Summer is a wonderful time, but I have already seen several pools left unattended around both Orchard and Solano Park. Please dump all pools immediately after use!

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths to children ages 14 and under. In California, drowning surpasses all other causes of death to children ages 14 and under. A temporary lapse in supervision is a common factor in most drownings and near-drownings. Child drownings can happen in a matter of seconds—in the time it takes to answer the phone. There is often no splashing to warn of trouble. Children can drown in small quantities of water and are at risk in their own homes from wading pools, bathtubs, buckets, diaper pails, and toilets as well as swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.

Deaths and Injuries
A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under. Each year, approximately 1,150 children ages 14 and under drown; more than half are preschoolers (ages 0-4). Each year, an estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to near-drownings. Of children surviving near-drownings, 5-20 percent suffer severe and permanent disability.

Where Drownings Happen
Approximately 50 percent of preschooler drownings occur in residential swimming pools. Each year, more than 2,000 preschooler near-drownings occur in residential pools. Of preschooler pool drownings, 65 percent occur in the child’s home pool and 33 percent at the homes of friends, neighbors or relatives.

Each year, 350 drownings (for all ages) happen in bathtubs. Each year, approximately 40 children drown in five-gallon buckets.

How and When Drownings Happen
Of all preschoolers who drown, 70 percent are in the care of one of both parents at the time of the drowning. Of all preschoolers who drown, 75 percent are missing from sight for five minutes or less.

Prevent Childhood Drowning
Parents whose children have drowned say the day of the tragedy started out just like any other day.
No matter how the drowning happened or where it happened -- pool, spa, or any other body of water -- one thing was the same, the seconds that claimed their child’s life slid by silently, without warning, and can never be brought back.  

Supervision  
انون Water with its rippling, shimmering appeal is a magnet for children. Children under the age of five have no fear of water and no concept of death. They associate water with play not with danger. Adults must establish and communicate responsibility for child safety.

- Assign an adult "water watcher" to supervise the pool/spa area or any other body of water, especially during social gatherings.
- Assign a second adult to maintain constant visual contact with children in the pool/spa area or any body of water that might attract a child. Don’t assume someone else is watching a child.

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Sue Franck  
Complex Coordinator  
Orchard and Solano Parks,  
Student Housing  
University of California, Davis  
(530) 754-9769 or 754-7524

RA Summer Reminders  
Submitted by Jessica Loehrmann

ACTIVITIES  
During the summer we each plan 5 activities per month, so be on the lookout for more opportunities to get out of the house! The water slide will be up about once a week, so if you miss it, don’t worry! It’ll be there again soon!

BALCONIES & CARS  
Also, we are welcoming in LOTS of new residents, still checking those summer balconies and hot cars parked out in the lots. Clotheslines may not cross in front of your back door (if you have a patio). Cardboard boxes and recycling items must also be removed. If you get a reminder notice, remedy the situation quickly. Please remind your visitors to park in 0-2/S-2 or visitor spaces only when visiting The Parks. OP residents have assigned numbered spaces and it’s frustrating to residents to find their space taken.

KIDS ALONE  
We have also been asked to escort kids home who are young and playing alone. (5 years old AND under). According to the "Welcome to the Parks Brochure" that everyone agrees to read as part of the lease contract, we agree to directly supervise these kids when outside. We understand that everyone is busy, so please take special care to coordinate with neighbors as to who is out supervising your/their kids!

LAUNDRY  
When summer comes, it’s also a great time to dry laundry outside, but if you DO use the laundry facilities here in The Parks, PLEASE DO NOT leave your laundry and baskets in the laundry room. Residents have mentioned multiple times that clothes are being left and becoming a nuisance to those who need to use machines or the limited table space. Be considerate of others.

TOYS  
Summer maintenance is a HOT job. Help them finish quickly and efficiently by picking up ALL chairs, toys, hoses, and other items that may be left on the grass. "Community toys" in disrepair will be thrown away by the grounds people or RAs. LABEL items belonging to your apartment to avoid confusion.

QUIET HOURS  
Are still from 10pm til 8am in the morning. If you’re a night owl, be considerate of neighbors below you and next to you who may be trying to study or sleep!

If you have any questions or concerns, give us a call or leave us a note! :)

THE PARK MESSENGER
Lack of Supervision For Children is a Serious Problem
Submitted by Sue Franck, Complex Coordinator

Living in the Parks is certainly a wonderful experience, especially if you have children. Many view The Parks as a haven for our children, but concerns have been raised about the lack of supervision that some children receive. Sometimes residents resent other parents’ assumption that someone else will watch their kids, but they stay there because they worry that the unsupervised kids will be injured, wander off, or be taken. Even though many residents are disturbed by this, often they feel very conflicted about reporting their concerns. It may be because they do not want to tell people how to raise their children, or they want to be “good neighbors”, value respecting different parenting styles, or are afraid that they could unjustly cause the breakup of a family. But as community members we do need to help keep children safe. Listed below is Student Housing’s policy regarding adequate supervision of children. If Parks staff members observe children who are not being supervised according to this policy, they will be brought home. As a concerned community member, you can also take kids home or contact a staff member (Parks office staff during the workday and RAs afterhours or on weekends). Student Housing will deal with this issue as a lease violation.

Child Supervision Policy:
Parents, guardians, caregivers and family members are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off campus.

Supervision Outdoors: In the Parks, children up to and including 5 years of age require direct supervision (a caregiver must be physically present with the child), at all times. Ages 6 and 7 require monitored supervision (within vocal and visual range). An example might be that you can see your 7 year old child playing in the grass from your living room window. Ages 8 and 9 require monitored supervision in the form of regular checks. Ages 10 and 11 may be unsupervised for up to two hours during waking hours. Ages 12 and older may be left alone and may baby sit younger children. Remember, parents are always responsible!

Left Alone in the Apartment: In the Parks our policy regarding leaving children alone states the following: “Children eight years old or younger should never be left alone. Children between the ages of nine and twelve, based on level of maturity, may be left alone for brief periods of time. Brief is defined as less than two hours. Children thirteen and older, who are at an adequate level of maturity, may be left alone and may perform the role of babysitter as authorized by the parent/caretaker for up to twelve hours. There may be circumstances where an older child would be at risk if unsupervised or where a younger child has the maturity level to be alone or to even care for other children. These situations are taken on a case by case basis.”

This policy applies to all Park residents, their family members, and caregivers assigned to or visiting Orchard and Solano Park housing areas. Any child who is not being properly supervised may be detained by campus police until his or her parent, guardian, or caregiver comes to assume custody. Violations may provide a basis of referral to Child Protective Services and/or termination of your lease. The following policy applies to all minors:

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In addition, children under 12 years of age should not babysit other children, including their siblings. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity levels are factors parents must use to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should assess their children's maturity and if necessary, raise the minimum age limits outlined above.

Parents who have questions about this policy may contact the Complex Coordinator at 754-9769 or stfranck@ucdavis.edu

Welcome Casey Fawcett – New RA in Solano Park
Submitted by Casey Fawcett

Hi my name is Casey Fawcett and I am very excited to be your new RA. I moved to Solano Park about a year ago from San Luis Obispo, California with my husband Paul and son, Owen who is 3. In my time here I have really grown to appreciate everything that The Parks have to offer our family. Prior to moving to Davis I received my bachelor’s in architecture and a minor in sustainable environments from Cal Poly. I am hoping to share my love of cooking, drawing, painting, and learning with the Solano Park community. I look forward to meeting you and hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Cool Tips for The Hot Summer
Submitted by Shakeela Kuthubdeen

The hot weather combined with the school holidays can be troublesome and restless. Keeping kids busy during the day and heading home to see a hot oven can be the last place that you want to relax in. These cool tips might make your hot summer a little cooler and wallet friendly too.

Drink lots of cold water. Eat fruits and vegetables for every meal. Treat yourself with frozen yogurts & ice creams. Look for community events for free popsicles and ice cream socials. You can meet your neighbors while enjoying a free scoop.

Both Solano and Orchard Parks organize water slides and water games for kids. Bring your kids to these events. You can relax while they have fun in the slide.

Try reducing the use of the A/C. This is good for the environment and your monthly electricity bill too. Summer-proof your windows. Use a shade cloth to cover the windows which will help reflect sunlight. It really does keep your rooms cooler.

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Most people use a “Fan Chain”. Having only one A/C in the living room that doesn’t reach into the bedrooms can be frustrating. But turning it on high and using 1 or 2 fans to push cool air into the rooms is really inefficient & waste of power. Try opening all your windows and the door very early in the morning. This will allow cool morning air in. Before it gets warm close them to trap the cool air. Open the windows at night. This will allow cooler air to circulate. Don’t waste the cool times of day. Do outdoor stuff as much as possible during these times. Exercise at cooler hours. Walk, jog, or run in shady places.

Stories for Kids Online
Submitted by Shawna Stevens

Although there are a lot of websites out there full of games and videos to entertain and (hopefully) educate children, there are others with a more old-fashioned form of entertainment- stories!

Books are still my first choice for stories, but sometimes we get bored with our stories at home and don’t have time to make a trip to the library. That’s where these websites can come in handy. I also like these sites because they provide a little more opportunity for interaction between parents and kids than other websites. This is especially true if you use a laptop or something even more portable like an iPhone. It’s now easy to sit with your child in a comfy chair and read a story just like with traditional books.

Some of these sites take advantage of the fact that older stories are no longer under copyright, so they can be offered for free. In many cases these stories are timeless classics, but in some cases, they show their age either by strange wording or sometimes they seem a little scary by today’s standards (in particular, animals wanting to eat each other).

Different sites feature different kinds of content, from text-only stories that are great for reading aloud and letting kids fill in the details with their imaginations, to stories with words and pictures, to stories that do the reading for you complete with pictures or even animation. Look over the following suggested websites- you might find a new favorite to bookmark!

So starting with mostly simple text-only stories:

- www.preschoolexpress.com/story_station.shtml -for preschoolers
- www.eastoftheweb.com/short-stories/childrenindex.html -for a variety of ages
- www.longlongtimeago.com/-for a variety of ages

A children’s classic scan of the original book with nifty page turn animations:
- digital.lib.uiowa.edu/petrerrabbit/pageflip.html

On to more elaborate picture stories (some amateurish, some oldish, some quite good):
- www.magickeys.com/books
- www.bluebison.net
- www.popularchildrenstories.com/picturestories.htm
- www.meddybemps.com/5.1.html -our current favorite

Community Programs

Star Mobile
Let’s make a star mobile in honor of Independence Day. It’s easy to make and can hang in your room or outside.

Children 8 and younger will need a parent helper. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Friday, July 2 at 3pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center
Community Programs

**Waterslide**
Let’s take some time to cool off. Join us and have some fun and be prepared to get wet. Please bring towels and sunscreen. **All children have to come with an adult. Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett at (707) 953-5279.

When: Thursday, July 5 at 3pm
Where: In the grassy area between buildings 3500 and 3700

**Waterslide**
Cool off in the afternoon heat!! Join in the fun and take a slide down the Water Slide. Parents don’t forget the towels and sunscreen. **All children have to come with an adult.** IF RAINING or strangely cool weather exists, this activity will be cancelled.

For questions, please call Jessica Loehrmann at 681-0883.

*Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event and are available at the event.*

When: Tuesday, July 6 at 11am; Thursday, July 20 at 11am
Where: By the Orchard Park Community Center

**GOOP!**
Come over and we’ll make some crazy, messy GOOP! I have an easy recipe and there’s just nothing like slimy goop running between your fingers on a summer afternoon. It’ll be messy fun! If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Wednesday, July 7 at 4pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

**New and Expectant’s Mom’s Group**
Bring your new baby or expectant self to share the experiences of your wonderful phase of life. We can discuss the different traditions and practices around the world during pregnancy, birth and motherhood. Bring articles or books to share with others if you have them. Siblings welcome. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Thursday, July 8 at 10:30am
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

**Waterslide**
Bring the towels, kids, and sunscreen we’re breaking out the waterslide!! An adult must accompany children and **Waivers need to be on file.** See you there.

When: Friday, July 9 at 11am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Waterslide**
Cool off the summer heat in the waterslide. Let’s have fun with friends. Don’t forget your sunscreen & towel. **A waiver signed by a parent is a must.** For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, July 9 at 3pm
Where: At the grassy area between 2700 & 2800

**Community BBQ Potluck**
Bring a dish to share with the neighborhood for this rockin’ BBQ! Hamburgers, Veggie Burgers and hotdogs provided with all the fixings! This is a HUGE event, so join us and bring your neighbors and friends for a fun evening at the community center! For questions, please call Jessica Loehrmann at 681-0883.

When: Friday, July 9 at 6pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Sun Prints**
We have special fabric that develops a print in the sunlight. To make the prints bring objects that will block out the light for example: leaves, shells, rocks, or toys. This should be a really fun summer art project!!!

When: Saturday, July 12 at 2pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Chill Out! Rainy Relay**
Let’s play a fun water game to help us cool off. Plan to get wet and don’t forget to wear your sunscreen! I’ll provide some cold lemonade to help us stay
Community Programs

Water Games
The best way to spend a hot afternoon with your kids is to run through a water sprinkler. Let’s play water games in the playground. Toss water balloons and have fun. Wear something that you don’t mind getting wet. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Wednesday, July 14 at 4pm
Where: Green playground by the Melvin Fassler Community Center

Painting for Grown-ups
You don’t have to be a pro to experiment with colors. I’ll provide acrylic paints, brushes and canvas boards. Bring your artistic self. Let your imagination create your next masterpiece. Come, have fun with paint. This is a class for grownups. NO KIDS please !!!!For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Thursday July 15 at 4:30pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Waterslide
Bring the towels, kids, and sunscreen we’re breaking out the waterslide!! An adult must accompany children and Waivers need to be on file. See you there.

When: Thursday, July 15 at 1pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Friendly Badminton game
Are you a badminton fan? This is for you. Join us to play a friendly badminton game. I’ll bring the rackets for four with a set for kids too. We’ll take turns. Bring your own if you prefer. For questions please call Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Tuesday, July 20 from 3-4pm
Where: In the grassy area between buildings 2000 and 2200

Ice Cream Night!
Come enjoy some cool treats with the neighbors and hang out on a beautiful summer evening!

When: Saturday, July 17 from 8:30am-10am
Where: Meet at Orchard Park Garden Shed

July Birthday Celebration
Come celebrate you or your neighbors July birthdays together. A birthday celebration for all of those who have a birthday during the month of July will be held on July 15 and there will be cupcakes. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett at (707)953-5279.

When: Thursday July 15 at 4:30pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center
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Make Your Own Secret Codes
Come join us Tuesday afternoon and learn how to create secret codes to share with your friends. We will use common everyday items to create secret messages that only you and your closest friends will be able to decipher. **Children must be at least 4 years old.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett at (707) 953-5279.

Waterslide
Enjoy the warm summer weather by cooling off on the waterslide! Come join us and have some fun splashing with your friends. Parents don’t forget to bring towels and sunscreen. **All children have to come with an adult. Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett at (707)953-5279.

Ice Cream Social
Who wants ice cream? Come and enjoy a cool treat while hanging out with your neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

Keeping Cool!
Let’s fill up a LOT of water balloons and play games. The rules will be no aiming above the shoulders, so no one will get hurt. Don’t miss this epic water balloon mania! Ice Tea and Lemonade after the battle.

Bubble Painting
Learn how to create amazing art by blowing bubbles. Create your own masterpiece to hang on your wall over even make your own gift wrapping paper. **All children have to come with an adult.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett at (707)953-5279.

Water the Kid’s Garden
Let’s give the garden some love. Come together to weed and water the little plants. They’re getting really big!

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When: Thursday, July 22 at 6:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

When: Tuesday, July 22 at 4pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

When: Sunday, July 25 at 7pm
Where: Orchard Park Children’s Garden

When: Thursday, July 27 at 3pm
Where: In the grassy area between buildings 3500 and 3700

When: Thursday, July 29 at 4pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center
**Monthly Maintenance Tips**
*By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance*

- Do you have an annoying bathroom or bedroom door that won’t stay open? We can remedy that. Fill out an online repair request.
- Are your closet doors often coming untracked? Take care of them by sliding them slowly and straight. Don’t lean on them when you move them.
- Please remember that bedroom and cabinet doors aren’t a painted surface. Hanging items with tape, nails, or tacks will harm the wood finish.
- Periodically cleaning the refrigerator door seal will make it easier to open and keep it from ripping. Take special care to clean the bottom edge with warm soapy water where sticky liquids accumulate.

**ATTENTION New Residents and Those Vacating The Parks**

If you are Vacating—**DO NOT LEAVE LARGE ITEMS BY THE DUMPSTERS.** There has been a trend of leaving large items behind, in the hopes that they will be reused by members of the community. Unfortunately, usually this is not the case, and our dumpster areas are overflowing with unwanted items. Student Housing then has to pay for staff time, dump fees and gas to remove these unwanted items. **As a result, if any personal items are left at the dumpsters upon vacate, you will be billed for the full cost of removal/dumping.**

**New Residents**—Need to get rid of your moving boxes? Feel free to post your information on the bulletin boards by the office and mail buildings so that current residents to contact you if they want your old boxes. A vacating resident just may need a box or two for their upcoming move! Please note that you are responsible for removing your information from the bulletin board when you don’t want people to contact you any longer.

**Holidays and Anniversaries**

**July 4 – Fil-American Friendship Day**
A day that celebrates the friendly relationship between the United States and the Philippines.

**July 9 – Lailat al Miraj [Muslim]**
Islamic observance of Mohammed’s night journey from Mecca to Jerusalem and his ascension to heaven. Lailat al Miraj in 2010 is on Thursday, the 8th of July. Based on sightability in North America, in 2010 Lailat al Miraj will start in North America a day later - on Friday, the 9th of July. Note that in the Muslim calendar, a holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day, so observing Muslims will celebrate Lailat al Miraj on the sunset of Wednesday, the 7th of July.

**July 10 – Disenfranchisement of the Washoe [U.S.A.]**
By order of the US Secretary of Interior, two reserves were to be set apart for the Washoe Native Americans in Nevada and California because their land had been taken over by settlers. No “suitable land” was available and no further action was taken.

(1865)

**July 19 – International Special Olympics [U.S.A.]**
On this date, the first Special Olympics, an athletic competition for children and adults with cognitive disabilities, opened at Soldiers Field in Chicago, USA. The first Special Olympics had 1,000 participants from the United States and Canada; by 1995, the competition had expanded to include Winter Special Olympics [1977] and involved 7,000 participants from fifty states and 141 countries. (1968)
# Calendar of Events

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Did you know?

- **Spiders**—Regular vacuuming or sweeping of windows, corners of rooms, storage areas, basements, and other seldom used areas helps remove spiders and their webs. If you would like us to spray for a spider, we will be happy to do so. **However**, please keep in mind that if we spray a spider, it will be killed only if the spray lands directly on it; the spray residual does not have a long-lasting effect. This means a spider can walk over a sprayed surface a few days (and in many cases, a few hours) after treatment and not be affected. Control by spraying is only temporary unless accompanied by housekeeping. We can spray a spider if it is present and it will kill it, but they don’t clean their feet and bodies the same way other pests do to ingest the poison, so spraying your entire patio would not prevent other spiders from returning to the area.

- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember a 42-day notice is required.

- We love introducing new babies, so please let us know when a new baby resident arrives.

- Computer hubs and wireless routers are permitted in The Parks.

- Remember to empty all swimming pools after use.

- If you are travelling during the summer and your apartment will be vacant, submit a vacation travel notice with your respective Park Office.