

Town of Amherst

SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE

The Safe & Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative seeks to protect, preserve, and improve Amherst's housing and its residential neighborhoods in the following ways:

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- Community Meetings
- Fall and winter student orientations
- Regular timely notifications to students and college-age residents regarding campus/community standards of conduct and consequences for violations
- Regular and social media outreach
- Door-to-door outreach by police, responsible landlords/managers and volunteers
- Alternative on-campus activities
- Town and campus websites

COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Town officials/staff incl. Town Manager, Police, Fire/EMS, building/health/zoning enforcement, and Public Works
- Off-campus housing offices
- Responsible landlords, prop. managers and realtors
- Amherst and campus police
- Campus and Community Coalition to Reduce High-Risk Drinking
- Deans of students
- Neighborhood groups
- Greek organizations
- Student governing bodies and organizations

ENFORCEMENT STRATEGIES

- Zoning (4 unrelated persons limit, etc)
- Keg registration
- Off-Campus Code of Conduct
- Campus/Town data-sharing & coordinated enforcement
- Nuisance House by-law
- Parking controls
- Building/Fire/Health codes

PHYSICAL SETTING & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Improved public transit
- Adequate Streetlights
- Beautification projects
- Sidewalk improvements
- Neighborhood clean-ups