

The Newsline

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You Can Always Go To Downtown Stillwater

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People walk leisurely on the sidewalks beside the unique mix of historic buildings, new shops, statues and a fountain. The aromas of chocolate, coffee and various types of food float through the air. The sound of laughter originates from old friends meeting in the shade of the buildings and children walking with their parents.

This scene is common in downtown Stillwater, the district full of restaurants, shops and other attractions of which many residents are unaware.

"It's a very unique shopping district," said Amy Jo Frazier, business improvement district coordinator for downtown Stillwater. "It's not just a regular strip mall."

Frazier added, "There's a special feeling in our downtown. It's beautiful. The atmosphere downtown has changed over the last six or seven years."

If you have not been to the downtown area recently, you should visit it, Frazier said.

According to the city of Stillwater, the downtown district is being reinvented as a "business, cultural and entertainment destination." It is not focused on recapturing the "downtown of the past."

Downtown Stillwater hosts events throughout the year which attracts tourists and benefits the entire community. Frazier said one of the district's main goals is to market to Stillwater residents as well as those in the surrounding region. This added traffic into the city is beneficial for the local economy.

"A community is very fortunate to have a viable downtown area that serves as the heart of the community," said Cristy

Morrison, executive director of the Stillwater Convention and Visitors Bureau. "It is amazingly active all times of the day."

Morrison said, "It is a go-to location for shopping, dining, nightlife and special events."

Events such as Bike Night, Krazy Dayz and the annual Downtown Stillwater Car and Bike Show keep people coming back to the downtown district, Frazier said.

Bike Night takes place the first Tuesday of the month. The August Bike Night's theme is "Vintage Bikes" and will be held August 6 at 8th and Main Street. The annual Downtown Stillwater Car and Bike Show will be held September 6 and 7 and will feature a Friday evening cruise-in as the finale for the Bike Nights and an introduction for the car show on Saturday.

Events such as these bring increased traffic into the many businesses in the area.

"We have an impressive mix of unique retail, specialty shops, dining and nightlife," Morrison said.

Frazier said downtown Stillwater has a variety of businesses including biking equipment retailers, restaurants and coffee shops, professional services, jewelry stores and clothing shops. This variety interests all types of people.

Wiggles & Giggles, Murphy's Department Store, Flourishes and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory are a few of the many businesses which families may enjoy, Frazier said. Aspen Coffee, District

bicycles, The Summit and the many restaurants in the district may interest both families and single residents.

Additionally, there is a game-day shuttle program where people can park downtown and get a free shuttle to the game at Boone Pickens Stadium during the Oklahoma State University football season.

For more information about downtown Stillwater, "like" their page "Downtown Stillwater" on Facebook or visit www.downtownstw.com.



Downtown Stillwater

Photo by Dedra Baker, Communications & Marketing Assistant

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Greetings! Welcome to a new semester in Family and Graduate Student Housing! Your Apartment Assistants (AAs) and the Family Resource Center (FRC) staff wish you the best in your academic and personal/family endeavors while living in our community--we want you to feel like you are part of our OSU family because you are!

Our community has residents from many different countries and cultures, yet we all have things in common. You and your neighbors alike strive to better yourselves and your families by reaching your academic goals while at OSU. Also, you and your neighbors want to get to know new people who will help support you personally and professionally during your time at OSU and for years to come. It is these commonalities, among numerous others, that makes us all a part of the Cowboy family. I encourage you to make an effort to get to know your neighbors and make friendships that will last forever.

This newsletter, along with your Apartment Assistant's newsletter, are the best sources of information related to FRC activities, FGSH reminders and neighborhood functions. Please take advantage of the programming offered by the FRC and your AA's and participate or volunteer when you can. If you have any questions or need assistance of any kind, please don't hesitate to call the FRC, the FGSH office, or your neighborhood AA. Also, feel free send me an e-mail (sarah.wilkey@okstate.edu) or come by my office at the FRC—my door is always open!



Sarah Wilkey, Ph.D.
FRC & FGSH Assistant Director



Family & Graduate
Student Housing

Keep up with the FRC on Facebook! Search “OSU Family Resource Center” and like our page. Make sure to check daily to find important FGSH information and for chances to win prizes!



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Follow the FRC on Pinterest! Search “OSU Family Resource Center” under Pinner. Make sure to look us up for interesting recipes, activities and other information!



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The mission of the Family Resource Center is to provide information and resources to individuals and families, with a particular emphasis on those living in FGSH. We assist residents in their adjustment to academic life and promote their success and personal fulfillment.

FGSH Spotlight

Staff Member

Logan Lindly
Children's Programming Assistant



Our featured Family Resource Center staff member this month is Logan Lindly. He is a children's programming assistant in youth and family programs at the FRC. He is involved in the Summer Adventures class.

Logan said he enjoys the people

at the FRC and working with the children.

Logan is from Wright City, Okla., which is a small town in southeast Oklahoma.

He also is a secondary education major and plans to teach history and coach baseball in the future.

Logan enjoys playing sports and fishing. His favorite movie is Star Wars. His favorite food is cheeseburgers. An interesting fact about Logan is he played college baseball.

Logan's favorite quote is "Whatever you choose to be in life, be a good one." These words were given to him by his dad, Richard Allen Lindly.

If you see Logan around the FRC, be sure to say "Hello!"

If you enjoy learning more about current FGSH staff members and fellow residents, be on the lookout for more spotlights in the upcoming *Newsline* editions!

Resident

Fadhil A. Ali Al-Sahlanee
Demaree Neighborhood Resident



Fadhil A. Ali Al-Sahlanee is our featured resident this month. He is a resident of the Demaree neighborhood and lives with his wife, Marwah Sami, and his mother. He is working on his Ph.D. in computer engineering.

He is originally from Basra, Iraq

and was born on Nov. 29, 1970.

His role model is Ali Ibn Abi Talib because of his great character and personality.

Fadhil likes the English courses and children's programs at the FRC as well as the help for all the residents.

His favorite foods are Iraqi kebabs and seafood. He enjoys reading, doing scientific research, traveling to see ancient civilizations and fishing. His favorite movie is "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly." "The Relativity Theory" and "Nahjul Balagha" are his favorite books. His favorite holidays are the New Year's holidays and Independence Day. Home is Fadhil's favorite vacation

spot.

"Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not simpler" is Fadhil's favorite quote.

Fadhil's interesting fact is that "intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair."

In the future, he plans to get his post-doctoral degree in artificial intelligence and neural networks.

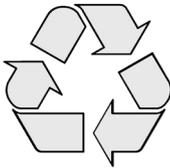
Say "Hello" if you see Fadhil at the FRC or in your neighborhood!

AA & FGSH News

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Breezeways

Breezeways must be kept clear at all times. For your safety, no item that in any way blocks the path of egress may be stored in breezeways. No trash, furniture, household items, toys, plants, flower pots, garden tools or any other personal item may be stored in breezeways for any length of time. Any item left in a breezeway will be considered trash and will be disposed of immediately, and the Primary will be charged a \$50 disposal fee.



Look for recycling bins and more information on recycling coming soon!

Shopping Shuttle (free for all FGSH residents)

Sign up for the shuttle at the Laundry Mart 30 minutes prior to the shuttle's departure.

Monday & Wednesday Schedule

5:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Sultan International & Crepe Myrtle Asian Food
 6:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7pm (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 7:30pm (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 7:40pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:10pm (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 8:40pm (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments

Saturday Schedule

9am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 9:30am (Pick Up @ Brumley Office) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 9:40am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 10am (Pick Up @ Laundry) To Walmart & Food Pyramid
 10:10am & 11am (Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
 11:40am (Final Pick Up @ Walmart/Food Pyramid) Return to FGSH Apartments
***All times listed above are approximate. Due to varying traffic flow, these times may be delayed.**

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Community Development News

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GPSGA Welcome Reception

The Graduate and Professional Student Government Association is throwing its annual Welcome Reception for new and returning graduate students. This event is designed for students to socialize with faculties and senior administration. This is also the place to get to know different areas on campus and in the community for helping graduate students. There will be food, refreshments and prizes available in this event. This year's event will be held on Wednesday, August 21 from 5 to 7pm in the Starlight Terrace in the Student Union.

FGSH Welcome Bash

The Family and Graduate Student Housing will be throwing the first annual Welcome Bash to welcome and celebrate new, returning and current residents back to school. There will be games, foods, activities and prizes for this Welcome Bash. The scavenger hunt will take place at 3pm and dinner will be 6pm on Sunday, August 25 at the FRC. We will advertise more about the event in the next few weeks.

Mayor's Welcome

The Mayor's Welcome is an annual event hosted by the International Friendship Committee of Stillwater that allows various community and campus organizations that provide specific services of interest to the international students to exhibit their services. The Mayor's Welcome also serves to welcome new and returning international students to the community and acquaint them with all the activities the community has to offer. Refreshments will be served and Mayor John Bartley will be present to address the guests. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 24 from 6 to 9pm in the Wes Watkins Center.

Dessert Competition Recap

The 2013 Dessert Competition was a great experience this year! We had close to 80 residents in attendance and 21 participants. Special thanks to those who took the time to come out and support our participants! The winners were:

- First place: Raihan Sijok
- Second place: Nadia Al Essawi
- Third place: Chitra Raul
- People's choice: Maha Elturki

Book Drive

The FRC is having a book drive for Better World Books to "help put literacy within the reach of people around the world." You can drop off your extra, old or unused books and textbooks in the Better World Books' box inside the FRC. For questions about which books may be donated or the book drive, contact Catherine or stop by the FRC.

Programs made possible by funding and services provided by Family and Graduate Student Housing, OSU Student Activity Board Fee, the Stillwater Literacy Council, and the Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering Graduate Student Association.

Youth & Family News

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Enrollment for Fall 2013 & Spring 2014

During the month of August, the Youth & Family Programs staff will be assisting all parents in completing new enrollment forms for children in order to participate in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 programs. All parents who would like their child to participate in fall and spring programs must fill out a new enrollment form regardless of whether or not your child was previously enrolled.

For the fall and spring semesters, children will be enrolled in programs on a priority basis; those residents who have lived in the Family and Graduate Student Housing community for the longest amount of time will have first priority in signing up their children for programs. Enrollment for our programs will be limited; refer to the information below, so you may enroll your child on the appropriate day.

Additionally, to enroll children for programs, parents are required to bring their apartment key and photo identification cards. If you have any questions regarding the enrollment process, please contact Amie.

Fall and spring enrollment will occur Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2.

Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing community prior to September 1, 2011, may enroll their children on **Thursday, August 1** during the times listed below.

9am to 11:30am

1pm to 4pm

5:30pm to 7pm

Residents who moved into the Family and Graduate Student Housing community from September 2, 2011, to the present may enroll their children on **Friday, August 2** during the times listed below.

9am to 11:30am

1pm to 4pm

Mandatory Parent Meeting for Fall & Spring Programs

Parents of children enrolled in programs are required to attend the informational meeting regarding fall and spring programs on Friday, August 2 from 6 to 7pm. Parents must attend this meeting for their children to attend fall and spring programs. At this informational meeting, parents will have the opportunity to meet the Youth & Family Programs staff, become aware of children's programming policies and procedures, learn about special programs and field trips, and ask questions. Childcare and light refreshments will be provided. Please note this meeting is mandatory; your child will not be allowed to participate in this program if you do not attend this meeting.

City of Stillwater Municipal Pool Swim Specials

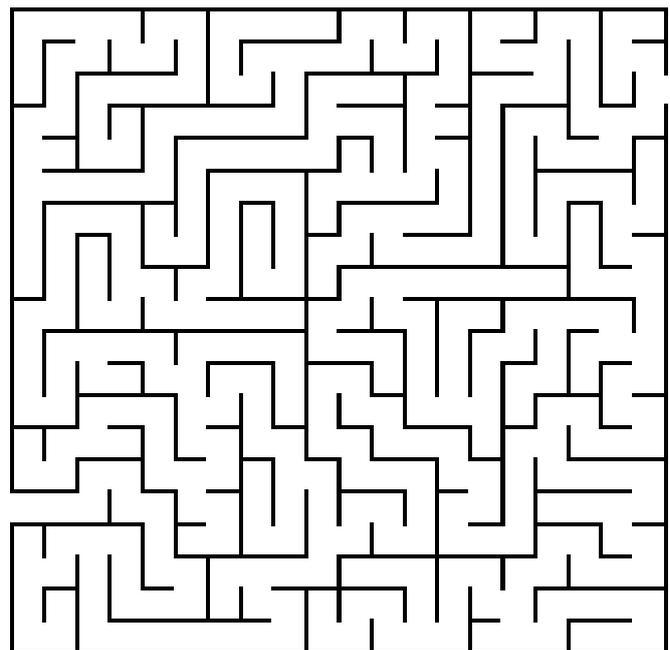
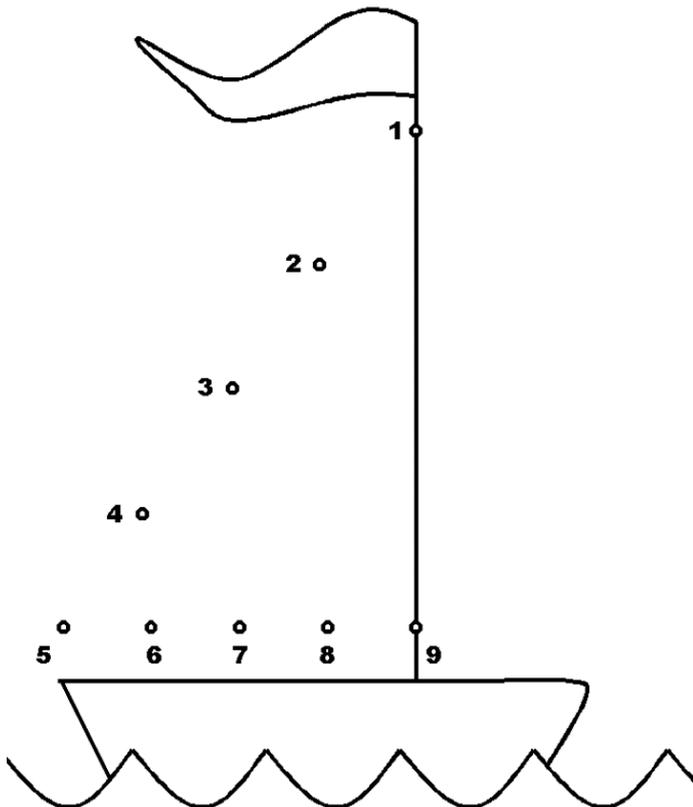
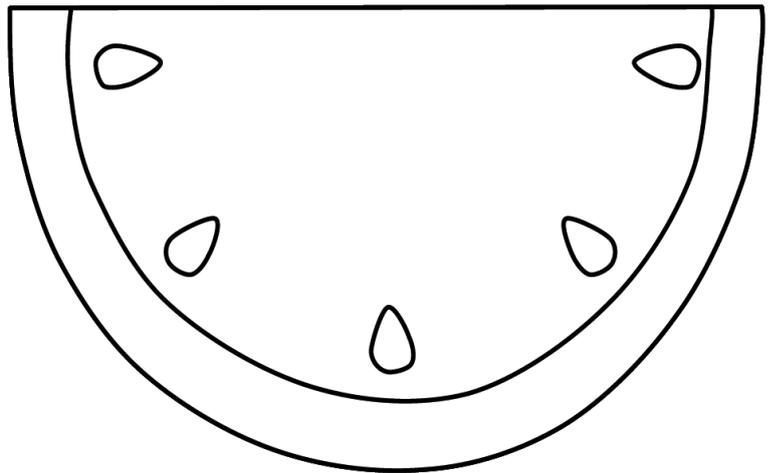
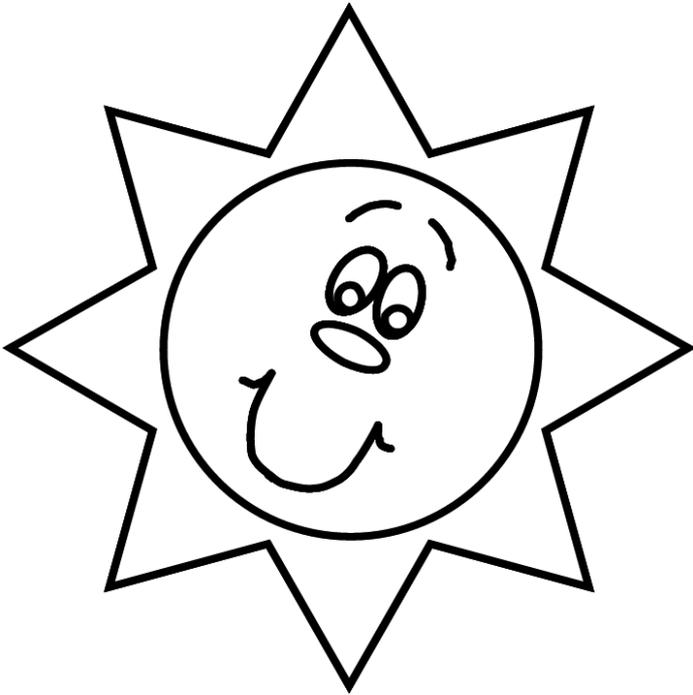
Sunday, August 4, 1 to 5pm: Family Day Special (\$6 admission for families)

Sunday, August 11, 1 to 5pm: Closing Day (All guests enjoy half-price swim, \$1.50 per guest)

Kid's Page

Color this page, connect the dots on the sailboat and find the path through the maze!

Source: www.coloring.ws and <http://puzzlemaker.discoveryeducation.com>



Upcoming events

Use this page as a quick guide to FRC, campus and Stillwater events going on this month!
August 2013

Thursday, August 1 – 9 to 11:30am, 1 to 4pm and 5:30 to 7pm
Youth & Family Programs Fall & Spring Enrollment
Families moved in prior to Sept. 1, 2011

Friday, August 2 – 9 to 11:30am and 1 to 4pm
Youth & Family Programs Fall & Spring Enrollment
Families moved in Sept. 2, 2011 to present

Friday, August 2 – 6 to 7pm
Mandatory Parent Meeting
Childcare and light refreshments provided

Friday, August 2 – 7:30pm
Cool Classics Concert Series
Sheerar Cultural Center Auditorium (7th and Duncan Street) • Free admission

Saturday, August 3 – 8:30am to 4pm
Free CPR classes
Stillwater Community Center

Sunday, August 4 – 1 to 5pm
Family Day Special
City of Stillwater Municipal Pool • \$6 admission for families

Tuesday, August 6 – 6pm
Bike Night-Vintage Bike Night
Downtown Stillwater (Main Street)

Tuesday, August 6 – 6 to 7:30pm
Buzzworthy Bistro
Stillwater Public Library

Friday, August 9 – 7pm to Saturday, August 10 – 7am
Relay for Life of Stillwater
Payne County Expo Center

Friday, August 9 – 7:30pm
Cool Classics Concert Series
Sheerar Cultural Center Auditorium (7th and Duncan Street) • Free admission
• Appassionata Viola and Harp Duo performance

Saturday, August 10 – 9:30am to 4:30pm
Style: A Novel Building Workshop
Stillwater Public Library

Sunday, August 11 – 1 to 5pm
Closing Day
City of Stillwater Municipal Pool • All guests enjoy half-price swim • \$1.50 per guest

Saturday, August 17 – 7pm
Oklahoma State vs. Oral Roberts Women's Soccer Game
Tulsa, Okla.

Monday, August 19
First day of Fall Semester

Saturday, August 19 – 6:30 to 8:30pm
Sewing Circle
Stillwater Public Library

Wednesday, August 21 – 7 to 9pm
Lights on Stillwater
Boone Pickens Stadium

Wednesday, August 21 – 5 to 7pm
GPSGA Welcome Reception
Student Union Starlight Terrace

Thursday, August 22 – 6pm
Movie "Within Reach"
Architecture Building Auditorium

Friday, August 23 – 7pm
Oklahoma State vs. Tennessee-Martin Women's Soccer Game
Martin, Tenn.

Saturday, August 24 – 6 to 9pm
Mayor's Welcome
Wes Watkins Center

Sunday, August 25
FGSH Welcome Bash
Scavenger hunt at 3pm • Dinner at 6pm • FRC Parking Lot

Sunday, August 25 – 1pm
Oklahoma State vs. Vanderbilt Women's Soccer Game
Nashville, Tenn.

Monday, August 26
100% Refund, Nonrestrictive Drop/Add Deadline

Friday, August 30
50% Refund, Restrictive Drop/Add Deadline

Friday, August 30 – 7pm
Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma Women's Soccer Game
Stillwater, Okla.

Saturday, August 31
Oklahoma State vs. Mississippi State Football Game
Reliant Stadium-Houston

Saturday, August 31 – 10am to 3pm
"Save the Blood" Blood Drive
NOC Parking Lot (corner of Hall of Fame and Monroe)

Event Guide:

 FRC/FGSH Events

 OSU Events

Stillwater Events

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The FGSH Resident's Council is a group of FGSH residents who serve as representatives of the individuals, families, students, staff, faculty & other residents who live in FGSH at OSU. The Council helps give suggestions and input to FGSH & ResLife staff. Please contact a council member if you have a question, concern or feedback.