



**Celebrating Campus Community**

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# **Oaks Residence Life News**

**For  
2020-2021**

The Residence Life staff hopes your summer has gone well aside from the pandemic. We have been working hard each day to create plans and policies that will allow us to welcome you safely back to campus.

Campus life will look a little different this year due to COVID-19. The Residence Life staff has worked this summer to develop protocols, policies, and other aspects of living on campus that will allow you to have a great experience while being mindful of safety precautions.

In addition to the pandemic, news regarding ongoing racial injustice and discrimination have continued to impact our communities, our nation and the world around. The Residence Life staff endeavors to create an inclusive environment that embraces and values all members of our campus community. As we prepare for the fall semester, we are enhancing Residence Assistants and full-time staff training with a focus on diversity, equity and inclusion. This includes gaining a better understanding of issues affecting groups and individuals who experience marginalization. An emphasis has also been placed on identifying ways to provide support and create safer spaces for marginalized groups and ways to weave inclusivity into all aspects of campus life. We look forward to you joining us and working with us to build a community that strives to see the humanity of all people.

## **Moving Into the Oaks**

For new residents moving into the Oaks, move-in times will be scheduled starting on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> for Student Advisors and Orientation crew. Scheduled Move-Ins will continue through the Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes begin on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**All residents will be required to sign up for a check in time via the sign up genius link.** You will report to the front circle of the Oaks apartments to check in, pick up keys, pay the required \$200 security deposit, and complete paperwork. Only the student should report to the table to complete check in to minimize contact and please make sure to be on time.

When moving in, you are permitted to have two helpers. Face coverings are required at all times on campus while in public areas which includes in the lobby, common areas, hallways, and elevators in the Oaks.

As you are packing, a few things to bring for this year include the following:

- face coverings to use when exiting your room
- hand sanitizer
- disinfecting wipes and other cleaning products for your room and bathroom
- first aid kit and thermometer

Additionally this year, because of the possibility you would need to move to a quarantine or isolation space (Q/I) for up to 14 days, you are encouraged to have a bag of necessities ready to go. The Q/I rooms and will be set up with linens and sheets plus other convenience items. Things to have ready to move should the need arise include:

- several sets of comfy clothing and undergarments (think leggings, pjs, t-shirts)
- water bottle
- throw blanket
- pillow
- personal hygiene items such as toothpaste and toothbrush, feminine products

*Residents who are not able to check in during any of the times listed should contact Caitlyn Riner, Apartment Manager, to communicate arrival information.* She will send out a Google form to collect your details so she can arranged for a staff member to meet you upon your arrival.



Don't forget your hand truck! Having something with wheels can make moving big boxes easier and is one way to make your move in a smooth process. Be sure to carry your CamCard, too!

## What is My Apartment Number??

In your apartment assignment email, you will find your Apartment Number and Room Letter. Below that information you will find your apartment mates' names and the email addresses.

Please check over this information and make sure it is correct. If is not, please contact the Apartment Manager, Caitlyn Riner, at [oaks@meredith.edu](mailto:oaks@meredith.edu) or by phone, 919-760-8506. College offices are open Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon through the summer.

## Can I see my apartment before move-in day?

The apartments are not available for residents to see their individual rooms during the summer as they are being cleaned and readied for your arrival.



## Fire Safety Reminder



The presence of candles in the residence halls is a life and safety hazard. Open flames are prohibited in residence halls per the North Carolina State Fire Code; it is not a Meredith specific regulation.

To deter residents from having candles in their rooms, the fine per candle is \$50. Residents will be informed of this during floor meetings and Orientation activities. You can help with fire safety efforts by leaving candles at home.

## Billing Cycle Information for the 12-Month Housing Contract

As a reminder, the Oaks Housing contract consists of three billing cycles (Fall, Spring, and Summer).

The 2020-2021 housing charges are:

### **2 bedroom/2 bathroom units**

- ▶ \$5,200.00 per person per semester (Fall and Spring terms)
- ▶ \$2,080.00 per person for summer (Summer term: Enrollment in summer school is not required, however, Tenant is responsible for rent payment.)

### **4 bedroom/2 bathroom units**

- ▶ \$4,395.00 per person per semester (Fall and Spring terms)
- ▶ \$1,758.00 per person for summer (Summer term: Enrollment in summer school is not required, however, Tenant is responsible for rent payment.)

The Oaks Housing Contract includes **three (3) billing cycles** corresponding with each term: Fall, Spring, and Summer.

Housing charges for the Fall and Spring are included along with tuition and other institutional charges on the student's statement of account.

The first charge for Fall semester housing shall be made in advance of the Fall semester.

The second charge, representing the Spring semester charge, shall be made in advance of the Spring semester.

**Housing charges for the Summer term is a separate billing cycle and will be charged to the student's statement of account prior to June 1 and is due by June 1, 2021.**

Any questions about apartment billing can be directed to Caitlyn Riner, Apartment Manager.



### **Looking to Bring an Emotional Support Animal to Campus?**

Residents who are interested in bringing an Emotional Support Animal (ESA) to campus is required to go through an approval process. The process is housed in the Disability Services office where you will meet with one of the Disability Services Counselors.

To start the process, contact Disability Services at [disabilityservices@meredith.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@meredith.edu).

## **Not Returning to Meredith?**

If you are not planning to return to Meredith College, contact the Dean of Students office to complete a withdrawal form or the Registrar's office to complete Leave of Absence paperwork.

It is helpful if you also contact the Office of Residence Life to let us know you are not returning in order for us to get our records as correct as possible before the semester begins.

If you have any questions about moving on campus, the Oaks Apartment Manager can be contacted at either [oaks@meredith.edu](mailto:oaks@meredith.edu) or 919-760-8506.

The Office of Residence Life can be contacted either through email, [reslife@meredith.edu](mailto:reslife@meredith.edu) or at 919-760-8633.

Summer office hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – noon

*Enjoy the rest of your summer!*



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