

BRINGING ASHDOWN

November 2015

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/15: NE Patriots Watching BBQ & Smoker Party, 4pm

Location: East Courtyard

Watch the NE Patriots game while enjoying freshly smoked ribs courtesy of our housemaster, Adam Berinsky, as well as regular BBQ fare like hamburgers, hot dogs, and veggie burgers.

11/24: Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:30pm

Location: Hulsizer Room

Dinner will include all traditional Thanksgiving foods. Reservation + \$5 fee required for residents, with a \$65 fee for guests. Please watch for an email from your Floor Organizer to RSVP.

Every Thursday: Coffee Hour, 9pm

Location: Hulsizer Room

Enjoy coffee, fruit, salad, cheese, and desserts with Ashdown residents. Volunteers welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Laundry Repairs

If you experience problems with one of the laundry machines, please report the problem to the House Manager, Denise Lanfranchi at dlan@mit.edu. She will ensure that the machine is serviced. The inventory subcommittee does not have the authority to make service calls directly.

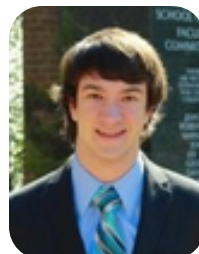
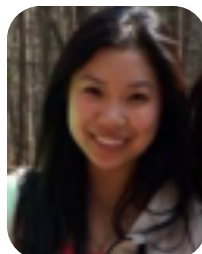
Hi Ashdowners!

Whether you are a first-year or continuing student at MIT, we hope you all settled into life at Ashdown ok! Orientation lasted all September long, and we have photos on page 2 to prove it was a fun and eventful month. Additional photos can be found on Ashdown's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/ashdownhouse. We encourage you all to join in order to receive the latest updates and to connect with your fellow housemates.

As we look forward, the end of the Fall semester is fast approaching, which means we will all be busy finishing up final projects, preparing for exams, and getting ready for the holiday season. Don't forget to make time to enjoy Boston over the next few weeks, too. On page 4, we make recommendations on events you won't want to miss, including ice skating and enjoying the last bits of fall foliage.

For later editions of our newsletter, we are looking to publish original content from YOU— the Ashdown residents. If you have a piece you'd like us to include, please email ashdown-comms@mit.edu. This can be anything from an interesting post about your summer travels, your research projects, a cause/event you'd like to highlight, or a personal blog post. We are here to showcase you! If your submission is published in the newsletter, we will send you a \$50 gift card for your contribution! Otherwise, if you have ideas on how we can improve the Newsletter, let us know!

Your Communications Officers,
Tram Nguyen & Cody Karcher



SEPT/OCT EVENT PHOTOS

PUMPKIN CARVING



ORIENTATION BRUNCH



ORIENTATION POTLUCK



DANCE PARTY



THIRSTY EAR BBQ



ASHDOWN LIVING: TIPS & TRICKS

Here, we share a few of our favorite tips and tricks we've figured out while living at Ashdown. Hope these make student life a bit easier... Enjoy!

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TRADER JOE'S SUNDAY SHUTTLE

If you've downloaded the MIT Mobile app to track the EZRide Shuttles, you may have noticed the Trader Joe's – Whole Foods Shuttle. This service is available every Sunday between 11:30am-4:30pm. I'd recommend walking to Trader Joe's, buying your groceries, and taking the shuttle back. It picks up right in front of the Trader Joe's at 748 Memorial Drive.

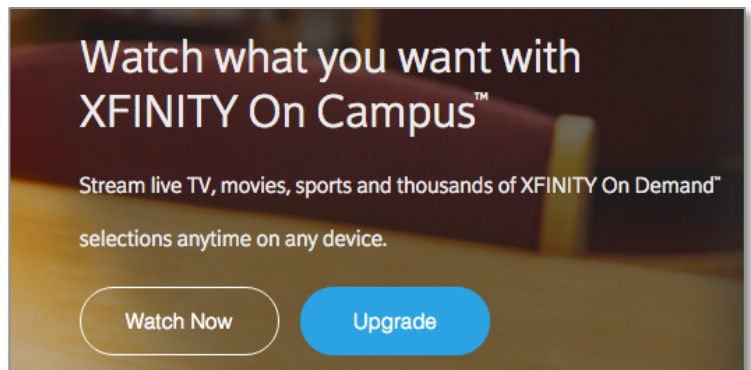


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WATCH FREE TV ON YOUR LAPTOP

Did you know that residents can access basic and premium TV channels through Xfinity on Campus? Login using your MIT certificate at:

www.xfinityoncampus.com/login



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GROCERY AND FOOD DELIVERY

When school and life get really busy and you can barely find the time to cook and eat, delivery services can save you a ton of time. Whether you are ordering dinner, groceries, or toilet paper, there is a company that serve every need. For groceries and household goods, we would recommend Roche Brothers, Instacart, or Peapod. For food delivery service, there is Seamless, GrubHub, and Eat24hours.com. Make sure to find coupon codes to save on delivery fees.

Instacart

Peapod

Roche Bros.

grubHub

seamless Your Food Is Here

yelp*
EAT24

EXPLORING BOSTON:

PERFECT WEEKEND ACTIVITIES FOR NOVEMBER

Before winter hits and we all escape or hibernate over the holidays, be sure to take advantage of the cool and beautiful weather this month by exploring these fun activities in the city.

ENJOY THE FALL FOLIAGE



There is still plenty of fall foliage within the city during November. Take a stroll through some of Boston's parks to enjoy the last sight of crimson and gold while you can. Some recommendations are The Esplanade, Boston Public Garden, and Rose Garden and the Victory Gardens.

BE THE FIRST ON THE ICE



The city's rinks reopen for the season in mid-November. This is a fun day or night activity and requires little planning—skates can be rented at the rink.

VISIT A BOSTON MUSEUM



Boston has many world-famous museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, and New England Aquarium. Bring a friend and be sure to check for student discounts.

START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING



Need a new winter wardrobe or want to get a head start on your holiday gift list? Now is the perfect time! Spend a day at Copley Place or Prudential Center in Back Bay, Assembly Row, or Cambridgeside Galleria. For big-name, discount shopping, rent a car and go to Wrentham Premium Outlets for the day.

ASHDOWN Bike Cleanout



Do you have a bike on Ashdown's property?

If so, you may have noticed a blue wristband on your bike.

Please remove and discard this wristband by Friday, November 20th. Bikes with a wristband after this date will be considered abandoned and will be removed.

Questions?

E-mail ashdown-inventory@mit.edu

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