



Greek Village Information

The University of West Georgia plans to open a 254-bed Greek Village, with houses for 19 fraternities and sororities, for Fall Semester 2009. The houses will be owned and managed by the university, for the use of the organizations and their members. Houses are available for NPC, IFC, and NPHC groups. Fraternities and sororities will pay an annual Chapter Fee, and individual students living in the houses will pay rent for their rooms. The outside of each house will prominently display the letters of the fraternity or sorority.

The Village will include a community building, an outdoor basketball and volleyball court, outdoor green space, adequate parking, and 19 houses in the following sizes:

- Seven 20-bed houses
- Three 16-bed houses
- Three 10-bed houses
- Six 6-bed townhouses

Each house will have a living/chapter room, a residential kitchen, laundry facilities, and a mix of single and double bedrooms. All bathrooms are semi-private (shared by two residents). Floor plans are available in the Office of Student Activities in the Campus Center.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will the Greek Village open?

Ground breaking for the construction of the Greek Village will take place August 2008. The Greek Village is projected to open for residency for Fall 2009.

Where will the Greek Village be located?

The land for the Greek Village is the former "Evergreen" apartment land that is located on Brumbelow Drive. This location is close to commuter parking lots, the intramural playing fields, academic buildings, Campus Center, etc.

Who will live in the Greek Village?

Social Greek organizations that apply for residency and are approved to rent a house will have a house in the Greek Village.

What is the “Chapter Fee”?

Any organization with a house in the Village will be required to pay an annual rent for the use of that house. That fee is necessary to cover the common (shared) areas of your house (i.e. chapter room, kitchen, laundry room, hallways), as well as the shared cost of the Village (i.e., the community building and outdoor recreation spaces). This fee provides all members card access to your chapter’s house. The annual fees will be as follows:

\$20,000 for a 20-bed house

\$16,000 for a 16-bed house

\$10,000 for a 10-bed house

\$2,000 for a 6-bed house

(See attached sample chapter fee information sheet)

It is expected that most chapters will pay this fee by collecting “parlor fees” or “chapter fees” from individual members who do not live in the house, so the amount paid individually by members of different organizations will be different based on the size house you choose and how many people are in your chapter. Some organizations may help pay their Chapter Fees with fundraising projects, reserved housing funds, or alumni donations.

What will it cost if I want to live in the house?

Individual students will sign 10-month contracts with the university, and will pay rent directly to the university, just like students who live in residence halls. Summer contracts (2-month) will also be available. Private/single rooms are **estimated** to cost \$475 per month and double rooms \$435 per month.

For that rent, students get a furnished room, all utilities (electricity, water, cable, telephone, and UWG internet), and a parking place in a gated lot within the Village.

Individual applications and contracts for 2009-2010 will be available in Spring 2009.

Who will manage the Houses?

The Village will be managed by a resident manager employed by the University. Each chapter will also appoint/elect a resident member as house manager, who will be required to participate in some university training. It is up to the chapters as to whether they will

pay the house managers or not. The university will manage the buildings, including maintenance and grounds. University police will provide service to the village, and residents will be subject to all University policies.

What if we cannot fill our house?

Chapters will be required to have the house at 100% occupancy for the academic year and 50% occupancy for the summer (or pay the difference to the university). Because new freshmen are required to live in campus residence halls, they may not live in the houses until they complete their regular campus residency requirement.

In order to help assure that individual chapters stay healthy enough to fill their houses, UWG will be bringing a national marketing expert to campus in Spring 2008 to work with Student Activities and individual chapters to develop membership/marketing plans.

What happens if a house becomes vacant?

If a house should become vacant, the university must fill the beds, in order to keep this affordable for all students. We will give the first opportunity to other social Greek organizations to move into the house; if we are unable to fill it that way, we will rent it to other students (most likely some sort of special interest group such as an academic theme house).

What is the Alcohol Policy?

Students of legal age (21 years or older) may possess and consume alcohol in their house, as long as they do so responsibly. We are developing alcohol policies that will allow for responsible use of alcohol at registered social events.

What about parking?

Gated parking will be provided for resident members, additional guest/visitor parking will be provided across the street.

The Greek Village project will enhance Greek Life at West Georgia by attracting potential members and will provide a safe community for Greek Life to flourish and allow expansion of Greek organizations on campus. Building a sense of community living for Greek organizations is at the forefront of this project.

For more information, contact the Office of Student Activities in the Campus Center.