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# GREEK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION newsletter

For Greek Sector updates, announcements, and information at Georgia Tech

## FIRE ALARMED 2015: BY LARRY LABBE, GT FIRE MARSHAL

It is a well known that “smoke kills and fire burns,” as published by the United States Fire Administration and National Fire Protection Association. Early detection of smoke through a fire alarm system is the frontline defense in surviving a fire incident. The Georgia Tech Fire Safety Office manages a robust fire prevention program to help reduce the risk of fire, and prepare building occupants in case there is a fire. Three main components the Fire Safety Office works with the Greek community on are fire inspections, evacuation drills, and special event oversight.



Recently, we launched a fire prevention initiative “Fire Alarmed 2015” to focus on the proper functionality of Fire Protection Systems. Fire Safety Specialists were tasked with extra checklist items to assure proper fire alarm operation. If the fire alarm is off, in trouble status, or not calling the fire department, the entire house is at a significant risk of fire loss and a higher probability of fire fatalities. A trouble signal in the system indicates that there are

faulty components, or their are entire sections of the system that are not functioning properly. Let’s eliminate the trouble, keep the systems on, get the systems directly calling the fire department.

It is imperative that we look out for each other and keep the fire protection systems up and running as lives depend on it. For more information and assistance with managing your fire protection systems please contact the Georgia Tech Fire Safety Office. Remember we are family and are here to keep you safe. 404-894-FIRE (3473) or email the Fire Marshal at [fire@gatech.edu](mailto:fire@gatech.edu).

## HAVE A QUESTION?

Check out <http://greek.gatech.edu/content/18/greek-facilities> for resources and documents. Or contact Kylie Corcoran, Greek Affairs Coordinator at 404-894-2002 or [kylie@gatech.edu](mailto:kylie@gatech.edu).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

“College Chefs is a company that provides classically trained chefs to over 100 fraternity and sorority chapters nationwide. We specialize in offering chapters fresh, from scratch meals as opposed to the typical unhealthy, boring, processed meal service. Don’t believe us, check out meals our current customers are eating at [www.facebook.com/collegechefs](http://www.facebook.com/collegechefs). Additional information is also available at [www.collegechefs.com](http://www.collegechefs.com).”

*Email Vytas Dailide, Account Manager, ([vdailide@collegechefs.com](mailto:vdailide@collegechefs.com)) to meet or to set up a tasting.*

“GRS Properties, LLC., has developed a successful strategy to operate and maintain fraternity and sorority properties. We are an organization that focuses on Property Management and Construction Development of Greek Student Housing. We can provide you with total service or build a custom package of services to meet the needs of your organization.”

*Email Shana Smith, Director of Properties, ([shana@greekresource.com](mailto:shana@greekresource.com)) for additional information.*

Shared Database of Contacts: Many times during the semester, the Greek Affairs office is contacted by house managers or advisors who are looking for contact information for outside companies to address projects in their facilities (plumbers, general contractors, etc.).

*To Share a Contact: <http://goo.gl/2tbZCj>  
To Get a Contact: [Kylie@gatech.edu](mailto:Kylie@gatech.edu)*

## GREEK RECYCLING INITIATIVES:

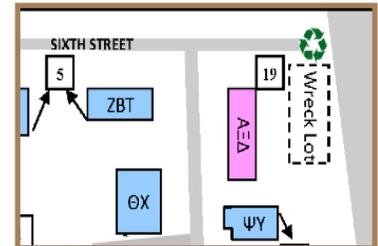
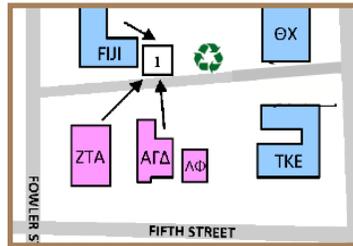


Currently, 10 chapters are on the Greek Recycling Pilot Program, which is a new initiative between the Office of Greek Affairs and the Office of Solid Waste Management and Recycling. Each Monday, these 10 chapters get aluminum and plastic recycling picked up at their chapter homes by GT Facilities Staff members. This pilot program is an attempt to work out the kinks for recycling pick up with an end goal in mind to expand this to each chapter facility in the Greek Sector.

**Chapters Participating:**

Alpha Chi Omega	Phi Kappa Theta
Alpha Delta Chi	Pi Kappa Alpha
Alpha Delta Pi	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Alpha Epsilon Pi	Sigma Chi
	Theta Xi

In the meanwhile, any chapter can recycle at the two recycling locations in the Greek Sector. These locations accept paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass. Remember, cardboard can be recycled at your dumpster, as long as it is completely empty and broken down when placed neatly next to your dumpster.



## WINTER WEATHER PREPARATIONS

Interested in assisting Facilities with shoveling, and cleaning up campus after a snow storm? The Greek community was of great assistance to Facilities during previous winter weather events. Be on the lookout for a request for volunteers.

Buy sand and salt now! Atlanta area stores will sell out quickly one bad weather is predicted.

## DON'T FORGET...

- Attend the GNA Meeting on February 16 at 7pm in Smithgall Student Services (Flag Building) Room 117.
- Complete your Spring Fire Inspection (February).
- Review and edit chapter’s Redbook Emergency Plan on file with Georgia Tech (March).
- Coordinate Tech Beautification Day Activities for your chapter (March 28).
- Transition with new or Summer House Manager (April).



## GNA VIOLATIONS THIS YEAR

TRASH

DUMPSTERS

LAWNS

Since June 2014, there have been 47 total GNA Violations (YTD: 118)

Trash Violations: 29; over half are on Friday mornings (YTD: 67)

Dumpster Violations: 18, over half on Tuesday mornings (YTD: 51)

Goal for 2014-2015: Less than 100 Total Violations

## HOUSE MANAGER SPOTLIGHT: JOSEPH MAY, ΦΚΘ

### What is the toughest part of being house manager?

It's a constant job. It requires a lot of work and you don't always know when you'll have to respond to a new problem. Keeping everything maintained properly and predicting potential points of failure mitigates a lot of these issues. Additionally, relying on a committee or one or two other brothers to help out and be responsible when you can't be there is almost necessary.

### What is the Recycling system in your house?

Each of our brothers has a weekly or bi-weekly "house duty" that they are responsible for completing. One of the house duties includes taking out our recycling each Sunday evening. The key to getting people to actually use the cans has primarily been a matter of frequent reminders and proper signage. Once most of the brothers have developed the routine it's easy enough to keep it going.

### How do you teach your members about how to use the dumpster?

Frequent reminders of GNA policy help quite a bit. Most of the issues we've had are primarily due to a lack of awareness. If our brothers consistently fail to handle

their trash properly we also have internal rules that I can fall back on for negative reinforcement.

### What big project are you working on this year?



We don't have any big projects this semester. Instead, we're focusing on making small improvements around the house, especially in the efficiency of our utility use.

### Any advice for house managers about doing fire inspections/drills?

The first thing to do is to teach everyone the fire code and remind them of the small things that they wouldn't normally think about. The other big thing is to schedule inspections for all of the

necessary systems to make sure they're current and up to date.

### How do you motivate members to do chores? What system works best in your house?

We have a system for positively reinforcing good behavior and negatively reinforcing bad behavior. We also have rules that allow me to apply monetary incentives to do a good job while cleaning. I strongly believe in maintaining enough flexibility to allow for extenuating circumstances but it's always important to have hard rules to fall back on as necessary. Also, one of my goals this semester is to find and test new ways to incentivize good habits.

### Do you have a Committee of members that help you?

I have a committee of four other brothers who provide advice and assist me with various projects around the house.

### What is the biggest piece of advice for new house managers?

Don't be afraid to rely on others. You'll have a lot of work and your brothers' help can do a lot to make sure everything runs smoothly.

*Joe is a 3rd Year Mechanical Engineering major from Washington D.C. serving in his second term as house manager.*