

VRC NEWS

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Verano Rent Increases

From 1997 to 2004, yearly rent increases in Verano were almost a constant 8%, far in excess of the increase in TA and RA stipends. Two years ago, when letters were sent out about another pending 8% increase, Verano residents mobilized to let the administration know that indefinite rent increases were not acceptable. Since that time, the increases have been 4% and 5.5% in 2006 and 2007 respectively.

The budget process has once again started for Graduate Family and Student Housing. This process determines how much rent will be increased. We vow to work with housing to keep rent as affordable as possible. In any event we will keep our residents informed about the possible amount of any increases. We may ask for your help letting the housing and campus administrators understand why large rent increases are not acceptable.

If you are concerned about rent increases, be sure you are on our mailing list so that we can contact you about events and actions that you can become involved in.

Secure Your Apartment Over the Holidays

Although Verano is a very safe community, please remember basic safety precautions such as keeping your doors locked and blowing out all candles when leaving the house. Also, please turn your heaters down or off when you are not at home to conserve energy.

Upcoming Survey – Please Help Us Understand Your Needs

The annual budget process is beginning and decisions about next year's rent will be made soon. The Verano Residents council acts as advocates for residents providing a voice for them regarding issues in the community. We would like to know what issues are important to you as we enter this period of negotiation. The council is seeking feedback from you about services and activities that are provided in the community and are funded by your rent money. In order to serve you best we would like to know what services and community events you are most interested in retaining and what events or services you do not wish your money to fund. You will be receiving an email invitation soon to take a quick, 5-minute survey. Please help us by letting us know what you think!

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