February 28, 2022

Dear Student,

On Saturday, March 5, Student Engagement and Leadership presents *So You Think You Can Dance UMass*, a special event for UMass students hosted by Druski and featuring a performance by The Jabbawockeez, starting at 11:30 a.m. in the Fine Arts...
Center. Reserve your free ticket! After that, come out for UMass hockey vs. Boston College, 4:30 p.m. in the Mullins Center (also free for UMass students).

From 5 p.m. Friday, March 4 until 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6, all lots are restricted to valid permit holders and will be considered 24-hour restricted lots. The current guest restrictions in the residence halls remain in effect, and guests who are not UMass Amherst students are not allowed in residence halls and dining commons.

Keep these tips in mind if you plan on hosting a small gathering at your place:

- **Check your lease** for restrictions on having parties, number of guests allowed, and giving advance notice to your landlord.
- **Agree on two sober party hosts** to control music volume, access to the party, outside problems, and handle interactions with the police.
- **Notify neighbors in advance** and give them your sober hosts’ cell numbers.
- **Use Good Neighbor Registration** – If Amherst or Hadley Police get a noise complaint related to your registered gathering, you get a courtesy call to alert you to the complaint and 20 minutes to quiet down. Register any Friday or Saturday gathering by 11 a.m. Thursday at the Off Campus Student Center, Bartlett 103.
- **Know and follow local bylaws:**
  - Amherst
  - Hadley
- **Never provide alcohol to minors**, or allow minors to drink their own alcohol on your property. You can be held liable under social host law.
- **Speak up if you see safety hazards**, such as large groups gathering on decks, open flames, or guests jumping between balconies.
- **Call for help immediately** for injuries or possible alcohol/drug overdose, and be cooperative when police respond. Remember: Minutes Matter.
- **Know your rights.** Check out the Students’ Right to Assemble message from Student Legal Services.
- **Keep it clean!** Bag up any trash at the end of your get together.
Protect yourself and your property. No one has the right to gather on private property (your apartment, lawn, house, porch, or driveway) without invitation. If partygoers arrive uninvited to your place, it’s your right to ask them to leave.

Remember, as a tenant, you are responsible for the actions of people in your yard or house even if they are uninvited. Understanding and complying with university policies and town bylaws, including local alcohol policies, is especially important. Failure to do so could result in steep fines, public arrest records, and disciplinary outcomes up to suspension or expulsion from the university. Please review notices from your landlord about parking bans, security presence, and requirements for gatherings/parties. If your property or those nearby have a history of attracting large parties and crowds, be aware that random partygoers may quickly arrive at your place uninvited, causing problems for you.

Thank you for gathering responsibly and keeping yourself and others safe!

GO UMASS!

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