

Clarification About Appropriate Use of FSC Space **Approved by FSC Board 07-18-20**

FSC Mission Statement: FSC exists to serve 12-step recovery groups by providing space for meetings, opportunity for fellowship and a safe, positive environment for recovery. For your reference, [the FSC House Rules may be found on our website here](#).

Fitchburg Serenity Club supports fellowship and community both in the context of 12-step recovery meetings and outside the context of “meetings”. Some examples of this are the many picnics, holiday gatherings, card nights and other fellowship gatherings that have been shared and enjoyed by FSC members and attenders. One recent example is the Wednesday night fellowship fire taking place throughout this summer season, which is simply a chance for members and visitors of the FSC community to gather for fellowship outdoors around the clubhouse fire pit.

Our doors and grounds are open both to recovering groups; and they are also open to individuals who simply need a quiet, safe place to sit for a while. For example:

- Gatherings for the purpose of 12-step recovery meetings or fellowship, whether it’s a meditation meeting, sober yoga class, morning coffee or picnic. FSC members may reserve building space or clubhouse grounds for the benefit of the FSC community by completing the FSC Room Request form. Requests will be reviewed by the FSC board and granted as time and space permit. [The FSC Room Request form can be found on the website here](#).
- Drop-in meetings, in keeping with FSC’s mission, may occur as time and space permit.
- The club is open to all individuals working their recovery program, for the purpose of personal quiet reflection, meditation, reading or just sitting. Individuals should not, however, consider the clubhouse a personal space to be occupied at length without regard for others or other activities at the club.

The clubhouse is not for personal use as a stand-in for a home, sober living house, office or shelter. For instance:

- Using the clubhouse as a regular workspace, cooking space or living space on a consistent, prolonged or ongoing basis.
- Storing personal belongings at the clubhouse.

Recovering individuals in need of services or support beyond the scope of our mission as a clubhouse may contact the FSC board (board@fitchburgserenityclub.com). We will work to provide assistance in keeping with our mission or connect individuals with resources designed to meet their needs. If you have any questions about what’s outlined above, contact board@fitchburgserenityclub.com.