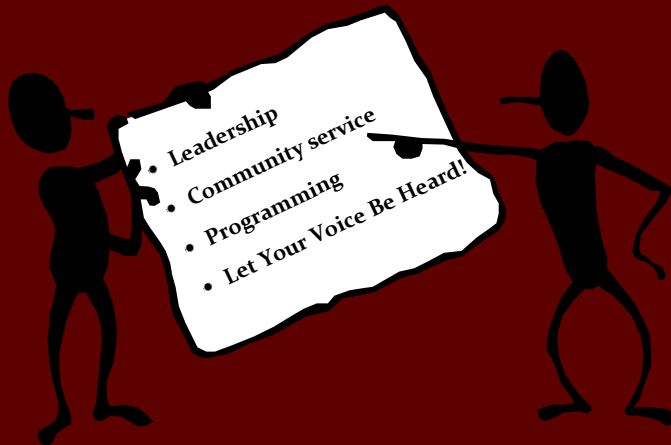
President  
VP of Programming and Community Development  
P of Sustainability  
Three Senator positions

Prospective candidates should attend our informational session scheduled for

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2011 6:00 pm

Elections will be held Tuesday September 13th,  
and Wednesday September 14th

Visit [marylandrha.com](http://marylandrha.com) for more information!



## Top 5 Ways to Enjoy Your First Days at the Courtyards!

### 1. Take a dip in the pool.

Normal pool hours are posted on the front page of this newsletter.

### 2. Play games at the Clubhouse!

Pool cues, foosball, and ping pong paddles are available to check out whenever the Clubhouse is open.

### 3. Grill Out!

Nothing says summer time like a good grill out with friends, or by yourself if you're tired of your BFFs.

### 4. Get together with your friends.

Remember the good times hanging out with friends and neighbors.

### 5. Do All 5 of These Things at the "Courtyards Welcome Back Barbecue"!

Tuesday, September 6th at 7pm, let's eat, play, and get to know each other.

## Would you like to be \$25.00 richer?



All you have to do is pay your rent on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. All residents with a zero balance will be entered into the drawing! The drawing will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> business day of every month. If you are drawn, you will be given a \$25.00 rent concession! Don't miss out on this simple way to save.

If you have any questions email [office@umdcourtyards.com](mailto:office@umdcourtyards.com)

# Start Your Year Off The Sustainable Way!

The Courtyards prides itself as being a community of responsible residents, so use these tips on how to easily live a more “green” lifestyle.



## Top Five Sustainability Tips for September

1. *Use your recycling bin: Each apartment unit is provided with a blue recycling bin. You don't have to sort your recyclables—just fill it up and dump it in the large bin across from the trash compactor.*
2. *Turn the lights off when you're not home. If you and your roommates are going to be away for a while, turn off lights, radios, televisions and other appliances so that you don't waste energy.*
3. *Do not run air conditioning with the windows open: On warmer days, keep blinds and windows closed to keep the hot air and sun rays out. As it gets cooler, open or shut your windows as needed instead of using the A/C or heater to regulate the temperature in your apartment.*
4. *Getting around: take the Courtyards Express to get back and forth between campus to save gas and emit less pollution. If you're up for some exercise, use your bicycle to get around campus. Just make sure you have a lock and have registered your bike with the Department of Transportation Services and The Courtyards.*
5. *Wait until you have a full load to do your laundry. Washing one large load will take less energy and water than washing two loads on a low or medium setting. Also pay attention so that you don't overload your washer and dryer with loads that are too large.*

## Want to Give Up Your Lease?

The Courtyards Staff wants to share a friendly reminder that if you change your mind about leasing with us for the 2011-2012 year, and you want to transfer your lease, you AND your approved candidate must complete all paperwork during a leasing appointment. The following must be completed:

- complete a Petition to Lease Transfer form at the Courtyards Office

- pay a \$100 lease transfer fee

- have an approved candidate to lease your space for the 2011- 2012 lease year. Your approved candidate must bring the following to their leasing appointment:

- Notarized Guaranty of Lease Form

- a \$25 check or money order for the application fee- a \$300 check or money order for the lease reservation fee If you would like to release

your space, but you do not have an approved candidate, please visit the Courtyards Office to complete a Petition to Transfer and post information about your room on the Online Bulletin Boards. Students in the approved sections of our waitlist are told to look at the bulletin boards for any available spaces. You may access the Online Bulletin Boards by visiting [www.umdcourtyards.com/residents](http://www.umdcourtyards.com/residents) and going to Re-leasing section.



## The 2011-2012 Community Assistant Staff

Pictured above are the faces of our 2011-2012 Community Assistant staff. CAs help facilitate a positive living experience here at the courtyards. They plan programs and activities, assist with roommate concerns, and assist with emergencies and after-hours concerns. If you have roommate concerns, questions about policies, ideas for programs, or if you would just like to say hello, please feel free to contact them.

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