REMINDER: PARKING PERMITS EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30
Submitted by April Berryman

Your 2009-2010 O-1/S-1 and O-2/S-2 permits expire on September 30, 2010. Don’t forget to renew your O-1/S-1 and O-2/S-2 parking permits before the expiration date.

To continue to park your car at Orchard/Solano Parks, you must renew your O-1/S-1 and O-2/S-2 permit.

Only the leaseholder may request a parking permit and the resident information on the application must be the leaseholder's information.

* If you have a new vehicle, please be sure to bring your proof of registration with you.
  ➢ All permits are charged in full, to the leaseholder's student account and payment is due within 24 hours at the Cashier's Office.
  ➢ Please do not pay for your permit until you have picked up your permit from your Park Office.
  ➢ The O-1/S-1 rate for 2010-2011 is $120.00 for a valid permit from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.
  ➢ The O-2/S-2 rate for 2010-2011 is $280.00 for a valid permit from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A VEHICLE, YOU MUST STILL COME TO OUR OFFICE TO SIGN IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION REGARDING PARKING IN ORCHARD/SOLANO PARKS.

BIKE & TOY CLEANUP IS COMING!
Submitted by Jessica Loehrman

Every year in September we do a big housing clean-up! This includes tagging what appear to be abandoned toys and abandoned bikes. The RAs will be attaching notices to bikes and toys with a stapler, so if you find that your bike has been tagged and you want to KEEP your bike, then simply remove the notice and the bike will not be removed. We ask that you please take your children’s toys back to your apartment. All tagged bikes will be removed by TAPS, and unclaimed toys will be redistributed to a local charity.

Thanks for helping us keep the Parks clean and uncluttered!
Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it's a vehicle! Be cool – follow some basic safety tips when you ride.

**Safe Riding Tips**

Before using your bicycle, make sure it is ready to ride. You should always inspect your bike to make sure all parts are secure and working properly.

Remember to:
- Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet. Protect your brain, save your life. For more information see the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration publication “Easy Steps to Properly Fit a Bicycle Helmet.”
- Adjust Your Bicycle to Fit. Stand over your bicycle. There should be 1 to 2 inches between you and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike and 3 to 4 inches if a mountain bicycle. The seat should be level front to back. The seat height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be at the same level with the seat.
- Check Your Equipment. Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.
- See and Be Seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wearing white has not been shown to make you more visible. Rather, always wear neon, fluorescent, or other bright colors when riding day or night. Also wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn’t mean the driver can see you.
- Control Your Bicycle. Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.
- Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards. Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash. If you are riding with friends and you are in the lead, yell out and point to the hazard to alert the riders behind you.
- Avoid Riding at Night. It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see. If you have to ride at night, wear something that makes you more easily seen by others. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle (white lights on the front and red rear reflectors are required by law in California), in addition to reflectors on your tires, so others can see you.
- Many bicycle-related crashes resulting in injury or death are associated with the bicyclist's behavior, including such things as not wearing a bicycle helmet, riding into a street without stopping, turning left or swerving into traffic that is coming from behind, running a stop sign, and riding the wrong way in traffic. To maximize your safety, always wear a helmet AND follow the rules of the road.

**Rules of the Road – Bicycling on the Road**

Bicycles in many States are considered vehicles, and cyclists have the same rights and the same responsibilities to follow the rules of the road as motorists. When riding, always:

- Go With the Traffic Flow. Ride on the right in the same direction as other vehicles. Go with the flow – not against it.
- Obey All Traffic Laws. A bicycle is a vehicle and you’re a driver. When you ride in the street, obey all traffic signs, signals, and lane markings.
- Yield to Traffic When Appropriate. Almost always, drivers on a smaller road must yield (wait) for traffic on a major or larger road. If there is no stop sign or traffic signal and you are coming from a smaller roadway (out of a driveway, from a sidewalk, a bike path, etc.), you must slow down and look to see if the way is clear before proceeding. This also means yielding to pedestrians who have...

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already entered a crosswalk.

Be Predictable. Ride in a straight line, not in and out of cars. Signal your moves to others.

Stay Alert at All Times. Use your eyes AND ears. Watch out for potholes, cracks, wet leaves, storm grates, railroad tracks, or anything that could make you lose control of your bike. You need your ears to hear traffic and avoid dangerous situations; don't wear a headset when you ride.

Look Before Turning. When turning left or right, always look behind you for a break in traffic, then signal before making the turn. Watch for left- or right-turning traffic.

Watch for Parked Cars. Ride far enough out from the curb to avoid the unexpected from parked cars (like doors opening, or cars pulling out).

For more information on bicycle safety, visit the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Web site at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov

A Stress Free Summer
Submitted by Ashley Scarborough

Oh my goodness this summer has gone by so fast and now it is time to transition from laid back mornings to getting out the door in time for school. Here is some advice I found at: http://www.apples4theteacher.com
The best one for me is packing lunches the night before, I’ve thought of that before, but this year I’m going to make it happen. ;)

A Stress Free Morning Routine for Back to School
Let’s go! Let’s go! Come on … you’re going to miss the bus! I don’t know where your favorite jeans are; it’s not my responsibility. What do you mean you still have homework? Did you brush your teeth yet? Let’s go! I’m leaving… NOW! Oh I hope your mornings don’t sound like that above. If it does, it’s not too late to turn that ship around. The key to having a stress free morning routine is to have a smooth bedtime routine. Without the consistency you will have an uphill battle.
Here are some tips to a stress free morning routine:

- No yelling. Raising your voice, albeit frustrated, is only going to escalate matters.
- Early to bed, early to rise. That one is simple.
- Showers and baths should be taken at night. You think you’ll have time in the morning, but you rarely do.
- Look over all homework for completeness before bed; don’t assume it’s finished.
- Before bed ensure lunches are made, backpack is packed and there are no surprise "Oh I need xxx today!"
- Give singular instructions. Don’t say, "I want you to finish your homework, eat breakfast, get dressed, comb your hair, brush your teeth and be in the car by 8:15." To a child, that sounds like "blah blah blah blah blah blah blah blah." One instruction at a time works wonders.
- Provide instructions once. If you’re doing this, stop: "Johnny, it’s time to get dressed." Two minutes later, "Johnny, we’re going to be late if you don’t get dressed now." Two more minutes later, "Johnny, honey, I told you to get dressed." "Johnny, Mommy is going to be late, now go get dressed." To a child that sounds like "Oh mom is good for asking about five more times before she really goes ballistic!"
Repeated requests only send the message that junior doesn’t really have to do it now.

Set consequences and stick to your guns. If you tell your child the car is leaving at 8:15 sharp, make it happen. Clearly you can’t leave your child behind, so leaving without her isn’t an option. Tell her you will be leaving whether she is ready or not.

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➢ Sending a 10 year old to school with uncombed hair, pajamas and an empty belly might be just the catalyst for change. You are the parent; you set the tone for the morning routine. You need to be actively involved in the morning routine. Follow the steps above and I guarantee 'joy will come in the morning!'

Honey Bee Haven
Submitted by Jessica Loehrmann from http://beebiology.ucdavis.edu

Honey Bee Haven garden is thriving out by the Laidlaw Bee Research facility on Bee Biology Rd. Check us out online at http://beebiology.ucdavis.edu/HAVEN/index.html. We’re throwing a big bash for the public on September 11 with free ice cream, tours and honey-sweetened candy tasting.

Before the party, we need to make sure the garden is in tip-top shape and we need your help! Please join us on Fridays from 8:30-12 to garden in our Haven. Anyone is welcome! We’ve got all the gardening materials, but if you could please bring your own set of gardening gloves, you’ll be good to go.

Your work will be for a good cause! Honey bees are our tiny agricultural helpers and we have them to thank for many of the fruits and vegetables we consume every day. This garden is helping to raise awareness of honey bees and how much we rely on them.

For directions to the garden, please visit http://beebiology.ucdavis.edu/

Farewell Gina Martin—Welcome Tiffany Robertson
Submitted by April Berryman

You may have noticed a slight change in the Orchard and Solano Parks Office staff. Our long time Student Assistant Gina Martin has graduated from UC Davis and has moved on to bigger and brighter things. Gina was a student assistant for over 3 years, with most of her time spent working in the Orchard Park office. Beginning in July 2009, she became the sole Student Assistant for both Orchard and Solano Parks. Gina stepped into that role with ease and confidence. We will miss Gina’s hard work and friendly face in The Parks.

Please welcome Tiffany Robertson to Orchard and Solano Parks Office Staff. Tiffany is a second year student who will be working in both complexes. We are happy to welcome Tiffany to our staff and feel she will be a valuable asset to The Parks community.
Community Programs

How to Make Freezer Jam
Come learn how to make homemade freezer jam in just 30 minutes! Take home a baggie full of jam to put in your freezer! So easy, you'll want to make more!

When: Thursday, September 2 at 7pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Waterslide
Come on over and cool down with the water slide! Please bring towels and sunscreen and get ready to get wet! If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.
*Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event.

When: Saturday, September 4 at 2pm
Where: Between building 2000 and 2200

Sand Castles
Come! Let's build sand castles in the playground. I'll bring some cool tools to share. You are free to bring your favorite sand toy. Dads who like to share their talents may join too. This event will be cancelled if it rains or strangely cool weather exists. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, September 3 at 4:30pm
Where: Green Playground by Melvin Fassler Community Center

Magnetic Bookmarks
Now that all you kids are back in school, I bet you're busy reading. Need to mark the page you're on when it's time for dinner? Let's make some magnetic bookmarks that you can use in any book and you'll never lose your place again! If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Monday, September 6 at 11am
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Look at the Waning Moon through a Telescope
Meet at the grassy bowl to look at the waning moon. I'll bring paper and crayons so the kids can draw what they see, just like scientists. First in a series to see how the moon changes through the lunar cycle.

When: Friday September 3 at 8pm
Where: Orchard Park grassy bowl

Tye Dye Shirts
Come join in the spirit of Davis, CA and make your own tie-dyed T-shirt, onesie, etc. BRING A PLAIN shirt to dye, and be aware that we are using dye which can stain your clothes if you're not careful! Rubberbands, dye and paint squirts will be provided.

When: Friday, September 10 from 4-6pm
Where: Meet at Orchard Park Garden Shed

Book Swap
It's the start of a new school year, so out with the old books and in with the new! Come to the community center with books to donate and take home some new ones home to read. Both adult and children books are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Thursday, September 9 at 7pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

WATERSLIDE
Let's enjoy the heat before it disappears! 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, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.
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Häagen-Dazs Honey Bee Haven
The grand opening celebration is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. located at the half-acre site at the Harry H. Laidlaw Jr. Honey Bee Research Facility on Bee Biology Road on the UC Davis campus. Sure to be a fun event!!

When: Saturday, September 11 at 9:45am
Where: Meet at Orchard Park Community Center to ride bikes together to campus or meet us there!

Hide and Seek
Come and play hide and seek with us on the green playground. I promise to be “it”! If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Saturday, September 11 at 11am
Where: Solano Park Green Playground

Make Your Own Kite
Summer is ending soon! Come and enjoy the outdoors by making and flying kites. We will create quick and wonderful kites, and at the end of the activity take them outside for a test run. All children under 7 have to come with an adult. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at (707)953-5279.

When: Monday September 13 at 4pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Painting
Show up with a paint shirt and let the artist in you loose! Paint and large sheets of paper available! ALL ages welcome!

When: Tuesday, September 14 at 4pm
Where: Outside of Orchard Park Community Center (inside if it’s raining!)

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
Come celebrate you or your neighbors September birthdays together. We will be decorating cupcakes together. Get ready to have some fun, this event is for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at (707)953-5279.

When: Wednesday September 15 at 7pm
Where: 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 grown-ups. NO KIDS please!!!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, September 17 at 6:30pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Look at the Waxing Moon through a Telescope
Time to check out the waxing moon. Come on down for a chance to see the moon through our telescope. The kids can draw a picture and compare with the waning moon from the first time.

When: Friday, September 17 at 8pm
Where: Orchard Park grassy bowl

OP Garden Workday
Workday at the garden!!! Water, pull weeds, and harvest!!!! Come out and get tomatoes, peppers, and squash.

When: Saturday, September 18 at 10am
Where: Orchard Park Garden

Solano Park Art Exhibition
If you or your talented young ones love to sketch, paint, & have a collection of work hidden at home this is the time to show off. We are creating an opportunity for you to display your masterpieces to our community, no matter how professional or amateur it is. If you want to share your kid’s very first drawing you are welcome too. Come! Enjoy the work of emerging artists in Solano Park. Yummy pizza will be served. If you want to participate please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Saturday, September 18 at 6pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center
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Waterslide
Enjoy the last days of summer & sunshine. Kids! Join your friends and have fun in the water slide. Don’t forget your sunscreen & towel. A waiver signed by a parent is a must. This event will be cancelled if rains or strangely cool weather exists. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Monday, September 20 at 3pm
Where: At the grassy area between 2700 & 2800

Frisbee
Enjoy the afternoon playing frisbee in the playground. Let’s see who can win the game. All ages are welcome to have fun. This event will be cancelled if it rains or strangely cool weather exists. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Tuesday, September 21 at 4:30pm
Where: Green Playground By Melvin Fassler Community Center

Decorating Bug Boxes
If you love to collect and study insects, come decorate your own bug box. I’ll provide the bug boxes and coloring materials, you provide the creativity! **All children under 5 have to come with an adult.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, September 23 at 4pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Look at the Full Moon through a telescope
Full moon! Here is our chance to get the whole picture last in a series of observing the moon through a telescope. I’ll have paper to for the kids to draw what they see!!!

When: Friday, September 24 at 8pm
Where: Orchard Park grassy bowl

Welcome New Residents Bagels and Coffee
Come and meet the new neighbors and old friends for a light breakfast and community time. I look forward to the opportunity to talk with folks. See you there!!!!

When: Saturday, September 25 at 9:30am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Parade of Apartments
Do you live in less than 600 sq. ft? Then come discover some new ways of saving space and creating an inviting atmosphere in your home! Plan a simple dinner for tonight so that you can get out of the house and take a walk through a few apartments in Orchard Park, ending at Jessica’s apartment for some yummy treats. If you would be willing to volunteer your apartment or space-saving ideas, please call Jessica Loehrmann at 801-472-3981.

When: Tuesday, September 28 at 5:30pm sharp!
Where: Meet by the Orchard Park Community Center to go on walk to other OP apartments!!!

Recipe Potluck
Come and share one of your favorite dishes! I will be bringing one of my family favorites. After talking with some of the community it seems as though everyone wants to find out more about those amazing aromas floating around the parks. If possible please bring a copy of your recipe as well. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday September 30 at 7pm
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center

Bagel Breakfast
Let’s kick off the new school year with a tasty bagel breakfast. This is a great way for new neighbors to meet other residents in Solano Park and become part of this great community. Bring your family and we’ll spend the morning hanging out and munching away!

When: Saturday, September 25 at 9:30am
Where: Melvin Fassler Community Center
**Monthly Maintenance Tips**  
*By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance*

**FLOORS: Keep them nice and free from stains, scratches, and holes.**

Some suggestions:
- Make sure all furniture has glides (the nylon or plastic pieces on the bottom of the legs that help keep the floor from getting scratched).
- Chairs, tables, and bed posts are especially important.
- Don’t drag heavy objects across the floor. Be sure to pick up heavy objects when moving them.
- Wipe up water and other spills right way.
- Be sure the underside of your washing machine doesn’t have sharp exposed metal. Also, make sure that each load of laundry is balanced so that the washing machine doesn’t “dance” when spinning.

**Holidays and Anniversaries**

**September 2 – Paryushana Athai [Jain]**
One of the two holiest times of the year, the origin of Paryushanaa is related to Jain monks staying in one place for the duration of the rainy season; the minimum duration is considered seventy days. Paryushanaa must be initiated by panchami (the fifth day) of the shukla phase of the Bhadrapada month, because scriptures indicate that Lord Mahavira used to start Paryushanaa on this date; this is also considered the appropriate date for festivities. It is a time for townspeople to celebrate a renewal of the faith by listening to the statement of the Dharma, meditating, and exercising vrata (self-control). Depending upon the sect, this observation may last eight to ten days.

**September 6 – Birth of Catherine Esther Beecher [U.S.A.]**
Early advocate of equal education for women; founded Hartford Female Seminary, widely recognized for its advanced curriculum. (1800)

**September 10 – Hari Raya Puasa [Muslim, Singapore]**
The biggest festival of the Muslim year in Singapore, marking the end of Ramadan and a month of fasting.

**September 18 – Yom Kippur [Jewish]**
Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, is the most important of all holy days for Jews. It is believed that once you atone for your mistakes, you can be “at one” with God. A day for fasting, repentance, forgiveness and self-reflection, Jews do not work on this date from sunset to sunset. Yom Kippur falls on the tenth day after Rosh Hashanah, which is marked by repentance and preparation. Most Jews fast and attend synagogue services on this day.

**September 20 – “Battle of the Sexes” [U.S.A.]**
Billie Jean King defeats Bobby Riggs in a nationally televised tennis match, termed the “Battle of the Sexes,” in three straight sets. (1973)

**September 22 – Mabon, Harvestide [Wiccan]**
Celebrates the fall equinox and the end of the harvest season. One of the “Lesser Sabbats” during the Wiccan year, Mabon marks the second harvest as Nature prepares for the coming of winter. Apples are juiced for cider and grapes for wine.

**September 23 – Shubun No Hi (Autumnal Equinox Day) [Japan]**
Family graves are visited and reunions take place. It is the central day of Higan, a seven-day Buddhist memorial service.

**September 28 – National Good Neighbor Day [USA]**
This day seeks to build a nation that cares by increasing appreciation and understanding of others, beginning with our neighbors. Observed the fourth Sunday in September.
# Calendar of Events
## September 2010

**All residents are welcome to attend all programs, regardless of location. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.**

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- Magnetic Bookmarks MFCC 11am
- **Waterslide** SP 2700 & 2800 3pm
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- **Decorating Bug Boxes** MFCC 4pm
- **Full Moon** OP Grassy Bowl 8pm
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Did you know?

- **Registration Reminder** ~
  Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks Apartments. **Students must have full-time registered status during fall, winter and spring quarters/semesters. Full-time status is defined at 12 units for quarter students and 10 units for semester students.** Students who do not meet the requirement are required to register for additional classes or submit notice to move out. Please be aware of these requirements when you register for fall, winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact your Park Office if you have any questions.

- Remember to renew your parking permit(s) before October 1, 2010. If not renewed, you may receive a parking citation for an expired permit.

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

- **Incoming packages** ~ The Park Offices do not accept packages. We don’t have space and security for them. Perhaps a neighbor could be designated to accept a package for you, or you might indicate your balcony or patio for drop-offs.

- **LARGE ITEM DUMPING** ~
  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 can overflow with 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.

- Whether you are moving in or moving out, please do not park your vehicle in the perimeter (interior/walkways) of The Parks. It places children at risk and is against campus vehicle code. Vehicles in the interior of the complex will be cited and/or towed by University Police.

- We want our complexes to remain safe places to live. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.