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Dear Residents of Strong Hall:

With the fall semester starting this week, we want to provide you with an update on construction of the George Washington University Museum and Textile Museum. Although not as intense as previous demolition and excavation work, residents living near this site will still experience some noise and other inconveniences as a result of ongoing construction activity. We apologize in advance for disturbances and are working with our contractors to minimize (to the extent possible) the impact to neighboring buildings.

Construction work at this site will typically occur during hours permitted by the District of Columbia for construction: Monday to Saturday, between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm, except in special/pre-approved circumstances (which will be announced to surrounding residence halls when possible) and/or emergency situations. Exceptions to the 7:00 pm ending time will be on days when concrete pours occur, as additional time is needed for that day's poured concrete to dry. This permitted work is not anticipated to create any noise impacts but will involve additional workers on site later into the evening or at night.

We are also working with the contractors to schedule, to the extent possible, especially noisy work to begin later in the morning. Our goal is to start such exceptionally noisy activities after 8:00 am on weekdays and after 9:00 am on Saturdays. To be clear, work will occur on site beginning at 7:00 am, but we are making our best effort to delay the start of some noisy construction activities. To clarify, "exceptionally noisy" activities are defined as: surface scraping and asphalt/concrete demolition; jack hammering; driving of piles/use of hoe ram; repeated/continuous honking/idling in vicinity of residence halls; and, loud/boisterous outdoor conversations within close proximity to residence halls.

The university provides free earplugs to any student who requests them as well as white 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 likelihood of resulting in exceptionally noisy conditions, please email either talktogw@gwu.edu or campaign@gwu.edu or tweet @GWDSAHelps. We also urge you to use any of these contacts if there has been a violation of these prohibitions (please share as much information as possible, including your location, the time of day, and type of noise) so we can immediately follow up with the construction team.

Thank you, in advance, for your patience. Your cooperation will greatly contribute to the success of this endeavor and will help enhance GW's prestige as a world-class research university. We will continue to update you throughout the fall about any changes or exceptions to the information provided above.

Sincerely,

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