Dear Renters:

As your property owner, I want to encourage you to be a good neighbor and to be respectful of the neighborhood in which you live.

Here are some tips to help reduce tension between students and home owners:

* Introduce yourself to your neighbors.
* Exchange your phone numbers and names.
* Participate in neighborhood activities like picnics, association meetings, clean-ups and neighborhood park improvement projects.
* Park only in designated parking spots. Do not park on the lawns. This is illegal in the City of Bellingham and you will get a ticket.
* Keep your yard free of litter, junk and free piles. The City of Bellingham Police Dept. has a Litter Control Officer who will issue citations for litter and garbage if it is not picked up.
* Keep your parties quiet, safe, and legal. It is unlawful to make noise that can be heard off of your property, at any time of the day or night.
* To learn more tips about living off campus check out Western’s Off Campus Living Website: <https://wwu.edu/offcampusliving>
* To learn more about your rights and responsibilities as a renter check out <https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org/resource/your-rights-as-a-tenant-in-washington>

Bellingham has great neighborhoods and by being a responsible renter you are helping to keep it that way.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,