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Orchard Park Office Hours:

Monday ~ Friday:
8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Solano Park Office Hours:

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1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Special points of interest:

- The lease renewal process begins April 4th.

LEASE RENEWAL 2011 - Preparation is the Key!

Submitted by Joann Wilson

The month of April is the beginning of the lease renewal process for Parks leaseholders. The new lease period will begin August 1, 2011 and ends July 31, 2012.

Leaseholders will receive a lease renewal notification email from Student Housing at the beginning of April and are expected to express interest in renewing their lease by using the online form available on the Housing Channel through MyUCDavis.

Submitting online interest information does not mean that your lease has automatically been renewed. Housing staff will review eligibility status based on student status, conduct, lease violations, and current rent status. Once eligibility has been approved, an email will be sent asking leaseholders to review the new lease, complete required information, and submit an electronic signature to

accept the new lease terms and conditions. It is very important to: Review SISWEB [<http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu/>] records to ensure that two emergency contacts are listed in the system. Verify address & contact information is current, including cell phone numbers. This information is necessary to complete the online renewal process.

Leaseholders planning to vacate should use the Renewal Survey to confirm that they will not renew their lease. Any resident electing not to renew their lease is required to submit a vacate notice at the Park Office by June 20, 2011. Park Office staff will provide important vacate instructions once the notice is processed. Please be advised that failure to renew your lease or submit a vacate notice will result in a 42 day notice of termination of tenancy. Any requests

for exceptions to the above-mentioned procedures should be sent to Joann Wilson, Residential Services Manager-joannwilson@ucdavis.edu

During the months of May, June, and July, leaseholders will not be allowed to defer their rent. Leaseholders whose monthly rent is in arrears will not be eligible for lease renewal. If you have questions regarding your housing payment, please call Residential Student Accounts [752-2481].

All leaseholders should review the following sections of their leases:
Section 6- Eligibility
Section 7- Lease Renewal.

If you have any questions, regarding eligibility or the lease renewal process, please call Student Housing [752-2033] or e-mail [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu].

Earth Day 2011

Submitted by Casey Fawcett

It is that time of year when we celebrate our planet. Earth day is on **April 22!** Whenever Earth day arrives I try and challenge myself to find another way to treat the planet better. Here are some ideas that you can use on Earth day or any day. Don't restrict yourself to just one day a year; learn about how you can make a difference to environmental protection all the time. And put it into practice - every day!

Start a Garden. Here in Solano and Orchard Park we have wonderful opportunity to plant out our gardens. Gardens help to; reduce greenhouse gas emissions, clean pollution, secure soil in place to prevent erosion, and provide local and organic food for your family.

Shop Used in Davis. We have quite of few Thrift Stores in Davis where you can find great prices for clothing and supplies for your family.

- [All Things Right And Relevant](#) (consignment) and [R & R Thrift](#) (thrift)
- [Bargain Barn](#) on campus (mostly furniture / electronics / nonclothing)
- [Granny's Nooks and Crannies](#) - Antiques and Collectibles
- [Jacksonfly Recycled Fashion](#) - Vintage Tops - Designer Denim - Career Wear - Hawaiian Shirts - Kids
- [Just Kidding](#) (for moms/kids)
- [L Street Furniture](#)
[SPCA Thrift Store](#)
[Tots Trade Center](#)

Learn more about the environment. Earth Day is a good time to make a commitment to learning more about the environment and how you can help to protect it. Borrow some library books and read up on an issue such as pollution, endangered species, water shortages, recycling, and climate change. Or, learn about a region you've never considered before, like the Arctic, the deserts, or the rainforests. This is a good opportunity if you have not done so yet to check out the new children's center at the Davis Public Library, so much fun!

Ride your bike. Now that spring is upon us, take advantage of the fantastic and expansive Davis bike trails to; get your exercise, run small errands, commute to work, or just spend some quality time with your family. Human powered transportation is awesome!

Reduce, reuse and recycle all day long. Buy as little as possible and avoid items that come in lots of packaging. Support local growers and producers of food and products - these don't have to travel as far and so reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Take your drink container with you, and don't use any disposable plates or cutlery. Recycle all the things you do use for the day or find other uses for things that you no longer use. Carry a cloth bag for carrying things in and recycle your plastic bags.

Spring Cleaning Now is the time to clear out the winter cobwebs and get rid of all those things you no longer use. Donate your unwanted, but still good items, to a

resale shop, the Salvation Army or other charity. Your home, your conscious and the earth will be cleaner for it.

Get children to recycle their old toys and games. We all know that space is a valuable commodity in the Parks, make some more room by giving away old toys and games to younger children who could make use of them. Older children learn two lessons: One is about giving to others and the second is about reusing and recycling instead of throwing things away. Adults can also do this with clothes, electrical items, books and more. Learn about product exchange communities like Freecycle and other alternatives.

Make nature crafts. Get together with your family and build a birdhouse or make a bird feeder to encourage the local bird population, which plays an important role in every ecosystem. Use objects that would've otherwise been thrown away to create beautiful works of art. See what ideas you can come up with!

Rid litter. Rid litter from our roadways. Many groups use the weekend of Earth Day to clear roadways, highways and neighborhood streets of litter that has accumulated since the last clean-up day. Many companies donate gloves and bags for clean-up groups.

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Once the group has collected the trash and placed the recycled bags along the road, get the village public works department to pick the bags up. It's a and wonderful community project.

Hold an Earth Day fair.

Maybe your school, your street, your local neighborhood is interested in getting together to have an environmental fair. Things to have at the fair include demonstrations of environmentally-friendly products, children's artwork, healthy/locally grown foods to eat, animal care demonstrations (including wildlife rescue), games for the children made of recycled products, musicians and actors performing

environmental music and skits, stalls which are recycling unwanted treasures and books, local environmental organizations presenting their issues and wares. Money raised can go towards a local environmental restoration project or to an environmental group agreed upon by all the participants running the fair.

Wear green and/or brown.

Dress in environmental colors for the day; think "tree"! Wear badges if you have them that carry pithy summaries of your environmental views.

Engage others in conversations about your environmental concerns. Don't be bossy or pushy, just tell people some facts and then explain your

feelings about them. Encourage them to respond and if they have no opinions or they seem to not know much, help them learn some more by imparting your environmental knowledge in a friendly and helpful manner.

Cook a special Earth Day meal.

Plan a menu that uses locally produced foods, is healthy and has minimal impact on the environment. Favor vegetable and bean products, as these use less resources to grow than mass-farmed meat. If you still would like meat, look for locally produced, organic meat. Try and have organic food completely. Decorate the table with recycled decorations made by you and your friends.



The Solano Park Gardens

Submitted by **Becky Kirk**

Well friends and fellow farmers, it's that time again! The weather is beautiful and the garden is calling. For those of you who are new to Solano Park or simply have not had the chance to garden in the past, now is the year to take advantage of one of our community's most precious treasures. For those of you who have enjoyed a season or two already: welcome back friends!

The Solano Park Gardens are located behind Solano field and by the basketball court. There are many plots waiting to be cultivated and harvested by any interested residents. There is a yearly \$20 plot rental fee and a one time \$20 deposit fee per plot. You get your deposit back if you help on Garden

Work Day and clean out your plot when you leave. To sign up and pay for your plot, just show up on this year's Garden Work Day: Saturday, April 2nd.

Every year we have one day dedicated to cleaning out the garden field and plowing plots - we call it Garden Work Day. All those interested in having a plot and those renewing their plots are asked to come for a few hours on that day to help clean out sticks, old chairs, metal cages, etc. We rent two tractors to mow the grass and plow residents' plots. It is a lot of fun and very satisfying to be able to work your own plot by the end of the day.

Garden Work Day this year is going to be Saturday, April 2 starting at 8am. Please come to the tool shed area (located by building 2800) at that time to help

clean out the garden if you are going to be gardening this year. You may also (as mentioned above) sign up for a new plot at this time. *If it is raining heavily on April 2, we will postpone the work day.*

Those of you who are renewing your plots this year, please come to Becky's apartment (#3413) on March 29, 5-7 pm or, March 30 4-6pm to sign up again. Any unclaimed plots will be made available to everyone on Garden Day, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please contact the Garden Committee at solanoparkgardens@gmail.com with any questions.

Fun, friendship, and home-grown food await! We look forward to seeing you out in the garden!

The History of Easter Egg Coloring

Submitted by **Ashley Scarborough**, Source: **About.com Guide**, By: **Peggy Trowbridge Filippone**

The decoration of Easter eggs to further enhance their value became an art form centuries ago and continues today. Dyes made from **vegetables, edible flowers, fruits, coffee**, tea, leaves, bark, and roots were used to tint the eggs. Lovely designs were created by wrapping the eggs in ferns before tinting. The art progressed, with western Europeans becoming expert at creating intricate patterns in vibrant colors on the small eggs.

Always be certain you use food-

safe dyes when coloring eggs that will be eaten. Here are explanations of some of the many types of decorated eggs:

- **Etched:** Traced back to Macedonia, this process involves dyeing the egg, applying a layer of wax in a design, then bleaching off the color leaving only the wax-covered areas with color.
- **Krashanky:** The Ukrainian word means color, and these eggs are dyed a solid, brilliant color, often red to

symbolize the blood shed by Christ on the cross.

- **Pysanky:** The term comes from the word *pysaty*, meaning to write, and this describes how the egg is decorated. Intricate designs are drawn in wax on the eggs, a process closely related to batik. The eggs are then dyed many colors. Ukrainian artisans are famous for their pysanky.

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- **Fabergé:** Probably some of the most famous and most expensive Easter eggs known are those created by Russian jeweler Peter Carl Fabergé in the 1800's. The eggs were made of gold, silver and jewels and most opened up to exquisite tiny figures of people, animals, plants or buildings. A total of 57 eggs were made. These are obviously museum artifacts of high value.
- **Binsegraas:** The Pennsylvania Dutch traditionally wrapped the pith of the binsegraas, a type of rush, in coils which were glued to eggs. Then interestingly-shaped scraps of calico cloth were pasted on the egg. The Polish use colorful rug yarn formed into elaborately-designed coils, although they, too, originally used rushes.
- **Jeweled:** Designs are created by gluing any manner of sequins, beads, flowers, etc., onto blown eggs.
- **Cut-Out or Carved:** Blown eggs are used also for these creations where a portion of the shell is cut away. The exterior is decorated, and the inside filled with a little scene to be viewed through the cut-out section. These can be exquisitely elaborate.
- **Calico or Madras:** Eggs were wrapped in calico or madras cloth and then boiled. The water released the dyes from the cloth and transferred to the egg. Since most modern cloth is colorfast, these are rarely made nowadays. This type of egg is not to be eaten, due to the danger of the dyes.



Community Programs

Painting Seedling Labels

In order to facilitate our community garden, we will be making labels so everyone will know what is growing in the garden. If you are an inexperienced gardener come and learn with us, if you are an expert come and show off those skills.

When: Monday, April 4 at 7pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Jelly Belly Factory Tour

Come join us to tour the Jelly Belly Factory in Fairfield! This tour is so much fun and loaded with free samples! We will be meeting at the community center at **10 am** to determine carpool options. If you have any questions or are interested in carpooling, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Tuesday, April 5 at 10am
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Tissue Paper Rainbow

Let's enjoy the beauty of a rainbow without having to get wet! We'll make a rainbow out of tissue paper that you can hang up in your window. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Tuesday, April 5 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Nugget Market Store Tour

Join us to see how a real

grocery store works! We'll get to go behind the scenes and see how each of the different departments work. **This program has a limit of 20 people, so you must RSVP with Shawna by April 7- no exceptions.** To RSVP, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Friday, April 8 at 10am
Where: Nugget Market on East
Covell

Toddler Playgroup – Music Time

Bring your toddler to meet his friends. Let them wag and wiggle, bang on things, and make music with friends while you have a chat with moms. Bring some useful parenting magazines to share if you have any. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, April 8 at 11am
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Garden Work Day

Time to prepare beds! We will continue to make our garden cozy for our baby seedlings. Everyone is invited.

When: Saturday, April 9 at 9am
Where: Orchard Park
Children's Garden

Crazy Monster Magnets

Come put together some crazy monster magnets for your fridge at home. They will help "scare" you into not forgetting important notes! If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Tuesday, April 12 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Garden Work Day!

You better work! We need people to pull weeds and till the soil. I'm hoping some seedlings will be ready for planting. Come help us kick off this year's children garden. Don't miss out.

When: Saturday, April 16 at 10am
Where: Orchard Park
Children's Garden

April Birthday Celebration

It is time to celebrate you or your neighbors April 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: Monday, April 18 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Egg Cup Insects

Let's get into the Earth Day spirit by recycling used household items. We are making fun bug decorations out of used egg cartons. **Children under 7 will need an adult helper for this activity.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Wednesday, April 20 at 4 pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Community Programs

Easter Egg Dying

Many of you are already planning on dying Easter Eggs; let's get together. The more the merrier. Added bonus; collective cleaning efforts.

When: Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Earth Day Craft - Recycled Shelf Organizer

Don't throw away your used cereal boxes! Turn them into attractive magazine holders and shelf organizers. Let's celebrate Earth Day with this handy 3R (Reduce, Reuse & Recycle) craft. **Kids must come with an adult.** For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Thursday, April 21 at 5pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

It's time. Every year we hold a massive Easter Egg Hunt and I don't want anyone to miss out on all the action. Arrive earlier, because these kids are quick egg hunters. Prizes Awarded and snacks, coffee and juice provided.

When: Saturday, April 23 at 9am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Solano Park Egg Hunt and Breakfast

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Solano Park. We will enjoy a bagel breakfast with our neighbors in the SPCC starting

at 9 am. The hunt for colorful plastic eggs in the grassy areas and green playground will begin at 9:30 am. We will separate the areas by age groups to make it fun for everyone. Kids will then receive a treat bag to take home. We are looking for volunteers to help set up and hide eggs before the hunt – if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions regarding this program please contact one of the RAs.

When: Saturday, April 23 at 9am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Popsicles and Side Walk Chalk

Enjoy free popsicles while creating your next masterpiece on the side walk. No age limit!!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Tuesday, April 26 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Decorating Umbrellas

Be prepared for those spring showers, come decorate your own umbrella! I will be providing the umbrellas and decorating supplies, please bring your creativity! **Children under 7 need to bring an adult helper.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.



When: Thursday, April 28 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Frisbee

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

When: Friday, April 29 at 4.30pm

Where: Playground by Solano Park Community Center

Ice Cream Social

The days are finally getting longer and warmer. Come and enjoy a nice spring evening with some ice cream and your neighbors. If you have any questions, please contact Shawna Stevens at 757-7899.

When: Friday, April 29 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

- To avoid plumbing charges, watch those kitchen drains. Make sure your strainer is in place in the drain to keep food from going down and plugging the drain.
- Never put grease or oil or any kind down the drain as it will clog the pipes. Put your grease or oil into a can or bottle while it is warm. When it has cooled off, place it in the trash.
- Are your closet doors often coming untracked? Take care of them by sliding the closet doors slowly and straight.
- Remember that bedroom and cabinet doors are not painted surfaces. Hanging items with tape, nails, or tacks will harm the wood finish. Damage charges could be assessed when you vacate your apartment.
- 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 like to accumulate.

Holidays and Anniversaries

April 2 - International Children's Book Day

Celebrated on the birth date of the world-famous Danish writer and storyteller, Hans Christian Andersen. This is the day when children's literature is recognized and celebrated.

April 5 - Qing Ming Festival, National Tomb Sweeping Day [Taiwan]

The Chinese equivalent of "All Souls Day" where food and incense are offered to one's ancestors. According to Chinese custom, the tombs of ancestors are swept "clear and bright" on this day, and rites honoring ancestors are held.

April 13 - Songkran, Water Festival [Thailand]

Songkran is a Buddhist New Year that is celebrated 13 April and lasts for three days. During this festival, everyone carries buckets or bowls of water with them so they can throw water on one another. The Thai people believe there is great merit in acts of kindness, so before the holiday, children buy birds in order to set them free on Songkran. Also, girls in gay

clothes carry fish and set them free in the river. A water festival queen is chosen and paraded along the streets with bands playing amid laughter and the sound of splashing water

April 15 - Birth of Guru Nanak [Sikh]

Observes the birth of the founder of the Sikh religion in 1469 and the first of the ten Gurus of the Sikh faith. There are ten gurus (male religious teachers and spiritual guides/leaders) in the Sikh religion, but Nanak, Teg Bahadur, and Gobind Singh are the most important. The Holy Book of the Sikhs is called Guru Granth Sahib and is considered to be a guru itself. It was completed by the fifth guru, Guru Arjan Dev in the early 1600s.

April 17 - Palm Sunday [Christian]

Commemorates Christ's last entry into Jerusalem, when his way was covered with palms by the multitudes. This day is the beginning of Holy Week in western Christian Churches.

April 21 - Kindergarten Day [U.S.A.]

A day to recognize the importance of play, games and "creative self-activity" in child education, and to note the history of the kindergarten; observed on the date of Fredrick Froebel's birth in 1782. Froebel established the first kindergarten in 1837, and this concept was brought to the United States by German immigrants in the 1840s. The first American public kindergarten was established in 1873, in St. Louis, Missouri.

April 22 - Earth Day [U.S.A.]

Observances of this day focus on environmental problems in communities throughout the US. It is also the day the world's nations guaranteed asylum to those persecuted in their homelands on account of their ethnicity, religion or political opinion. (1970)

Calendar of Events

April 2011

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 <u>Painting Seedling Labels</u> OPCC 4pm	5 <u>Jelly Belly Factory Tour</u> SPCC 10am <u>Tissue Paper Rainbow</u> SPCC 4pm	6	7	8 <u>Nugget Market Tour</u> Nugget Market on East Covell 10am <u>Toddler Playgroup</u> SPCC 11am	9 <u>Garden Work Day</u> Orchard Park Children's Garden 9am
10	11	12 <u>Crazy Monster Magnets</u> SPCC 4pm	13	14	15	16 <u>Garden Work Day!</u> Orchard Park Children's Garden 10am
17	18 <u>Birthday Celebration</u> SPCC 4pm	19	20 <u>Egg Cup Insects</u> SPCC 4pm <u>Easter Egg Dying</u> OPCC 7pm	21 <u>Earth Day Craft</u> SPCC 5pm	22	23 <u>Annual Easter Egg Hunt</u> OPCC 9am SPCC 9am
24	25	26 <u>Popsicles and Sidewalk Chalk</u> SPCC 4:30pm	27	28 <u>Decorating Umbrellas</u> SPCC 4pm	29 <u>Frisbee</u> Playground by SPCC 4:30pm <u>Ice Cream Social</u> SPCC 7pm	30



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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 winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember a 42-day notice is required.
- **Leaseholders are only allowed to have one adult, related or unrelated, listed on their lease.**
- If you wish to add someone to your lease, remember to

submit an Online Occupant Change Request on the Student Housing Channel before the person moves in. Your request must be approved before your occupant can move in on the effective date of the request.

- Occupants on your lease are the only individuals who are allowed to obtain a key for your apartment and/or additional one day visitor parking permits.
- Only the leaseholder may request a copy of the lease agreement from the Park Office.