

Town Hall Meeting November 18, 2010

1. Raffles for Floor Parties and Recycling

Floor Party Raffle: Winners: Apartment 309 and Apartment: 808

Recycling Raffle: Apartment 1509 and Apartment 1605.

2. International Holiday Festival

- Saturday, December 4 from 12:00 – 2:00
- Volunteers needed!
- Registration now open

3. Westgate T-shirt Sales

- Westgate t-shirts are now on sale
 - Go to the website to order

4. Introduce Sgt. Vossmer and overview of evening

- Advice and tips on staying streetwise and safe
 - MIT Police: 6172531212
 - Phone in MIT: 100.
 - Average response time: 2 min
 - You NEED to know the locations of the offices and emergency telephones.
 - You NEED to walk with a “don't mess with me” attitude. Don't talk on your phone when you are walking.
 - When approached by a stranger: Create distance, maintain eye contact.
 - Usual methods used by criminals: Asking for a cigarette, time or change.
 - You NEED to pay attention.
 - You are better off without pepper spray. A flashlight it's better.
 - Carry a whistle. Use it when YOU ARE GETTING AWAY from your attacker.
 - You need to get insurance on your personal property. MIT WILL NOT PAY YOUR STUFF.
- Q&A time with Sgt. Vossmer
 - If you see something, say something. If someone wants to get to the building and it feels wrong, CALL THE POLICE.
 - Have a current picture of your kids.
 - Talk to your kids about security.
 - You can get a whistle in any sport store, get a FOX 40. The ones that use the referees.
 - If you feel that your security is at risk, call the police and ask a security ride.
 - MIT Police offers a women protection course, it's limited to 16 women.

It's a 12 hour course.

- E-mail with concerns: police@mit.edu

5. Open Floor

- Heating:
 - We need a schedule for the heating, specially for snowing season.
 - Jason will ask Michael Collins if we can work with residents to get the heaters clean.
- Transportations:
 - Nothing has changed, but we are hopeful.
 - We can follow-up to see why the times or routes have changed.
- Next meeting:
 - We want to do it early December so we can talk about heating/housing issues.