



FRATERNAL

HOUSING ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Gregory Somers – President of Fraternal Housing Association



Fraternity and Sorority housing is more important than ever in today's college environment. When we created the Fraternal Housing Association, we recognized that Greek Housing was under attack by Universities, local city officials and local residents. Through a combination of zoning regulations, university recognition and university discipline actions, many Fraternity & Sorority houses have been lost to our Greek community. It is imperative on us as the leaders in the Greek Housing community to advocate the importance of preserving and protecting these properties.


Greek housing serves as a home away from home for countless students. These housing options provide a supportive and inclusive environment that allows students to develop lifelong friendships, establish mentorship opportunities, and create bonds that transcend their college years. By living together under one roof, fraternity and sorority members form a close-knit community that offers a sense of belonging, support, and personal growth.


Greek housing plays a vital role in supporting academic success and personal development. Studies have shown that students who live in fraternity and sorority housing tend to have higher GPAs, graduation rates, and engagement in campus activities. The collaborative nature of these housing options encourages academic support, study groups, and a culture of learning, fostering an environment that facilitates personal and intellectual growth. **(Continued On Page 3)**




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CONFERENCE 2024 SNEAK PEEK



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OKLAHOMA CITY

The 2024 Fraternal Housing Association Annual Conference is taking place **September 15-17 at The Skirvin Hilton in Oklahoma City!**

Book your room in our Room Block TODAY to receive our exclusive discounted rate!

There are **TWO** ways to book your room:

1. Call the reservations line at 1-800-HILTONS and mention the 2024 Fraternal Housing Association Annual Conference (or group code 921),
2. Use the [link](https://bit.ly/FHA24OKC) below to easily book online within the block: <https://bit.ly/FHA24OKC>

STAY TUNED for more information regarding registration, session call for programs, and more through our member's only listserv and our quarterly newsletters!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kayla Hagerty or Tyler Corsello.



P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E C O N T I N U E D :

Continued From Page 1: Greek housing provides a fertile ground for leadership and professional development. Within these communities, students have the opportunity to hold leadership positions, organize events, and engage in philanthropic activities. These experiences cultivate highly sought after professional skills such as teamwork, operational/financial management, communication, problem-solving, and time management. Greek Students are recognized by employers in today's competitive job market as more experienced in these skills and effectively working with their peers. Fraternity and sorority housing serves as a training ground for future leaders and high functioning team members who will contribute to society in various professional fields and communities.

Fraternity and sorority housing promotes a culture of community engagement and philanthropy. Members are actively involved in organizing and participating in charitable events, fundraisers, and volunteer activities. Through these efforts, fraternity and sorority housing contribute to the betterment of society, making a positive impact on local communities and beyond. By instilling a sense of social responsibility, these housing options inspire individuals to become active citizens and agents of change. Many times these service and philanthropy efforts have a direct positive impact on the local residents in the University host town/city.

We appreciate your support of the Fraternal Housing Association and encourage you to ask other national NIC and NPC organizations to join the FHA. We ask that you join committees within the FHA and provide feedback on how we can improve our annual conference. Finally, I just want to personally thank you for doing the hard work to ensure that we continue to have safe, competitive and affordable housing for our Greek Membership. John F. Kennedy stated "A rising tide lifts all boats". Let's make sure we are all helping each other make these houses better!

C O M M I T T E E U P D A T E S :

A ***NEW*** staple to the quarterly newsletters will be FHA committee updates for the association to see the progress the board is making towards established strategic goals. In the month of January, many committee met for just the first time to establish expectations, goals, and responsibilities. Committees can be joined on an on-going basis. If you are interested in being more involved in the association, please reach out to the respective contacts provided with each committee below. Please note that Communications and Technology Committees chairs/board members are being solicited and will be announced at a later date.

The **Engagement Committee's** purpose is to help the Fraternity Housing Association increase the number of participants and organizations actively involved with the association. In addition, the committee has tackled projects like the housing database. The committee is chaired by John Reineke and typically meets during the first week of the month during a time that is most convenient for all participants. **If you are interested in learning more about the Engagement Committee, please contact John Reineke at john.reineke@beta.org.**

The **Communications Committee's** purpose is to create and manage forums for FHA members and strategic partners to gather, share, and disseminate information and tools as it relates to fraternal housing operations. This is done through quarterly newsletters, social media, and listserv management. Committee members include Jenna Martin, Jennifer Brown (UA) and Tyler Corsello (Esponda). This committee meets and releases newsletters quarterly and manages social media on a rotating basis. **If you are interested in learning more, contact Kayla at Khagerty@rpg-mail.com.**

The **Conference Committee** has been hard at work confirming contracts, working with the technology committee on registration technology, and strategic partners to develop a more robust experience for all (thank you to all the completed the post conference survey!). This committee will continue to develop programming, experiences, and more for the 2024 FHA Annual Conference. **If you're interested in learning more, contact Kayla at khagerty@rpg-mail.com**

The **Technology Committee's** main goal is to revamp the FHA website as a primary location for resources and conference registration with a refreshed interface and resource bank including a Member's Only section. We have newly partnered with Revela as our technology partner! The Technology Committee includes Cassie Sherry (Phi Delta Theta), Josh Shenk (Esponda), Andrew Hillman (Constantine Housing), Jake Showalter (SAE F&H), and Jim Stowe (Revela). This committee meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2pm ET. **If you're interested in learning more, contact Kayla at khagerty@rpg-mail.com**



LOVE'S BLOOMING, SPRING'S COMING, & DARTIES ARE BOOMING

Contributor: Jennifer Brown

With spring right around the corner, Greek Life students are restless to kick off the Darty Season. The winter holiday was a short break from fall football tailgates and swaps, but the students are ready to have some fun in the sun!

There is an eagerness to attend the first spring parties for their atmosphere, food, music, and friendships. What does this mean for house corporations planning for such an event? Short and sweet, it varies. Each college campus and their involvement differ based on the chapter house location –on or off campus, institutional guidelines/processes, city ordinances, etc. Therefore, we encourage each Greek organization to review those and create a checklist similar to the example below.

- Is the chapter house considered on-campus or off-campus?
 - What implications does that have for the chapter on planning an event?
- Is there an institutional requirement to report events for review/approval?
 - Does the chapter know the protocol to report?
- Does this require a health/safety inspection whether through a campus or city department?
 - When should these be scheduled? Are follow-ups required if issues are found?

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- Are there occupancy limitations?
 - How is the chapter planning to maintain this? (Wristbands, security, etc.)
- Is there a front yard barrier or fencing system required?
 - Are materials accounted for and installed properly?
- Will the band set up a stage?
 - Is approval needed? What are the action steps for removal?
- Will a bartender be present?
 - Is a license/insurance required for their presence?
- Is food required to be served?
 - Who provides and/or cooks it, and is a license/insurance required?
- Will portable restrooms be brought in?
 - When will they be removed?
- Are measures in place to clean afterward?
 - Is there a timeframe that must be met, and/or will fines be incurred?



At first glance, most would say this falls on the chapter, and in most cases, that's probably true. However, there can be times when campus and city departments look to the housing wing of Greek Life, if present, to assist when such measures aren't met.

Most phone calls are received due to trash/furniture left behind in the front yard, portable restrooms still present, or the stage is stuck in the front yard and the chapter is actively cutting down a tree to assist (yes, this happened!). First and foremost, building relationships with Greek Life representatives and understanding their various roles is the best approach. They are always willing to help in the heat of the moment, but more than anything, to assist in the planning phase in avoiding hiccups like these. Their rolodexes contain a plethora of contacts to assist on matters impacting overall property management, which events can impact at times, or sharing helpful resources like The University of Alabama's recent [Event Toolkit](#).

As your organizations are preparing for spring darters, it is encouraged to chat about these items and ensure all items have been thoroughly covered. Together chapter and housing operations can provide epic (and positive) spring events!

CONTRIBUTE TO THE FHA NEWSLETTER!



Have an area of housing you are passionate about? Highlight your experience, expertise, and/or opinion by submitting an article to the Communications Committee to review and include in the next edition by emailing your article to fraternalhousinginc@gmail.com. The Communications Committee has right to revise and abbreviate as needed.

Lunch & Learn: Raise The Roof!



Join us for a complimentary lunch and learn hosted by the Fraternal Housing Association on February 20, 2024, at 12 p.m. ET. This panel-style discussion will delve into the crucial topic of roof maintenance and life cycle management for both pitched and flat roofs.

Our esteemed panelists include Alex Miller, Business Director at Seamless Roofing, Jose Herrera, Principal of Ascend Roofing, and Aaron Gilbert, Partner at WTP Holdings.

They will share invaluable insights on the life cycle of roofs, preventative maintenance strategies, and how to engage effectively with your roof assets over the years.

Discover the importance of establishing future planning for your roof assets, including budgeting and scheduling maintenance tasks to prolong the life of your roofing system. Learn how to vet contractors and manufacturers to ensure quality workmanship and materials for your fraternity housing.

Whether you're a property manager, facilities director, or involved in housing management, this event promises to equip you with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively manage and maintain your roofing assets. Don't miss this opportunity to gain expertise from industry leaders in roof maintenance and management.

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 12pm ET via Google Meet

*****Meeting will be recorded*****

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/xdi-ouzn-jjw>



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🎉 Exciting News! 🎉

Get ready to explore the new and improved Fraternal Housing Association website:
<https://www.fraternalhousing.org/>

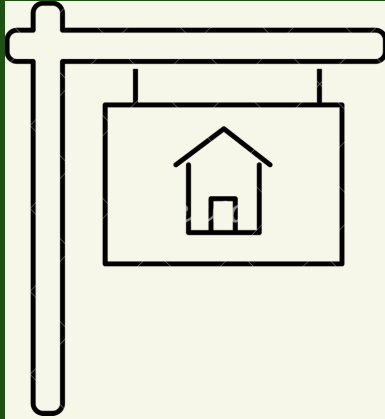
Thanks to our amazing partnership with Revela, we've given our online home a complete makeover, and it's now LIVE for you to discover.

Navigating our website has never been easier! With a fresh design and enhanced user experience, finding valuable resources and information is a breeze. Whether you're searching for maintenance tips, industry updates, or guidelines for managing fraternity housing, our website has got you covered.

But wait, there's more! Stay tuned for an exclusive members-only section set to launch this March 2024. This dedicated area will provide our members with even more valuable insights, tools, and resources tailored to their needs.

Join us as we embark on this exciting journey of empowerment and knowledge-sharing within the fraternity housing community. Visit our new website today and experience the difference!

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Looking for a Property or Subleser?

FHA's Listing Service is available by completing the Property Listing/Needs form.

Complete the form [here](#) for each campus inquiry.

View all of the listings available [here](#) including...



- Auburn
- Central Michigan
- Cornell
- Georgia
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Marshall
- Maryland
- Minnesota Twin Cities
- Virginia
- Wisconsin Madison
- Washington State
- West Virginia

View Previous FHA IO Group Listserv Convo Resources

FHA hosts what many to believe is one of the most valuable resources of the association: the FHA IOGroup Listserv.

This is only available for those who are staff members of national organizations.

Did you know you can find resources from previous IOGroup conversations? You can log in at <https://groups.io/login> and go to the Messages tab. Contact FHA if you would like to be added to the listserv.

