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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:

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

Special points of interest:

- Monday July 4, 2011 is University Holiday. All Campus Offices are closed.
- RENTAL INCREASES—The new rental rate begins August 1st. Check with your Park Office if you are unsure of the amount.

Pool Safety

Submitted by Sue Franck

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.**

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Pool Safety

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Supervision

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.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE – **ALWAYS** EMPTY YOUR POOLS

IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE. REMEMBER IT ONLY TAKES A SECOND TO DUMP OUT THE WATER AND IT LITERALLY MIGHT SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

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Meet the New Orchard Park RAs

By: Tzu-Chi Kuo and Kyana Taillon

Tzu-Chi Kuo

Hi everyone, I am Tzu-Chi, your new RA for Orchard Park. I started my RA's duties in April. I am happy to be here to help all of our neighbors. You are welcome to contact me, if you have any concerns about the Park. Here is something about myself. I am from Taiwan and studied Chinese Art History there. In 2009, I moved to Davis with my husband who is a PhD student and studies Cognitive Psychology in UC Davis. Last year, before I started my RA job, I used to be an intern for the Pence gallery in downtown Davis. Therefore, if anyone is interested in Art or Chinese

Art History, I would love to discuss with you about it. My husband and I moved into Orchard Park last August. Ever since we moved here, both of us have been really enjoyed our lives in the Park. There is a very friendly and nice community to live with here. I have already been making some good friends in our neighborhood and hope to make more here. Every month we will have a lot of programs happening in our community. Please come and join us to make friends! And if you have any question or any suggestion for our programs, you are more than welcome to share your opinions and ideas. Since summer is the moving season, I am going to plan a grand yard sale in Orchard

Park on July 3rd. I would like to invite all of you to join this event. You can either participate as a buyer, or you can share and sell some good stuff of yours with our neighbors. In addition, I am going to organize a Children's Theater this summer. The first event of it will be started on July 8th. I would like to ask any of you who have experience in the theater or would love to participate in our Children's Theater to join us. If you have any questions about any program or want to help out with the Children's Theater, please contact with me. My number is (530)304-3070. Hope we all have a fun summer here!

Meet the New Orchard Park RAs

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Kyana Taillon

My family and I were excited to move into Orchard Park last August. We had heard from other families about the advantages of living here -- the proximity to other UCD grounds, the close family-oriented community, and the countless activities for kids. Now that we've grown to know our wonderful neighbors, we know that this is the perfect place to raise our kids during our time in Davis. You may have seen or know me--my eight-year-old son Turner and I play badminton almost every evening in the courtyard. (Come join us on July 12 for a badminton tournament!) My husband Jesse is a graduate student studying German and our three-year-old son is named Davis. (Yes, Davis lives in Davis.) My background is in art and design, and prior to moving here, I ran my own photography studio on California's northern coast. As one of the new RAs, I'd love to have your input on

fun activities we can do together. I'm already planning programs and activities that I hope you'll enjoy, including and a Fourth of July bike parade through Orchard Park, a kid-designed obstacle course and an ice cream cone social celebrating the invention of the tasty summer treat. Also, start coming up with ideas and practicing for our talent show planned for August! One of the best experiences my boys and I have had over the past few months is gardening together at the OP Kids' Garden. We've planted our first seeds and have watched plants grow, and I've watched the kids grow as they learn a lot about nurture, pride, and patience. They love to sniff the flowers and be surrounded by nature. They watch in amazement as the corn grows taller by the day, the flowers turn into fruits and the bean plants spiral. Of course their favorite part is to use tools and get their hands dirty, and there's even space for kids to play, including a toddler swing and a bamboo-plant fort for the older kids.

Our harvest will be plentiful in the fall, but there are already plenty of fresh herbs that you're welcome to trim a sprig from at any time. In particular, there is an abundance of fresh mint sprigs that I will have available for you to take home with you at our July 14th workshop where we will be making our own mint chocolate lip gloss from scratch! The garden is a peaceful place to enjoy some fresh air and a beautiful view of the mountains in the distance. The Kid's Garden is free and available to everyone who would like to help water and weed, and there are plots still available to you for your own garden. It's so close, just right across the bike path! I look forward to seeing you around Orchard Park and the gardens, and meeting you if we haven't yet met in person. Please feel free to approach me anytime with your questions and ideas!

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Budget Friendly Ideas for Summer

By: Shakeela Kuthubdeen

Entertaining kids during the summer vacation can be so expensive. Here are some budget friendly ideas and things to do without breaking the bank. If you don't mind spending the time with the kids it can be a fun filled experience. Plan ahead to make it one of their most awesome summer's ever. Be a home town tourist, this won't definitely be a bummer summer. Enjoy!!!

➤ **Do not miss the community events:**

We organize nearly 25 events (15 in Solano & 10 in Orchard Park) during the summer break to keep up with the long hours & to develop the community spirit. These events are absolutely FREE & you can participate at both locations. See the event calendar in the Park Messenger for more details.

➤ **Take a ride in the Double Decker Bus.**

Give your kids a fun experience. You can't beat riding on the top floor of a double-decker on a fine day with the windows open! The Double-Decker buses currently only provide service at the MU (Memorial Union) terminal, and operate only on the B, E, F, and G lines. Go to <http://unitrans.ucdavis.edu> for more info.

➤ **Impossible acres:**

This is "a small family farm that has been growing a variety of fruits and vegetables & pick your own

favorite fruits. More at <http://www.impossibleacres.com>

➤ **Visit Art galleries in Davis.**

There are number of art galleries in Davis that you can take the kids for a quite morning or a lazy afternoon. You are not going to believe how your kid transforms and becomes an artist for the whole week after the visit. More at http://daviswiki.org/Art_Galleries.

➤ **U.S. Cycling Hall of Fame:**

This world-class attraction features priceless bicycles, trophies, medals and memorabilia from the world's cycling. This will be an inspiration to your energetic young cyclist. More info <http://www.usbhof.org>

➤ **Bohart Museum of Entomology:**

The seventh largest insect collection in North America housing over seven million specimens! Open Monday to Thursday 8:30-12, 1-5. Free admission!!!

➤ **Explorit Science center:**

It's a great place to visit with your family and friends for hands-on science fun. Kids will love it. More info at <http://www.explorit.org/>

➤ **Visit the Davis Wetlands:**

It is located at 45400 County Road 28H, east of the City of Davis Water Pollution Control Plant. The wetlands have an auto tour route and wildlife viewing areas. Docent-led tours are available year-round on the first Saturday of each month. Between March and

August, tours leave from the Waste Pollution Control Plant at 9 AM. Call (530) 757-5686 for information on tours and programs or, you may also contact the Yolo Basin Foundation for information and tours at (530) 757-4828.

➤ **Visit the CA Raptor Center :**

The CA Raptor Center is a unique facility that combines education, research, and conservation. This center provides care for about 200 raptors per year, releasing 60% back into the wild. It is free and open to the public Monday to Friday 9-4, Saturday 9-12@ Old Davis Rd, Davis. (530) 752-9994.

➤ **Visit different parks & play areas :**

Playing in the same park can be pretty boring with the kids. Take them to different parks to refresh their spirits. The City of Davis maintains over 400 acres of parks and greenbelts throughout the community. You can find 43 different play areas, 12 large reservable picnic areas and many smaller ones, 33 tennis courts, and many other amenities such as horse shoe pits, disc golf, basketball courts, exercise courses, etc.

Visit <http://cityofdavis.org> for more.

Community Programs

Fourth of July Kids' Parade

Come join us in a celebration of Independence Day! Decorate your bike or other wheels in red, white & blue streamers and balloons and follow us in a parade through Orchard Park grounds with your friends!

When: Tuesday, July 4 at 9:30am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Waterslide

Yeah, Waterslide! Summer is here everyone. Get ready to jump on our slide and have a cool time. Don't forget to bring towels and sun block with you. Let's cheer for the sunshine! **All children must come with an adult.**

When: Wednesday, July 6 at 3:30pm **and** Thursday, July 21 at 5:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Snow Cones

Want to get a cool treat on a warm day? **No age limit.** Everybody is welcome to enjoy snow cones. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Wednesday, July 6 at 5pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kid's Club!

Kid's Club members, now that we have gotten the club started it is time to see some of your ideas in action! See you there! Stop by my apartment if you have questions. I will be

providing snacks. **Children 9 and above only please.** If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, July 7 at 3pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Waterslide

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

When: Friday, July 8 at 3pm
Where: At the Grassy Area between 2700 & 2800

Orchard Park Children's Theater

Hi everyone, are you worried about your kids being bored the whole summer? Come and join our summer Children's Theater. Let's have some fun for the kids in the summer! **Kids 6 and older only please.**

When: Friday, July 8 at 4:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Cookie Swap

Bring a batch of your favorite cookies and a copy of your secret recipe to share with others. Take some different ones home to enjoy later. I'll bring coconut macaroons dipped in chocolate to start the party!!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Monday, July 11 at 5pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Badminton

Meet us for a fast-paced badminton tournament in the courtyard in front of Building 5600. We'll supply the rackets, birdies and net. It's fun and great exercise for adults and older kids! (Ages 8 and up only, please.)

When: Tuesday, July 12 at 7pm
Where: Courtyard in Front of 5600 Building

Kids Jewelry Class

Make a bracelet with sea shells to remember the time you spend at the beach (or it'll be cool to wear one if you are planning a trip to the beach). **Kids under 7 years might need an adult helper.** For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Wednesday, July 13 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center



Community Programs

Snow Cones!

Come join us for a cool treat! I will be serving up snow cones with natural flavors. Come cool off and hang out with neighbors. If you have any questions please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Thursday, July 14 at 6:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center



Fresh Mint Chocolate Lip Gloss Workshop

Join us for a minty workshop using fresh mint from the Orchard Park Kids' Garden! We'll be making a yummy mint chocolate lip gloss as we sip iced mint tea. We'll also have fresh mint sprigs for you to take home. Mint is great for many things, such as infused oil for baking, as a garnish, as a breath freshener, and more!

When: Thursday, July 14 at 7pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Orchard Park Yard Sale

Moving season is coming! Let's have a grand yard sale together in the Orchard Park and have

fun shopping in your neighborhood!

When: Sunday, July 15 at 9:30am
Where: Outside of Orchard Park Community Center

Pizza Night

Enjoy the company of your neighbors. Have a chat. Dinner is on us. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Friday, July 15 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kid's Club!

Today we will meet and also get together for a scavenger hunt! Prizes will be awarded when complete! Children 9 and above only please. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

When: Tuesday, July 19 at 3pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Let's Cook: Crème Caramel

Crème Caramel is a great and easy dessert to make for your family. Come and join us to learn some yummy dessert together!

When: Tuesday July 19 at 4:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Waterslide

Summertime is finally here! Join us to 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.

When: Wednesday, July 20 at 3pm
Where: Between Buildings 3500-3700

Ice Cream Cone Social

Enjoy an old-fashioned vanilla ice cream cone as we celebrate the invention of the treat that today we cannot imagine being without!

When: Saturday, July 23 at 3pm
Where: Orchard Park Big Park

Kids' Obstacle Course

Kids will design their own obstacle course with pogo sticks, scooter boards, a Slip 'n Slide and more.

When: Saturday, July 30 at 3:30pm
Where: Courtyard in Front of 5600 Building



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.

Holidays and Anniversaries

July 2 - Civil Rights Act passed [U.S.A.]

US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs this bill into law, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex or national origin in public accommodations and federally assisted programs. (1964)

July 4 - Independence Day [U.S.A.]

Declaration of Independence is signed. (1776)

July 7 - Tanabata, Star Festival [Japan]

Tanabata, according to legend, is the day that two stars, Orihime (Vega, the Weaver) and her lover, Kengyii (Altair), meet in the skies over Japan. Chinese legend has it that the two were originally split apart by the two banks of the River of Heaven (the Milky Way, Ama-no-gawa). The seventh day of the seventh month is the only day they are permitted to see each other, since they once allowed their affection for each other to interfere with their heavenly tasks. Tanabata is especially appreciated in Sendai and Hiratsuka, where their festivals have become famous. Several

days before 7 July, people write their wishes or poems on strips of paper in various colors (tanzaku), and hang them on leafy bamboo branches which have been cut from the plant; then, on the night of the seventh, the branches are placed in the garden.

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 11 - World Population Day [UN]

This day seeks to focus public attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, particularly in the context of overall development plans and programs, and the need to create solutions to these problems.

July 13 - O-Bon Festival, Feast of the Dead [Buddhist Japan]

A Buddhist ceremony observed by lighting lanterns after the harvest for ancestor. This memorial service to the spirits of ancestors is held because the spirits of the dead are said to return at this time, and the festival welcomes them home. Traditionally, fires are lit at entrances to homes so the spirits do not lose their way, and Buddhist family altars are tidied up and food offerings set out. Festival folk dances (bon-odori) are held in various parts of the country on the grounds of shrines, temples, parks, squares, or in the streets, and people dressed in informal summer kimonos (yukata) dance to the songs sung by folk musicians. When O-bon is over, the spirits are sent on their way with fires at entrances of homes.

July 23 - Birth of Barbara Deming [U.S.A.]

Birth of Barbara Deming, pacifist, civil rights activist, lesbian and feminist. (1917-1984)

Calendar of Events

July 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 HOLIDAY PARKS OFFICES CLOSED <u>Kids' Parade</u> OPCC 9:30am	5	6 <u>Waterslide</u> OPCC 3:30pm <u>Snow Cones</u> SPCC 5pm	7 <u>Kids' Club</u> SPCC 3pm	8 <u>Waterslide</u> Between Bldgs. 2700-2800 3pm OP Children's Theater OPCC 4:30pm	9
10	11 <u>Cookie Swap</u> SPCC 5pm	12 <u>Badminton</u> Front of 5600 Bldg. 7pm	13 <u>Kids Jewelry Class</u> SPCC 4:30pm	14 <u>Snow Cones</u> SPCC 6:30pm Mint Chocolate Lipgloss OPCC 7pm	15 <u>OP Yard Sale</u> OPCC 9:30am Pizza Night SPCC 6pm	16
17	18	19 <u>Kids' Club</u> SPCC 3pm <u>Let's Cook</u> OPCC 4:30pm	20 <u>Waterslide</u> 3500-3700 Bldgs. 3pm	21 <u>Waterslide</u> OPCC 5:30pm	22 <u>Ice Cream Cone Social</u> OP Big Park 3pm	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 <u>Kids' Obstacle Course</u> Front of Bldg. 5600 3:30pm
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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.