Student Housing has recently decided to make a change to our current policy for transferring between apartments with The Parks. Previously, current residents were only allowed to transfer between the months of October 1 and March 31 and only after they had resided in their current apartment for at least six months. Due to the impending closure of Orchard Park in 2014, we have implemented a new policy that allows residents to transfer any time of the year. Leaseholders also do not have to wait six months to turn in an application to transfer. Leaseholders may go to the Student Housing website (housing.ucdavis.edu) under the Publications section and download and complete a transfer application. There is no fee to apply to be placed on the transfer waitlist. Resident may turn in the completed transfer application to the Orchard or Solano Parks Office or the Student Housing Office. Transfers will be based on the date the application is received and space available which meets the criteria that the leaseholder chooses.

TIP: If the leaseholder has a specific building or apartment they would like to transfer to, this information should be included in the transfer application.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR
Submitted by April Berryman

Come meet with the Director of Student Housing, Emily Galindo. The discussion will center on the budget for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the closure of Orchard and Solano Parks, as well as general questions from residents. This is your opportunity to hear first-hand information and gain an overview of the Parks’ fiscal management.

A meeting will be held in the Orchard Park Community Center on the following date:

Wednesday, April 11, 2012 from 5:00-7:00pm

We hope to see you there!
**How To: A Guide to Posting Notices**
*Submitted by Linnea Hall—Source: Student Handbook*

All posting must be approved by the Park Office and will only be allowed on specific bulletin boards. No offensive or alcohol-related materials may be posted, distributed, or be in public view. No door to door solicitation is permitted.

There are specific bulletin boards at laundry rooms 4400, 3800, and 2900. At these locations there are outdoor cork boards with a partitioned section for "For Sale Notices". Notices can be stapled to the cork boards. Residents are responsible for removing their expired notices.

Finally, if you post to the laundry room door, use blue painter's tape only, as this will not destroy the paint on the exterior laundry room door. All other forms of tape are damaging and cannot be used. When the dates on the flyer have expired, the resident is responsible for removing expired flyers.

**Fun at the Davis Public Library**
*Submitted by Kyana Taillon*

In addition to the many amenities libraries already provide, the Mary L. Stephens Davis Library has a plethora of educational and fun social activities for people of all ages. Below are some of the upcoming highlights that you’ll want to check out!

**Ongoing Programs for Kids**
These programs are weekly and feature a variety of stories, rhymes, finger plays, songs and music to help develop early literacy and language skills, and encourage children to engage in group participation.

- **Hug-A-Bye Baby:** Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.
  For infants ages 2-12 months and their parents.
- **Preschool Story Time:**
  Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. & Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.
  *(Thursday is interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing.)*
  For children 3-5 and their parents.
- **Mother Goose on the Loose:**
  Tuesdays & Thursdays at 11 a.m.
  For children 12-36 months and their parents.
- **Spanish/English Story Time:**
  Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
  For children 0-6 years and their parents.
- **Family Story Time:** Saturdays at 11:15 a.m.
  For families and children of all ages.
- **Saturday Afternoon Movies:**
  Saturdays at 2 p.m. *(No showing on 4/28.)*
  For all children and families.
- **Chinese/English Story Time:**
  Sundays at 3 p.m.
  For children 0-6 years and their parents.

**April’s Special Programs for Kids**
Each month the Davis library holds a variety of one-time-only programs, including puppet shows, games and classes. Be on the lookout for signs posted in the library, as many times programs are announced only a few days in advance. Their new calendar will be distributed soon.

- **Dia de los Ninos:** Saturday, April 28 at 10 a.m.
  A celebration of literacy and children of all heritages. Enjoy a visit from an author/illustrator, Ballet Folklorico, food and crafts. Free books for all children!

**Programs for Adults**
In addition to these programs for kids, the Davis library has ongoing and special programs for adults like book clubs, conversation groups, book sales and movie nights.

- **Friends of the Library Book Sale:** April 6, 7, 8
- **Titanic: Ship of Dreams:**
  Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.
  An interactive program for ages 8 to adult.

For more information on any of these programs, visit YoloCountyLibrary.org or, better yet, visit the library itself at 315 East 14th Street in Davis.
Earth Day 2012
Submitted by Casey Fawcett

Earth day is on April 22! It is the time of year to take a moment to reflect on how we treat the place that we all call home. 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 in 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 / non-clothing)
- Granny’s Nooks and Crannys - Antiques and Collectibles
- Jacksonfly Recycled Fashion - Vintage Tops - Designer Denim - Career Wear - Hawaiian Shirts - 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, or local 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!

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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. 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 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 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.

Solano and Orchard Park Community Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone Welcome! You’re invited! Please join us on Saturday, April 7 at 9am for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bagel Breakfast. Breakfast and drinks will be served in the Solano and Orchard Park Community Centers followed by an egg hunt on the grass. The egg hunt is divided into age groups, tailoring the finding of the eggs to the children’s abilities. If you have a basket, go ahead and bring it. Some totes will be on hand for those who may not have one. Craft tables, goodie bags, food, fun, and memories. Come socialize and celebrate this special time of year. For more information, please contact Linnea in Solano Park at 530-219-9477 and Kyana in Orchard Park at 530-554-9880.
Orchard Park Welcomes New Garden Coordinator Duo
Submitted by Kyana Taillon and Sue Franck

As the Orchard Park Garden Association says good-bye to its coordinator, Ana Vela, we’d like to take a moment to thank Ana and her family for all of the time and effort they put into revitalizing the gardens and the Orchard Park Garden Association. For several years, the OPGA had died out, and we were unable to get anyone to commit the time to get things back on track. Two years ago, Ana approached the staff about bringing the Orchard Park gardens back to life, as she saw the huge value of having a garden, not only for her own family, but for the entire Orchard Park community. She met with the Complex Coordinator and worked out a plan to get the overgrown plots plowed, she measured out the new plots, created flyers and announcements, talked to community members, signed up gardeners, coordinated funds, and planned work days. It was a lot of hard work, but it paid off.

So we say a very big "Thank you Ana," for being a key factor in bringing gardening back to the members of the Orchard Park community.

This year, we welcome Jason and Celida Johnson, a husband and wife duo who will co-ordinate the Orchard Park gardens.

Jason and Celida moved to Orchard Park last fall as students of History and Art History, respectively, and soon after arriving at Orchard Park, they signed up for an Orchard Park Garden plot. Both Jason and Celida have an enthusiastic love of gardening and the outdoors.

"I think gardening provides a wonderful outlet for people to reconnect to nature and let go of the pressures of the day," stated Celida. "We hope to see more of our Orchard Park neighbors take advantage of this opportunity as it provides a place to not only grow some vegetables, herbs and flowers, but it can be a rewarding learning experience and a rich social gathering place."

Jason and Celida are eager to show you the garden plots, sign up new gardeners, and to discuss the upcoming growing season plans with you. A perfect opportunity to meet the duo is at the Community Garden Clean-Up Day that will be held Saturday, March 31 from 8am to noon. Clean-ups are a fun way to make the garden area safer and more beautiful by clearing out debris, pulling weeds, and trimming trees. Older kids are welcome to help.

A yearly $20 plot rental fee and a onetime $20 deposit fee per plot will secure your 10x50’ plot for a whole year! (You get your deposit back if you clean out your plot when you vacate.) Please contact the Garden Committee at orchardparkgardens@gmail.com
Community Programs

**Confetti Bunny Cupcakes**
Join us for a fun and quick dessert! They're easy to make, easy to decorate confetti bunny cupcakes. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, April 3 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Pretty Paper Easter Bunnies**
Hi everyone, Easter is here! Let's get together to make some cute bunny decorations to light up the holiday. I will prepare some treats. Let's make some cute crafts and have fun together! For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Thursday, April 5 at 5:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast**
Join us bright and early for the annual hunt for Easter eggs! Kids of all ages will have the opportunity to find hidden eggs on the Solano and Orchard Park grounds and redeem the eggs for treat bags. The hunt will start at 9am in Orchard Park and 9:30am in Solano Park and once let loose, the kids find the eggs quickly, so get there early. Enjoy a bagel breakfast with our neighbors as well as Easter face painting and crafts. For questions, please contact Linnea in Solano Park at 530-219-9477 and Kyana in Orchard Park at 530-554-9880.

**Spring Origami**
Come learn some new folding techniques as we learn how to make some simple, spring inspired animals. Children under 7 will need an adult helper. Everyone welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Monday, April 9 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Watercolors**
Spring is in the air! Come depict your favorite scene with watercolors. All supplies provided. If you have any questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, April 10 at 7pm
Where: Solano 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 Solano Park Community Center at 10am to determine carpool options. If you have any questions or are interested in carpooling, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Wednesday, April 11 at 10am
Where: Meet in Front of Solano Park Community Center

**Tie Dye: Part Two**
Tie Dye with Markers. Kids under 7 need an adult helper. If you have questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

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

**Poker Night**
Everyone, it is Texas Hold'em Night again. Are you ready for a challenge and to have some fun with your neighbors? Come join us to play poker, you might win a chance to receive a small prize! This is an adult only program. For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Thursday, April 12 at 7pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

**Toddler Play Group**
Bring your toddler to meet his or her friends. Let them have fun with bubbles while you have a chat with moms. Bring any useful parenting magazines or articles to share if you have. If you have any questions, please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, April 13 at 10am
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**Popsicles and Sidewalk Chalk**
Enjoy free popsicles while creating your next masterpiece in the sidewalk. No age limits! If you have any questions, please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.
Community Programs

**Walk in the Arboretum**
Welcome spring in the healthy way! Join us for a walk in the Arboretum. Get the strollers and we’ll have a moms’ hour enjoying the fresh air. If you have any questions, please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Wednesday, April 25 at 10am
Where: Meet in front of Solano Park Office

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**Sun Prints**
In the spirit of the upcoming Earth Day, we are going to make art using the power of the sun! Bring your own found objects or use some of mine to make beautiful prints from the sun. If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Tuesday, April 17 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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**Cross Stitch for Adults**
If you love needle point, this is for you. We’ve got this fantastic kit that even a beginner can do as easy as 1-2-3. This is a class for grownups. NO KIDS please!! If you have any questions, please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Thursday, April 19 at 3pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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**Knitting**
This program is open to any adults who want to work on current crochet and knitting projects, but if you don’t have something already started, there will be a simple knitting or crocheting project we will be trying. Maria Paz Santibanez will be providing her knitting/crocheting wisdom. If you have any questions, please contact Casey at 707-953-5279.

When: Friday, April 20 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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**Let’s Cook: Inari Sushi**
Sushi time! Would you like to make sushi together? This time we are going to make a simple but absolutely delicious sushi-Inari Sushi. Come make some yummy sushi with us! For questions, please contact Tzu-Chi at 530-304-3070.

When: Monday, April 23 at 5:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

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**Kids Spring Tissue Paper Collage**
Here is a time to create a tissue paper collage! Kids under 7 need an adult helper. If you have questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Thursday, April 26 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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**Piñatas!**
Cinco de Mayo is quickly approaching and we need a piñata! Let’s make one together so we can fill it with treats for our Cinco de Mayo party next week. I’ll also have a variety of containers to decorate to make your own coin banks to take home with you. Bring some magazines, wrapping paper, other paper with your favorite characters, or peruse our collection for your own designs. Weather permitting, this activity will be outdoors. **Children under six must be accompanied by an adult helper.** For questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Wednesday, April 25 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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**Earth Day Spring Fair at the ASI Farm**
Mark your calendars for this outing to the UC-Davis Agricultural Sustainability Institute’s Spring Fair at the Student Farm! This student-run Earth Day extravaganza will provide hands-on arts and crafts, workshops, food tastings, live music, and more. We will meet at the Orchard Park Community Center at 1pm and walk together to the farm. It’s just down the street toward Hutchison Drive. If you have any questions, please contact Kyana at 530-554-9880.

When: Friday, April 27 at 4pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

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**Walk in the Arboretum**
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**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 still 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 5 - Mahavira Jayanti [Jain]**
Jain is a religion practiced by approximately two million people in India and many more outside the country; it arose in the sixth century BCE as a protest against Hinduism. This festival is dedicated to the birthdate of Lord Mahavira, the religion’s 24th guru, and is celebrated with prayer and visits to shrines.

**April 6 - Tartan Day [Canada, U.S.A.]**
Congress declared National Tartan Day on 20 March 1998 to honor those of Scottish heritage. The importance of this day is significant because of the oppression that Scots endured while under English rule. 6 April is the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence. The wearing of the tartan is important because it was outlawed in Scotland under English law, with the penalty of hanging or imprisonment.

**April 8 - Buddha’s Birthday [Buddhist]**
Celebrated by Buddhists in Japan, Korea and the United States. The most important of Buddhist holidays. The founder of Buddhism had the given name Siddhartha, the family name Gautama, the clan name Shaka. He is commonly known as Buddha, which means in Sanskrit, “the enlightened one.” He is thought to have lived in India from 563 BCE to 483 BCE. Ceremonies include offering of flowers, burning of incense, and bathing statues of baby Buddha with ladles of sweet tea. The Dhamma is the Teachings of the Buddha, which teaches its followers to improve their human characteristics in order to attain enlightenment (Nirvana). Buddhism is not a single monolithic religion. Many of its adherents have combined the teachings of the Buddha with local religious rituals, beliefs and customs, because Buddhism at its core is a philosophical system to which such additions can be grafted. There are 100 million followers of Southern Buddhism (known as Theravada Buddhism) mainly in Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka, Thailand and parts of Vietnam. It became established in Europe in the early 1900s. Eastern Buddhism is the predominant religion in China, Japan, Korea and most of Vietnam and has made inroads in North America. Northern Buddhism has 10 million followers in China, Mongolia, Russia and Tibet.

Playing amid laughter and the sound of splashing water.
**Calendar of Events**

**April 2012**

**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?**

- Apartments on University owned land are exempt from California State Property Tax. Therefore, students living in these facilities are not eligible for renter’s credit.
- The tenant will neither keep a cat, dog, or other pet in or near the premises nor encourage its presence by feeding. This prohibition will apply not only to pets of the tenant, but also any visitor to the apartment regardless of the length of a visit. Violations may subject the tenant to termination of his/her right of occupancy.

- **Registration Reminder ~**  
  Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks Apartments. **Student must have full-time registered status during all regular academic sessions (summer is excluded).** Students who do not meet the requirement are required to registered for additional classes or submit a notice to vacate with their Park Office. Please be aware of these requirements when you register for classes in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 530-752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember to turn in your Notice to Vacate with your Park Office at least 42-days prior to when you want to move out.

- Smoking is not allowed within any apartment, or within 25 feet of any building, courtyard, or exterior walkway, patio, or balcony. Smoking is also not allowed near any playgrounds or outdoor seating areas that other residents may typically use. Smoking will only be permitted along the outside perimeter of the Orchard and Solano Park property line. Please be aware that anyone violating this policy is subject to a lease violation.