

The University of Akron  
Department of Residence Life and Housing  
**Guide to Silo Living**



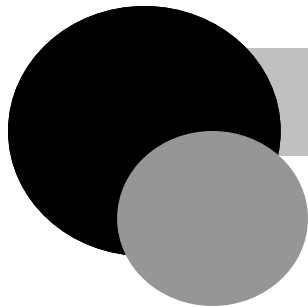
What you can expect living in  
**Quaker Square Residence  
Hall**  
and what we expect from  
you.



## Welcome Home!!

Congratulations! You are one of approximately **200** students who are a part of the inaugural opening of Quaker Square Residence Hall. This new on-campus living experience should prove to be a very fun and exciting place to live, as the building provides many amenities for students that are not available in other on-campus locations. However, living in a residence hall that also hosts hotel guests will have its quirks and unique set of expectations. To help you navigate this new space, the Department of Residence Life and Housing would like to provide some tips for making the transition to “silo living” smooth and enjoyable.





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## A Brief History

The 36 silos that form the heart of Quaker Square complex were built in 1936 by the Quaker Oats Company and were once used to store over 1.5 million bushels of grain. When the company moved to Chicago in 1970, private investors purchased the property and redeveloped it. It opened in 1975 as a luxury hotel with unique shops and an ice cream parlor. Today the building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and as such, the University plans to preserve the historical significance of the building.

## Quaker Square Staff

Quaker Square has an experienced staff ready to help you in any way they can and will also be providing opportunities for this new and exciting community to grow. Look for signs indicating when your first floor meetings will be occurring.

Your Residence Life Coordinator is Jesse Leonard and his office will be located on the first floor.

The Resident Assistant Staff is as follows (room numbers included):

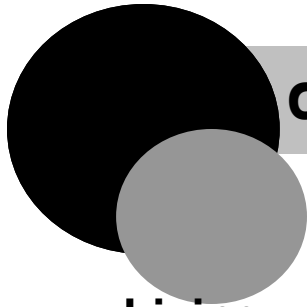
- 412—Corey Pavlich
- 417—Larissa Parson
- 512—Nicole Burkhart
- 517—Erin Woodson
- 612—Zachary Rospert
- 617—Ellen Wasserbauer
- 712—Cacy Goetz
- 717—Alexa Belcon (Senior Resident Assistant)
- 721—Stephanie Sutton (Desk Manager)
- 812—Anna Scanlon
- 817—Mason Mutschelknaus

## **In-Room Amenities and Expectations**

Each room has some unique amenities that are not offered in our other residence halls, but with these amenities comes responsibility.

- Coffee maker — don't forget to turn it off and/or unplug it before you leave the room.
- Iron and Ironing Board — same deal, turn off the iron when you are not using it. Use the ironing board when you use the iron—not the bed, floor, etc.
- Balcony—you will have a few inches worth of access in opening up your balcony door.
  - Do not attempt to open it further;
  - Do not throw trash or other items out on the balcony.
- Other unique amenities include:
  - TV
  - Telephone
  - Alarm Clock
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*Also keep in mind that if these particular amenities stop working for any reason, the Department of Residence Life and Housing will NOT be replacing them. We are merely offering them as a bonus from what was left over from the hotel operation.*



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## Living with Hotel Guests

Living in a residence hall that shares space with a hotel is going to be a unique experience for everyone. Safety and security for both residents and hotel guests is of utmost concern and will be discussed below. Additionally, you should be aware that all University and Residence Life and Housing policies are in affect and will be enforced. These policies can be found in the Residence Life Handbook (found on the web at <http://www.uakron.edu/reslife/Handbooks.php>).

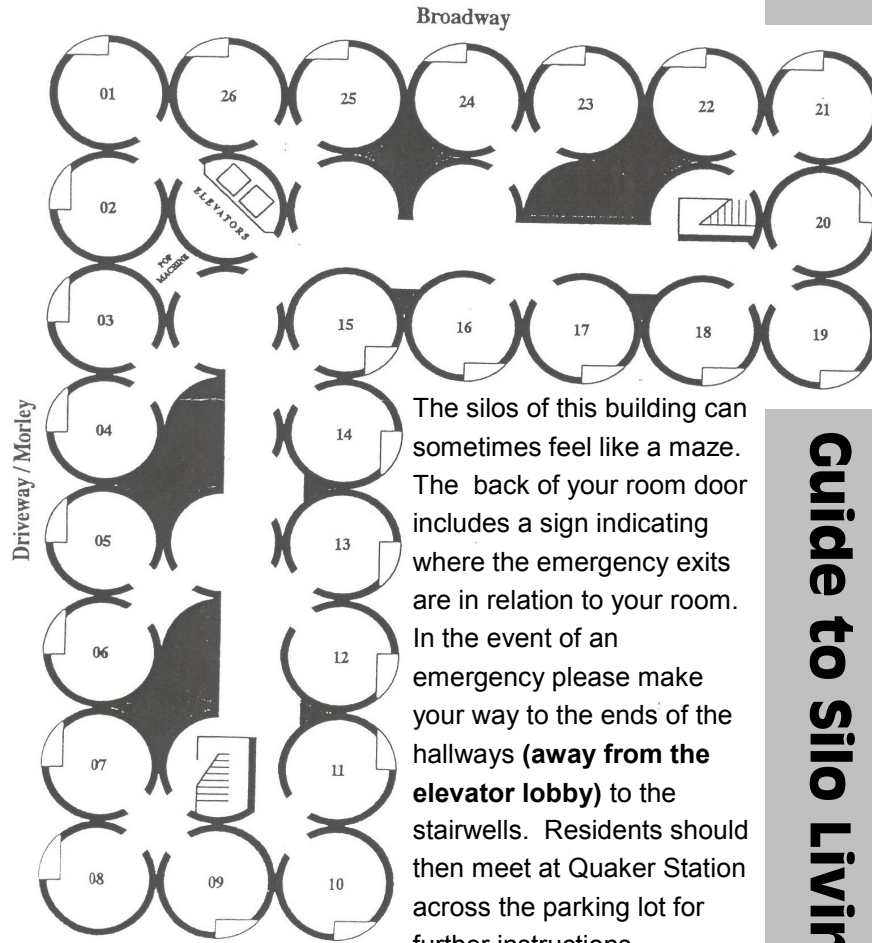
We want you to feel at home in your new room, but we would like you to keep in mind that hotel guests are going to want a quiet, relaxing experience for their stay. Also, hotel management will be visible at the hotel desk in the main lobby — make good choices for yourself when coming and going from the building , particularly at late hours.

## Safety and Security

Students will be living on the fifth through eighth floors. You will need to swipe your Zip Card to enter your floor from the elevator. Your Zip Card, with your picture on it, will have a special sticker to indicate to the Community Assistant that you have access privileges to your floor. **No card / no sticker = no access.** The Community Assistant will also be signing in residents' guests, just as in any other residence hall.

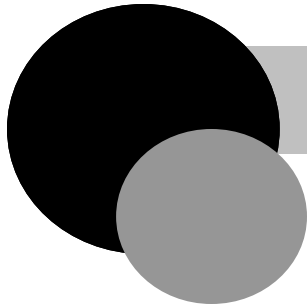
As you know, floors one through four will remain a hotel until 2009. Just as hotel guests will not have access to student living quarters, students will not be able to go on to the hotel floors. This means that students will not have access to the hotel pool.

# Don't Get Lost!!



The silos of this building can sometimes feel like a maze. The back of your room door includes a sign indicating where the emergency exits are in relation to your room. In the event of an emergency please make your way to the ends of the hallways (**away from the elevator lobby**) to the stairwells. Residents should then meet at Quaker Station across the parking lot for further instructions.

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### Parking and Access to Campus

Though the walk to the campus center will take most students 10 to 12 minutes, UA will be providing a shuttle between Quaker Square and the traffic circle just north of the Polymer Building. Tentative hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and 10:00 a.m. to midnight Saturday and Sunday. The shuttle can accommodate 21 passengers, including wheelchair users. A published schedule will be available shortly after the start of the semester.

If you have a car with a valid UA parking permit, you will be able to park in the lot just north of the Quaker Square complex (Lot 70), entering off of Summit Street.



### Hall Government Elections

Be on hall government of Quaker Square Residence Hall!!! This is a great way to be on the ground floor of this group and to be among the first to create what will hopefully be some long-standing traditions for this facility. Look for signs about information meetings and elections, which will occur the week of August 24th.

## **Mail Delivery and Pick Up**

U.S. mail will be distributed to residents from a central location on the first floor during designated hours. Look for signs that will indicate times and location. As with all of our other residence halls, items sent to you via UPS, Fed Ex, DHL, etc. are delivered directly to DocuZip located in the Student Union. You will receive a package slip with your U.S. mail indicating you need to go DocuZip to pick it up.

Your mailing address is:

Your Name

The University of Akron

Your Room Number— Quaker Square Residence Hall

PO Box 1350

Akron, OH 44309



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## Other Amenities

On the lobby level you'll find the Trackside Grille, and a "Zee's Style" convenience store. The convenience store will have those famous Quaker Oats oatmeal cookies as well as homemade fudge and all the usual items you would find at a Zee's store elsewhere on campus. As you would expect, Zip Cards are accepted.

There will be Residence Life and Housing staff based at Quaker Square to answer your questions, including resident assistants located on each floor to provide the same services in terms of building community and activities, and being responsible for nightly duty rotations in which staff monitors activity in the building throughout the evening between 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m..

The Grand Ballroom has the capacity to hold up to 700 people, and we're sure that many exciting activities will be planned for this space.

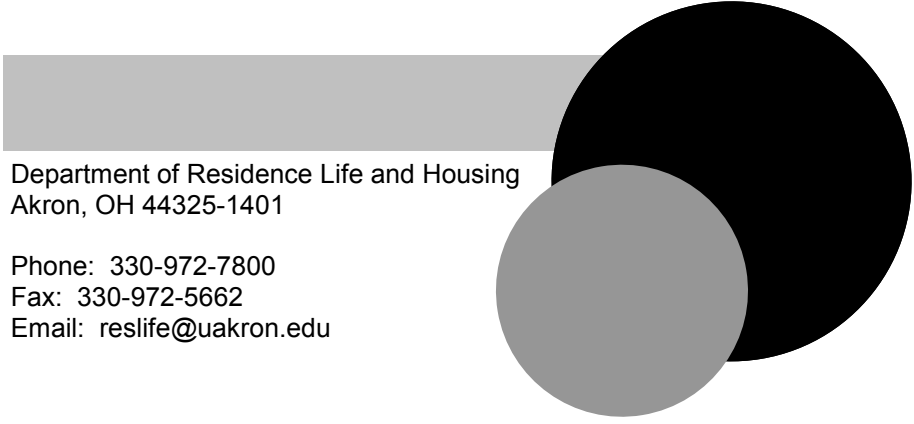
There will be a computer lab located on the first floor for residential students' use.



## Dining

The Trackside Grille is a unique restaurant built in and around the authentic Broadway Limited Railroad Cars that ran in 1938 from Chicago to New York City. Here, students can dine in an original Pullman railroad car. On those cold winter mornings, your coffee and breakfast will be just a few floors down. Lunch and dinner will be served here, too. Just use your Zip Card! There will be a buffet choice daily, salad bar, soup or you can order off the menu. It will be run by Dining Services and, like our other dining areas, will be open to the public.





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## **Celebrating the Dignity of All People**

The Department of Residence Life and Housing recognizes and celebrates that the university community is made up of people who represent diversity at many levels—diversity of thought, belief, race, ethnicity, culture and sexual orientation. All members of the university community are equal and accountable to each other. Residence Life and Housing embraces the philosophy that all persons who are ridiculed and demeaned for their differences are entitled to “places where allies dwell”—by definition, this includes UA residence halls and the offices of each Student Affairs staff member.

In a community of scholars, there is no place for hateful behavior. The Department of Residence Life and Housing affirms the dignity of all people.

