

The OC Link

Off-Campus Living News for Fanshawe College Students

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PROJECT LEARN EXTENDED

Please be aware that the London City Police have extended Project Learn to include October 26, 27, 30 and 31. We hope that everyone will govern themselves accordingly and have a fun Halloween free from any charges due to inappropriate actions. The Police have reported that this Fall has been a marked improvement on past years and we hope that Fanshawe students will continue to be good ambassadors for the College.

HEATING REQUIREMENTS

By: Andra

The weather is starting to get chilly as outside temperatures slowly drop. Make sure you follow these heat guidelines as required by London City By-laws.

London has set minimum temperature guidelines from September 15th to June 15th. The minimum temperature of 20°C applies between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

At night, between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. the minimum temperature is 18°C. These standards should be maintained in order to prevent problems such as freezing pipes as well as temperature comfort level among tenants. Keep these standards in mind especially when leaving the house for more than a couple of days!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

By: Jackie

Make your home safe for trick-or-treaters. Remove yard waste or other objects that may cause a hazard to neighbourhood children, especially in the dark.

Turn your outside light on to welcome trick-or-treaters. Place a sign on your front door if your house is not participating in trick-or-treating. There is nothing more disturbing than trying to get work done inside and have the door bell ringing all night.

Keep candles, jack-o-lanterns, and open flames in sight. Especially in the night time breezy weather, extra caution needs to be taken to ensure fire safety is observed around the house.

Make sure your Halloween decorations are safe and up to certified standards. As easy as it is to reuse the same decorations year after year, check to make sure lights aren't broken and wires aren't frayed or loose. When it comes to lighting, make sure you don't overload an extension cord or a socket.

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PARKING BYLAWS IN LONDON

By: Cailie

Getting a ticket as a student is not only a nuisance but it can also take away from the money you have saved for food or rent. Many students neglect to inform themselves on parking bylaws, which can end up being detrimental to their savings account. In order to avoid costly fines, we suggest that you go over the following parking bylaws and ensure that you will not be receiving a ticket in the range of \$35-\$55 this year:

- No parking between the curb and sidewalk or over the sidewalk
- No parking on the street between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m.
- No parking on the front lawn
- You must park tandem with your driveway, not on an angle

If you keep these bylaws in mind, you should be able to avoid any unnecessary fines. If you have any questions related to parking bylaws, please do not hesitate to contact 519-661-4537.

For more information, visit: http://www.london.ca/Parking/PDFs/GuidetoParkingEnforcement_printversion.pdf

IF YOU HAVEN'T BY NOW . . .

By: Kevin

With a month of living at your rental this school year, there may be some things you may have forgotten to do after moving in:

Change the locks: Some leases outline when a landlord must do this by, others do not. It is not the landlord's responsibility to change the locks, but it is in your best interest to have this done. As well, check to make sure

all of your windows and doors lock properly and get the landlord to fix them if they don't.

Roommate Agreement: To help foster a good house dynamic, sit down with your roommates and fill out a roommate agreement that can be downloaded here: <http://www.fanshawec.ca/sites/default/files/assets/housing/pdf/accord.pdf>

It outlines various rules that tenants can agree upon regarding matters such as chores, guests and noise and once signed can be used as a contract to resolve any disputes that may arise throughout the year.

Garbage schedule: London is very strict on adhering to the garbage collection rules. You can find what day your garbage and recycling pickup is based on your zone by going to this website: http://www.london.ca/d.aspx?s=/Garbage/zonemap_pdf.htm.

FIRE SAFETY

By: Chelsea

In a month when many people dress up as fire-people for Halloween, fire safety can easily be forgotten about in the midst of having fun. For most off-campus students, it's been about a month since you moved into your rental, but has anyone followed up on their initial fire safety checks?

Checking to make sure the batteries work in smoke alarms is a simple but effective way to help prevent any destructive fires breaking out in your home. The law requires that you must have a smoke detector on every floor. And if anyone has an oven like mine, that causes the smoke alarm to go off if you turn the temperature above 350°C, don't give in to the temptation to "unplug" your safety device. It could save your life! Additionally, you could potentially be fined upwards of \$200 with the potential for more serious penalties if anyone is hurt.

Fire safety checklist: <http://www.fanshawec.ca/sites/default/files/assets/housing/pdf/firesafety.pdf>

ENERGY SAVING TIPS

By: Lauren

Maybe you're new to living off-campus, maybe you're tired of forking out so much money to pay for an outrageous energy bill. Use these tips to lower your energy consumption and keep that hard earned summer money in the bank.

- In the winter, turn down the heat at night
- Wash your clothes in cold water
- Shorten shower times
- Turn off all lights and computers when not in use
- Reduce drafts under doors and windows
- Set your AC a few degrees higher; you won't even notice the difference!
- Open windows to allow for a cool breeze instead of using the AC
- Use energy efficient light bulbs
- Fire up the BBQ instead of using the stove

Check out: <http://www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/html/firsttimetenants/> for more information on how to save energy, questions about rate and bills and so much more!

OCTOBER QUIZ

Send answers to gmatthews@fanshawec.ca before November 2nd for a chance to win a \$25 Bookstore gift certificate.

1. Name a baseball park in London that is over 100 years old?
2. Name a theatre in London that has live plays?
3. What bus(es) would you take to go from Fanshawe College to White Oaks Mall?

Congratulations to the September Quiz winner:
Rumman Ullah Khan!

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