

WARDEN MESSAGE

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This message is intended for the American community in Damascus. If you have any questions, please contact the Consular Section at the above address. If you wish to be added to our e-mail distribution, we invite you to complete the registration process through our registration website. To access the site please enter the following link address <http://travel.state.gov> or directly, at <https://travelregistration.state.gov/ibrs>.

WARDENS: *Transmission of the following announcement by telephone is mandatory.*

WARDEN MESSAGE –DAMASCUS TOWNHALL

There will be a Townhall for the American Citizen community in Damascus on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Damascus Community School, located next to the Qatari Embassy on Al Mahdi Bin Baraka Street, Abu Rumaneh in Damascus. A town hall meeting is an informal public meeting that gives the members of a community an opportunity to get together to discuss emerging issues and to voice concerns. It's an opportunity for us to discuss the services that the embassy offers Americans and to hear from you about how we can work together as a community. To come to the Town Hall, all you need to do is come to the Damascus Community School **with your American passport**. If you're thinking of coming to the town hall, please let us know by sending an email to acsdamascus@state.gov

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