Mission Statement

- The Neighborhood Housing Office (NHO) strives to provide direct outreach and advising to help students find quality off-campus housing and roommates through education, referral, and support. We promote healthy living and civic responsibility to connect students with UW-Milwaukee and the surrounding neighborhoods.
Learning Outcomes

- Explore the neighborhood surrounding UWM
- Gain knowledge of tenant rights and responsibilities
- Be able to identify resources available to them as student tenants
- Understand what it means to be a good neighbor and community member
- Feel a sense of belonging and responsibility to their neighborhood and community
- Be provided with current and relevant information regarding off-campus living and parking
- Receive access to the exclusive NHO listing service
Who We Are and Who We Serve

- 5 student staff
- 1 professional staff
- 1000+ individual students per year
- Landlords
- Neighbors and Community Members
Programs and Initiatives

- **Episodic Programming**
  - UNITE
  - Neighborhood Clean-Up (Make a Difference Day)
  - Preferred Tenant Program
  - NHO Week
  - Community Scavenger Hunt
  - Grocery Store Sweep
  - Annual Housing Fair
  - Dump & Run

- **Ongoing Initiatives:**
  - Good Neighbor Program
  - Panther Neighborhood Watch Pledge
  - Monthly Student E-Newsletter
  - Website
  - Listing Service
  - Social Media
  - Walk-In Student Advising
  - Referrals to Legal Clinic
Neighborhood Associations

Roughly 1,000 Students in the 53211 Zip Code

- Neighborhoods Closest to Campus:
  - Riverwest
  - Mariners
  - Cambridge Woods
  - Historic Water Tower
  - Murray Hill
  - Shorewood
Common Topics That Impact Our Students

- **Predatory Landlords**
  - Eviction
- **Best time to start rental search**
  - 2-3 months in advance of anticipated move-in date
- **City of Milwaukee Occupancy Ordinance**
  - No more than 3 unrelated people living together in a rental unit
  - Rooming Housing License
  - Risk of Eviction
- **MPD Grant Initiative**
  - Increased police presence during grant period
- **Knock and Talks**
- **Department of Neighborhood Services/Milwaukee Police Department**
- **NHO Student Staff Off-Campus Follow-Ups**
  - Peer to Peer Resource
  - Provide resources and information on rental rights and responsibilities
  - Most common follow-up topics:
    - Noise
    - Snow Removal
- **International Students**
  - Not a protected class
  - Can be asked to submit proof of income
  - Can be subject to double security deposit
Neighborhood Housing: Online!

- [http://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/](http://uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing/)
- Listing Service
  - Landlords required to complete City of Milwaukee Landlord Training Course
  - All properties and landlords undergo property and background checks
- Community Events Calendar
Neighborhood Relations

- 1 point of contact for all UWM-related community concerns
- Neighborhood-relations@uwm.edu
- Direct concerns to appropriate parties
- Deliver updates to community members
  - MENA
  - Neighborhood Associations
- Attend Neighborhood Association/community meetings by invitation
We’re Hiring!

- Building team for next fall
- Work-study preferred
- 10-20 hours per week
- $10 per hour
- Direct students to NHO Website:
  - uwm.edu/neighborhoodhousing
Questions?

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