

Town Hall Summary

Westgate Flu Shot Clinic (by GCs) MIT Medical will be sponsoring a flu shot clinic in the Westgate basement lounge on Wednesday, November 5th from 5:30-7pm. The clinic is open to all who are covered by the MIT health plan. Pre-registration is required online. You can find the link to the registration on the Events page of the Westgate web site. If you have any questions, contact Anna and Jason Walther at westgate-gc@mit.edu.

LETS Book Discussion Group (by GCs) "Learn English Together, Spouses!" (LETS) is hosting a book discussion group in the Westgate basement lounge. The group will be reading and discussing "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" by Alexander McCall Smith and will be meeting on Friday October 24th (chapters 1-7), Friday November 7th (chapters 8-16), and Friday November 21st (chapters 17-21). The meeting time will be 11am-1pm. If you have questions, contact Soojin Ha at shinnanjin@hotmail.com or Ye Zi at yezisea@gmail.com.

Natural Childbirth Class (by GCs) Elizabeth Hammond, a certified childbirth instructor in the Bradley method, will be teaching a natural childbirth class on Monday evenings from October 27th to December 15th from 6-9pm in the Westgate lounge. There are still spots available for three Westgate couples. The cost is only \$20 per couple for the entire session. (Normally these classes cost hundreds of dollars!) If you are interested, contact Liz at liz@birthteam.com or talk with Anna and Jason Walther.

iPod Shuffle Raffle (by RFRO).

We had the drawing for the floor event iPod shuffles.

The winners are:

Ben Druecke

Junlun Li

Peng Xu

Jorge Amador

Baking Contest (by RFRO) Baking contest Nov. 15th.

Email the RFRO westgate-rfro@mit.edu with the name of dish you would like to cook and compete with (bite size dishes). Every participant receives a gift. Westgate residents would taste the dishes and decide who will be the winner.

Westgate Tea Time (by Partners)

A Westgate social event at day time for all partners and spouses. Event day: 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm, Friday, Nov. 7, 2008.

Westgate Recycling Contest: A recycling contest between all the floors. More information to come.

Updates on the PCB project

Shanna Davidovitz, MIT Environment, Health, & Safety:

The project is coming to its end

Metal panels needs to be installed on the street side (this will be done in mid Nov.)

Estimates end of project: beginning of Dec.

Residents questions about the PCB:

Q What about removing the fence in the playground. It is open only on weekends and not open through the week.

A. will check possibility to keep the court side open during the week.

Q. Patios – when will it be cleared?

A. Working on cleaning them, this is a slow process.

Q please post on the blog for the relevant patios that needs to be cleaned, and update on the status of the balconies.

A. The clearing is a chemical wash.

Residents should not be there when the clearing is being done. It is not problematic to be on the balcony before the clearing.

Q. Some windows are still taped, even though the clearing was done (F2)

A. There is a wooden stair which was left in the balconies from the construction (Building A).

General issues raised by residents:

Q gym room too crowded –

A WEC is in the process of evaluating different solutions for the gym equipment. An online survey will be announced, in order to get residents perspectives.

Q. A personal package from front desk didn't arrive, even though the receptionist signed on receiving the package

A. please contact Jason Mac to resolve this issue

Q. A suggestion to create a Compost Bin: collecting vegetable waste to decompose in the winter and used to fertilize the garden plots. A place is needed to locate the compost bin

A. Anna and Jason will check with the status of the garden plots. WEC will consider allocating one of the plots for this purpose. It is important to make sure the compost won't be smelly, and would not cause any interruption to other people.

Q. Wireless connection- poor connection on the 13th floor

A. Please fill out a form for the RCC the address is near the public printer in the high rise lobby)
Jason Mac will follow up with this as well.

Q. Yoga class is full, are there going to be more classes

A. We are having this class now, and will assess according to level of participation and availability to open another class, if interested in entering the waiting list, please email westgate-sec-treas@mit.edu

Q. Heating issues in the apt.

A. There is a report on the website facilities where you can report a temperature problem. In general, the building heating system is a general one, not controlled individually for each apt.