

August 25, 2014

Dear Residents of Fulbright, JBKO, Madison, and Munson Halls:

Welcome back! As the fall semester commences, we are writing to provide you an update on construction of Science and Engineering Hall. The project is entering the final phase of construction and is expected to be substantially complete later this year and will open for classes in time for the start of the Spring 2015 semester. We want to acknowledge that, at times, construction activities occurring on the site will be noisy and may cause inconveniences. We apologize in advance for any disturbances you experience and want to assure you that we have been working closely with our contractors to minimize (to the extent possible) the impact to your buildings.

You will notice that construction activities are taking place on and around the building's exterior. Please be mindful of this and close your blinds as needed for privacy.

Construction work at this site will typically occur during hours permitted by the District of Columbia for construction: Monday to Saturday, between 7:00am and 7:00pm, except in special/pre-approved circumstances (which will be announced to surrounding residence halls when possible) and/or emergency situations. Exceptions to the 7:00pm ending time may include after-hours deliveries, trash removal, and interior construction.

We are also working with 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 8:00am on weekdays and after 9:00am on Saturdays. To be clear, work will occur on site beginning at 7:00am, but we are making our best effort to delay the start of some noisy construction activities. Please note that "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 noise machines that can be borrowed for the school year. There are also several free white noise options that you can run on your computers or smart phones. 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](mailto:talktogw@gwu.edu) or [campaign@gwu.edu](mailto: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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