

December 10, 2012

We're writing to update you of expanded efforts at construction noise mitigation during the upcoming Reading Day on December 12 and Final Exams period, December 13-21, 2012 -- *specifically increasing the start time of exceptionally noisy work from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and no work at major projects on Saturday, December 15.* First, we'd like to reiterate our thanks for your continued patience and cooperation during this busy time of construction on our campus. And, we hope you know that we work diligently to ensure compliance, and that we appreciate your engagement as we work together to limit the impacts of campus construction on our resident students.

Recognizing the importance of the upcoming Final Exams period, we are extending the prohibition on construction activities likely to be exceptionally noisy to 9:00 am on weekdays. This will be in effect at the sites for all of GW's major construction projects, including: School of Public Health and Health Sciences (SPHHS); Science and Engineering Hall (SEH); Gelman Library Entrance Floor Renovation Project (Gelman); the GW Museum; the Law Learning Clinic Garage and the adjacent Law Learning Townhomes project (LLC and LLT). Finally, construction hours on the Ross Hall renovation projects are being coordinated with the specific academic schedule of the Medical School and interior work at Gelman will occur before/after the standard work hours but it will not be exceptionally noisy.

Remember, workers can work from 7:00 to 9:00 am during Finals, but the work may not include activities that are defined as "exceptionally noisy", such as: surface scraping and asphalt/concrete demolition; filling of dump trucks/dumpsters with large rubble or scrap metal (soil is permitted); jack hammering; driving of piles; repeated/continuous honking/idling in vicinity of residence halls: and. loud/boisterous outdoor conversations within immediate proximity/adjacent to residence halls.

We have several tools to help you mitigate possible construction noise, including free earplugs and white noise machines that can be loaned for the school year. There are also several free white noise options that you can run on your computers or smart phones, here's one we found: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/whitenoise-lite/id292987597?mt=8>. Please use contact info below to email/tweet us and we'll arrange to provide you earplugs or loan you a portable machine.

If you have questions regarding construction activities that have been prohibited during early hours due to their exceptionally noisy conditions, please email talktogw@gwu.edu or campaign@gwu.edu, tweet @GWDSAHelps, or visit neighborhood.gwu.edu for more information on any of these projects.

We wish you success on your Finals and all the best for the holiday season.

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