Fall Pest Proofing
Submitted by Linnea Hall
Sources: Michael F Potter, extension entomologist, University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture. AND UC Davis Student Housing Policies Manual excerpts).

As fall approaches, so does colder weather. The outdoor pests will be looking for warm places to live. Prevent them from finding your warm home for the winter. The following will be a guide, such as in autumn when we see insects and rodents making their way in, in search of "overwintering" sites.

According to a poll 93% of householders express concern over finding pests within their home. More than half indicated that a single cockroach, or spider would prompt them to take pest-proofing steps. Despite their "high-profile" presence within the home, most pests encountered indoors have either flown or crawled in from outside.

To limit unwanted intrusions by insects and rodents, deny them entry. Taking steps to block their entry before they end up inside can greatly reduce the chances of future sightings. Prevent ants, spiders, mice, and other pests from becoming a problem this winter by pest-proofing your home. Outlined below are useful tips for pest-proofing a home:

- Keep your patio or balcony clear. Any furniture designed for indoor use may not be stored on patios or balconies as they are inviting to burrowing animals. Cardboard boxes, wood, newspaper, books, plastic bags or anything that would attract pests or rodents also may not be stored on patios or balconies.
- Take trash out regularly to the dumpsters. Do not leave trash bags outside front doors, entry ways, or patio/balconies as this will attract pests.
- Keep the interior of the apartment in good condition. There are issues related to roaches and other pests associated with unclean living conditions. As stated in the Parks Student Handbook: "residents are responsible for maintaining the interior and exterior of the apartment in a clean, safe condition."
- Remove excess outdoor items from your property, places where they can burrow, or create nests.
- Keep shrubbery trimmed away from foundation and remove weeds and overgrowth around your yard.
- Keep potting soil and gardening tools in sealed containers.

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- Remove bird and wildlife feeders when these animals are not feeding
- Keep patio fence doors closed and locked to keep the park’s wildlife from entering the patio area.
- A compressed air can, at the base of exterior doors, entrances, and around foundation of windows, sliding door tracks, will remove crumbs, lint, and dust that emit smells which attract winter pests.
- Check thresholds at the base of exterior entry doors for light filtering under the doors. Gaps of 1/16 inch or less will permit entry of insects and spiders. 1/4 inch gaps (the diameter of a pencil) are large enough for entry of mice. 1/2 inch gaps are adequate for rats. Pay particular attention to the bottom corners, as this is often where rodents and insects enter.
- Cockroaches, mice, ants, and bees are the most common targets. If roaches are present, treatment is mandatory and should be scheduled as soon as possible.

If you’ve already noticed a pest infestation or signs there may be a pest present, you must report pests to the park office, and the park office will arrange for legal entry on the next available inspection date. Let’s make this a clean, safe, and pest-free winter! By taking a few quick, easy and early preventative steps now, there will be an increased chance for a worry free (and pest free) winter.

Hero in the Parks
Submitted by Casey Fawcett

Hello Residents,
A few weeks back a resident; Cesar Casillas was returning home when a man on a bike rode past him and waved. Cesar waved back and then noticed that the man was riding a Solano Park child’s bike. He informed the man that he should remove himself from the bike as it belonged to a child. The man put up a brief argument and then fled from the bike across the UCD parking lot.
I want to take this moment to thank Cesar Casillas, he represents the power of neighborhood watch in the community. When I heard this story I was taken aback by Cesar’s bravery and willingness to confront the situation. Now the young boy can continue to enjoy his bike every evening (for all who have met the boy know this is the case).
The parks are generally safe and wonderful places to be but every once in a while we have problems with theft. If you see someone suspicious in or around the park do your part and call the UCD Police department. If all residents work together, we will make the parks a much safer place to be.
Here is the UCD Police Contact Information:

**Emergency Contact Numbers:**
911 - is the primary emergency number for our campus from any phone.
530-752-1230 - is an alternate from any phone.

**UC Davis Non-Emergency Service**
530-752-1727

Orchard Park Car Wash
Submitted by Sue Franck

Dear Orchard and Solano Park community members:
We regret that recently we had to discontinue the car wash located at the Orchard Park Apartments office building. The drain in the parking area goes into the storm drain system, which cannot accept car wash byproducts (oil, gasoline, solvents, soaps, etc.). There are several commercial car washes in town. They are properly licensed and regulated for this task. Thank you.

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Research Study
Submitted by: Sue Franck

Pregnant women are needed for a nutrition study. USDA-Western Human Nutrition Research Center invites pregnant women (greater than 18 years of age and less than 20 weeks gestation) to participate in a research study. This study will investigate if the current level of vitamin D supplementation during pregnancy is adequate to maintain maternal health and immune function. Women with low vitamin D intake and low sun exposure are eligible.

Visits are at the USDA-Western Human Nutrition Research Center on the UC Davis campus or the UC Davis Ob/Gyn clinics in Sacramento. Blood is collected for study purposes at three times during pregnancy (16-20 weeks, 24-28 weeks, 36 weeks gestation). Participants will be given prenatal multi-vitamins and monetary compensation of $100.

The Moon Festival
Submitted by: Tzu-Chi Kuo

The Moon Festival, also known as the Mid-Autumn Festival (or Zhongqiu Festival), is on the 15th of the 8th month of Lunar Calendar. This year, it will be on September 12. It is one of the three big festivals in Chinese Culture (the other two are Chinese New Year and Dragon Boat Festival.) People usually celebrate the great harvest during this time. The reason why it is also called the Moon Festival is because the 15th of the month in the lunar calendar is the full moon. And the shape of the full moon, round, which symbolizes the meaning of “complete” in Chinese Culture, has encouraged families and friends to reunite during this time.

For this reason, the Moon Festival is always celebrated after twilight when the moon comes out. There are a couple of stories behind the festival which all are relevant to the moon. The most popular one is about Lady Chang E. According to the Chinese ancient fairy tale, Lady Chang E wanted to rescue her people from her husband Houyi’s tyranny, thus she took his elixir and flew away to the moon on the date of the Moon Festival. When you look up at the moon on the Moon Festival you will probably be able to see her dancing in the moon.

Since the Moon Festival usually falls on the harvest season, the food has always been a big sensation for it. Besides having the great feast from the huge harvest, moon cake is one of the biggest things for the Moon Festival. It is a kind of pastry stuffed with different fillings such as egg yolk, lotus seed paste, red bean paste, coconut, walnuts, or dates. Chinese characters representing longevity or harmony are carved onto the tops of the moon cakes.

Every year in San Francisco’s Chinatown, there is always a big celebration for the Moon Festival. This year, they are going to celebrate it on the weekend before the Moon Festival (9/10-9/11). However if you won’t be able to participate in it, we will have a big celebration in the Orchard Park as well. We are going to make moon cakes and have a barbecue to celebrate this fruitful festival together. Hope to see you there!
My favorite part about being one of the Resident Assistants for Orchard Park is our many monthly programs. It’s the job of the RAs to come up with ideas for events that will promote a sense of community for our diverse group of residents and friends, and we get a number of ideas for programming directly from you!

For example, I decided to plan an obstacle course day after a group of young residents, and I brainstormed ideas about what would be fun to do together during the summer. In August, we scheduled a marshmallow roast, also inspired by the kids who wanted to feel like they were camping. One parent noted that her kids were surely to remember that experience for years to come.

Tzu-Chi (OP’s other RA) scheduled a baby’s play group after a resident suggested the idea to her. Now the group plans to meet more frequently to play because of the success of the activity.

In scheduling these activities, we keep a few things in mind. Is there interest within the community? Is the program educational? Fun? Is it inclusive and welcoming to residents? Does it bring people together?

One of the most encouraged criteria for successful programming is all of this plus resident participation in implementing them. Last month Orchard Park resident and recent doctoral degree recipient James Ketchum presented a program about his work in his area of study—sharks. Earlier, I learned from James’ wife Karina about his work and knew that a lot of residents would be interested in learning from him. This type of program is what our complex supervisor Sue Franck calls “the whole enchilada,” not only because it was educational, fun and inclusive, but we got to meet and know the presenter which brought our community closer. (Thank you, James, for the awesome program!)

If you have an idea for an activity or would like to lead one, we are here to help make that happen. If you want to lead a baking class, we will supply the ingredients. If you have an aspect of your professional studies that you’d like to share, please let us know and will we work with you to accommodate what you need to educate others about it. Language, dance, music, art, games, books, discussions—these are just a few general ideas to inspire you. We have tons of equipment and supplies, and resources for additional items to make the event memorable. Programs can be designed for any age group. We’ll help set up, take down and do the promotion! **Now that’s the Whole Enchilada!**

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**Orchard Park Garden Plots are Still Available!**

Submitted by: The Orchard Park Garden Committee

Interested in gardening? Join your neighbors in growing fresh, organic produce right here at Orchard Park! From now until March, you can rent a full 50’ x 10’ plot for $20 or a 25’ x 10’ half plot for $15 (plus a one-time refundable $20 cleanup deposit). You’ll have access to garden tools to get you started. Grow onions, carrots, chard and more! The gardens are located at the southwest corner of Orchard Park, near the bike path that crosses Hwy 113. Contact us for a garden tour or more information at orchardparkgardens@gmail.com.
**Waterslide**
Let’s have some water fun before the heat leaves! Join us for some fun, and be prepared to get wet. Please bring towels and sunscreen. All children must 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:** Thursday, September 1 at 3 pm
**Where:** Between Buildings 3500-3700

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**Craft Hour**
Decorate your own kaleidoscope. Enjoy the colorful patterns it makes when you rotate it. Kids under 5 years old must come with an adult. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

**When:** Wednesday, September 7 at 4 pm
**Where:** Solano Park Community Center

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**Knitting**
Learn the basic knit and purl technique. Bring current projects if you have them. For new knitters, yarn, needles and all supplies will be provided. For questions please call Linnea at 219-9477.

**When:** Friday, September 2 at 7:30 pm
**Where:** Solano Park Community Center

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**Jewelry Making**
Grown-ups! Get out of the house and enjoy a relaxing evening making jewelry. Hope to see you there! Adults only please. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

**When:** Monday, September 5 at 7:30 pm
**Where:** Solano Park Community Center

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**Badminton**
Exercise in the fresh fall air and hopefully the cooler weather.

**When:** Tuesday, September 6 at 2:30 pm
**Where:** Grassy Area Between Buildings 2700 and 2800

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**Orchard Park Children’s Theater**
Orchard Park Children’s Theater is still open! Come and join our Children’s Theater. Let’s learn some fun plays and do some fun activities together! **This program is for kids 6 and up.**

**When:** Thursday, September 8 at 5:30 pm
**Where:** Orchard Park Community Center

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**Shadow Tag**
Enjoy the afternoon playing Shadow Tag in the playground. Let’s see who can win the game. All ages are welcome to have fun. For questions please call Shakeela 297-7451.

**When:** Friday, September 9 at 4:30 pm
**Where:** Solano Park Community Center Green Playground

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**Moon Festival: Moon Cake Making**
Chinese Moon Festival (aka. Mid-Autumn Festival) is coming on September 12! It is a very big holiday in Chinese Culture. People usually get together to celebrate it. Moon cake is one of the biggest things in it. So, why don’t we try to make some moon cakes and share them with our families and friends to celebrate the Chinese Moon Festival?

**When:** Monday, September 12 at 4:30 pm
**Where:** Orchard Park Community Center

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**Moon Festival BBQ Potluck**
We will be celebrating the traditional Chinese Moon Festival.
by sharing the harvest from the Orchard Park Children’s Garden! We will have roasted tomatoes with fresh basil and mozzarella cheese, hot dogs and a citrus called Pomelo. Please bring a side dish and/or something for the grill to share.

When: Monday, September 12 at 6 pm
Where: Orchard Park Children’s Garden

**Cross Stitch for Adults**
Start a new fall project. If you love needle point this is for you. We’ve got this fantastic kit even a beginner can do it as easy as 1-2-3. This is a class for grownups. NO KIDS please!!!!! For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

When: Monday, September 12 at 7 pm
Where: Solano 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, September 14 at 4:30 pm
Where: Outside of Orchard Park Community Center

**Homemade Coca Night**
Make a fresh jar of homemade cocoa to prepare for the cooler fall weather. For questions please call Linnea at 219-9477.

When: Friday, September 16 at 7 pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Garden Flower Pendant Workshop**
Autumn is almost here, so let's preserve a bit of our summer by making a beautiful pressed flower pendant necklace with flowers and other plants from the Orchard Park Children's Garden! (Children must be accompanied by an adult.)

When: Tuesday, September 20 at 4:30 pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**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: Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center
Community Programs

**Badminton**
Meet us for a fast-paced badminton tournament! We’ll supply the rackets, birdies and net, as well as two courts—one for adults and one for older kids. It’s fun and great exercise! Ages 8 and up only, please.

*When: Thursday, September 22 at 6 pm*
*Where: Orchard Park Community Center Lawn*

**Toddler Playgroup**
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. This event will be cancelled if rains or strangely cool weather exists. For questions please call Shakeela at 297-7451.

*When: Friday, September 23 at 10:30 am*
*Where: Solano Park Community Center*

**Opening Bagel Breakfast**
A brand new school is going to start! Let’s have a big breakfast party on the first weekend of the school year and welcome this new opening together. Bagels, coffee, milk, and tea will be served. Hope to see you there!

*When: Saturday, September 24 at 9 am*
*Where: Orchard Park Community Center*

**Welcome Bagel Breakfast**
Come meet your new neighbors and catch up with your old ones. I will be providing bagels, spreads, and beverages. This is a great program, and I am looking forward to seeing and meeting all of you! If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

*When: Saturday, September 24 at 9:30 am*
*Where: Solano Park Community Center*

**Sock Bunnies**
Are you worried about your kids growing too fast? Do you have too many cute little socks that stay in your drawers? Stop worrying about it! Let’s turn those cute, little socks into cute, little bunnies! Please bring some socks with you. **This program is recommended for adults, kids can also come with an adult.**

*When: Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm*
*Where: Orchard Park Community Center*

**Kid’s Club!**
We had such a great time this summer that the fun just can’t end. Join us for a kid’s club get together. Hope to see some new faces! Children 7 and above only please. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Fawcett, RA for Solano Park at 707-953-5279.

*When: Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm*
*Where: Orchard Park 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 1 - Birth of Cheng Cheng-Kung [China, Taiwan]**

Celebrated seventeenth century Ming loyalist who devoted his life to overthrowing the Ch’ing government in China. He fled to Taiwan to establish a base for his struggle and during his short life made significant contributions to the island’s development. In 1661, he and his troops arrived at Chin Kan City and liberated Taiwan from the Dutch. (1624)

**September 3 - Frederick Douglass escapes slavery [U.S.A.]**

Dressed as a sailor and carrying identification papers borrowed from a retired merchant seaman, Frederick Douglass boarded a train in Baltimore, Maryland, a slave state. Douglass rode to Wilmington, Delaware, where he caught a steamboat to the free city of Philadelphia. He then transferred to a train headed for New York City, where he entered the protection of the underground railway network. Douglass later became a great orator and one of the leaders of the antislavery struggle. (1838)

**September 16 - Palestinian Massacre [1982]**

Christian militiamen called Phalangists entered Sabra and Shatila, two Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut, where they opened fire. Phalangists had demanded the blood of Palestinians since the assassination of their president, Bashir Gemayel, on September 14. Massacre survivors said they had not seen Israeli forces inside the camp; however, they claimed Israelis sealed off boundaries to the camps and allowed Christian militiamen to enter.

**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 28 - Teacher’s Day, Birth of Confucius [Taiwan]**

The birthday of Kung Fu Zi (Confucius, 551-479 BCE) is celebrated with a dawn ceremony, parts of which date back nearly 3,000 years, at temples around the island. The ceremony includes a ritual dance, costumes, music, and other rites. The teachings of Kung Fu Zi are not a religion, but a guide to appropriate personal behavior and good government, stressing the virtues of self-discipline and generosity. Confucius held the radical view that all who possessed the depth and desire to learn, not just the aristocracy, deserved the opportunity of formal education; for this reason, his birthday, a national holiday, is celebrated as Teacher’s Day.

**September 30 - James Meredith becomes the first Black student at University of Mississippi**

3,000 federal troops were required to quell riots against his admission. (1962)
## Calendar of Events
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**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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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 re-used 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.