November 2005
Teachers College Residential Services Newsletter

Come Celebrate Thanksgiving with the TC Community

“Traditional American” holiday fare: Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, cake, sweet potato pie and beverages. Special activities to be announced.

Sure to be a Very Special Event!

When:
Thursday, November 24, 2005
12:00pm—3:00pm
Teachers College Cafeteria

Tickets:
Adults: $10
Children 5 and under: No Charge

Tickets can be purchased at the Office of Community & Diversity
Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5:30 pm
Please pay by cash or check, payable to Teachers College.
For further information please contact ws_div-com@tc.columbia.edu

Important TC Dates for November

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<td>Last day to file or renew an application (Registrar's Office) for Master's degrees and certificates to be awarded in February.</td>
<td>No classes. Offices open. TC Library hours are 9:00 am—3:00 pm. Dodge Fitness center hours are 6:00 am—6:00 pm.</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Holidays. No Classes. TC Offices, TC Library, and Dodge Fitness Center are closed.</td>
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Leaving at the end of the semester?
Fall Semester Move-Out is by 11:00 am on December 23rd
MACY’S THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

If you’re looking for something to do while the turkey’s roasting or before the good football games come on, you might want to join the millions of Americans who will see the 79th Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. As a bona fide resident of the Big Apple, you have the option of unplugging the TV and seeing it live from New York!

The parade starts at 9:00am Thanksgiving morning at 77th Street & Central Park West. The Parade continues down CPW until it reaches Columbus Circle, where the parade turns onto Broadway. Once on Broadway, the Parade marches through Times Square and down to 34th Street where it turns at Macy’s Herald Square and ends on Seventh Avenue at around noon. If you’re hoping to catch the parade somewhere along the way, it’s recommended that you dress warmly and come early. Spectators begin to gather as early as 7:00 am on Thanksgiving morning. There are ample viewing sites all along Central Park West and Broadway. It is recommended that you avoid the end of the parade route if you want to avoid the largest crowds.

If your Thanksgiving Day is going to be chocked full of food, family and festivities you might want to give the parade itself a pass and check out the balloon inflation. Every year on Thanksgiving Eve from 3 to 10 pm, thousands of spectators come to the Upper West Side’s Central Park West at and around the American Museum of Natural History to watch the giant balloons go from flat to fantastic. Whether you see them the night before or the morning of Thanksgiving, these giant balloons will make you spirit soar!

Comment Corner

Thank you to everyone who has submitted comment cards! We’ve received many helpful suggestions and comments. The Office of Residential Services will be evaluating these cards every month and taking each comment/suggestion into serious consideration. While some comments/suggestions may be taken care of quickly, others may take time to occur. Don’t think just because you haven’t seen your submission immediately reacted to that your comment isn’t being considered. Numerous factors play a part when we evaluate the comment cards. These can include but are not limited to: feasibility, the amount of people it will benefit, how it will affect quality of life, funding, and long-term potential. Please note, in addition to submitting a comment card, if you have a question or concern that you’d like to have answered, please e-mail us at housing@tc.edu. Some of the comments collected during the month of October include:

- Ayat, Nancy, Wagner and Alex were extremely helpful and professional. One major flaw: guests should be allowed to use storage between check-out and departure – esp. elderly or those with a disability. 

  Guests who stay in our guest housing are able to check their luggage. Due to limited office and mailroom hours (where the luggage is stored) we cannot make that service available 24/7.

- Excellent! Clean with all the necessity amenities. I’ll be back. I might add a small bottle of lotion to the bathroom. It helps after a shower. A pen and small note pad would help too.

  Thanks for the suggestions! We've forwarded them to our manager of guest services.

- There has been an increasing issue of people smoking inside the building. When the air conditioner and heat is on, it smells up the room and hallway. I wanted to bring this to your attention given all the recent measures and precautions for fire safety.

  Thank you for sharing your observations. Smoking IS permitted in individual bedrooms; smoking is NOT permitted in any common area.

*****Congratulations to Natalie Salmon, our October Comment Card winner. Ms. Salmon has been randomly selected and will receive one night of complimentary guest housing in our guest rooms at 517 W. 121st St. If you are interested in booking a guest room, please call x3235 for more information. We encourage calling at least 2 weeks in advance due to the high demand for our guest rooms.
Travel Made Easy...

With Thanksgiving break around the corner and winter break only one month away, you may soon find yourself in the hustle and bustle of making travel arrangements. We’ve compiled a list of resources to help make your planning a little easier. *Good luck with your travel plans!*

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Getting to the Airports

**Taxi:** The taxi fare will vary, depending on the exact destination and route. Approximate prices are as follows:

- **JFK**: Flat fare of $45.00 plus tolls and tip
- **LaGuardia**: $25.00-$40.00 plus tolls and tip
- **Newark**: $55.00-$65.00 plus tolls and tip

**Bonus cheap ways to get there:**

The **M60** bus takes you to LaGuardia for $2.00. It starts on 106th and Broadway and it stops right at 120th and Broadway. Have exact change or a Metro Card ready.

The **A Train** takes you to AirTran JFK for $2.00. The stop for JFK is Howard Beach (going to Far Rockaway). AirTran JFK will take you the rest of the way for $5.00 for a total price of $7.00 for this method of travel. Approximate time is 60-75 minutes.

As the weather becomes colder, we have the tendency to want to remain indoors more often where the temperature is warm and cozy. Unfortunately, at this time of year, the unwanted pests (bugs & rodents) also like to come inside away from the chilly air. Don’t make your apartment a place where they feel welcome. Below are some tips for keeping these pests in the cold and out of your apartment.

- **Do not leave any food exposed.** It is recommended that you use airtight containers for any open items. Food waste should be discarded in garbage cans with tight lids and taken to the garbage chute and/or basement on a regular basis.
- **Discard items that can lead to pest harborage.** Pests love clutter! You can be neat and still have clutter. This can include cardboard boxes, stacks of old papers, piles of clothing/toys, etc. Now is a great time to go through your belongings and discard/donate those that you no longer have a use for. There’s a Salvation Army on 125th Street (between Lexington & 3rd) that accepts donations that are in good condition. When discarding items, please be sure to place them in sealed/tied garbage bags that are free of holes. It makes things easier for our Facilities workers and helps the pest control in our basements.
- **Limit points of entry.** If you desire your windows open, you can obtain removable window screens from local hardware stores such as Clinton Hardware (122nd and Amsterdam). Screens come in different sizes so check your window size before purchasing a screen. Front entry doors that are left ajar for extended periods of time can be invitations for pests as well.

With these recommendations, you’re well on your way to keeping pests in the cold. If you do however encounter a pest problem, please contact the Office of Residential Services with detailed information (exact location, frequency, type of pest, source – if known, and any other pertinent information) at x3235 or e-mail housing@tc.columbia.edu so that we can schedule an exterminator visit to remedy the situation.

**NOVEMBER TOWN HALL MEETING**

We encourage all residents to participate in the community-wide Town Hall Meetings that take place each month. These meetings are a way for residents to provide the Office of Residential Services with immediate feedback regarding community concerns as well as a way for residents across all areas to meet other residents.

**Date:** Monday, November 14, 2005  
**Time:** 9:15 p.m.  
**Place:** Bancroft Community Room

Topics of conversation will be based on your ideas and suggestions. If you have an idea/suggestion that you would like to share prior to the Town Hall Meeting, please contact the meeting facilitator, Ms. Amy Rothberg at Rothberg@tc.edu.
Music Series at St. Paul’s Chapel
Date: Tuesday, November 1 –and-
      Tuesday, November 15
Time: 6:00 pm—7:00 pm
Location: St. Paul’s Chapel, Columbia University
Contact: Gregory Payton at gjp2005@columbia.edu

Metropolitan Museum of Art
Date: Saturday, November 5
Time: 11:00 am
Location: Meet in Whittier lobby; Met is located at 1000 Fifth Avenue
Contact: Damien LaRock at del2109@columbia.edu

MoMA: Museum of Modern Art
Date: Friday, November 4
Time: 5:30 pm
Location: Meet in New Residence Hall lobby; MoMA is located at 11 West 53rd Street
Contact: Paul Kim at miklaup@hotmail.com

New York City Marathon
Come watch and cheer on the runners!
Date: Sunday, November 6
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Meet in Whittier Lobby
Contact: Aisha Burrell at aeb56@columbia.edu

Latin Party
Date: Friday, November 18
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Bancroft Community Room
Contact: Nani Pease at nanipease@yahoo.com or Jessica Collado at cjc51@columbia.edu

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Come join a community of friends for a Thanksgiving Feast!
Date: Thursday, November 24
Time: 12:00 pm
Location: TC Cafeteria
Contact: Vickie Ndibo at vmn4@columbia.edu or JoEllen Malveaux at jam2132@columbia.edu

***RSVP required***

End Notes Workshop
Date: Sunday, November 20
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: I-Design Lab, 322 Thompson Hall
Contact: Janine Rudder at jjr2112@columbia.edu or Leonda Whitaker at lcw2104@columbia.edu

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