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Orchard Park Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday
8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:30pm

Solano Park Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:30pm

Special points of interest:

- Parking permit renewals continue until September 30, 2012. Renew your parking permit(s) for the new year. If not renewed, you can be ticketed for displaying an invalid permit.
- September 3, 2012 is a University Holiday. All campus offices will be closed.

Welcome New Solano Park Resident Advisor

Submitted by Cesar Casillas

Hi Solano and Orchard Park residents, my name is Cesar Casillas and I'm the new RA for Solano Park. My family and I have been residents at Solano Park for almost 9 years now. Some of you may already know me, but for those that I have not had the pleasure to meet yet, here's a little bit about myself. I'm currently a student at Woodland Community College (WCC), majoring in Administration of Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement, and I plan on transferring to a 4-year college. During my time at WCC I have also completed a Fire Academy and I'm interested in eventually working in public service.

Other than that, I am a huge sports fan, especially when it comes to baseball. Currently, I play in a softball league in Vacaville.

I have two children an 8 year-old daughter who loves gymnastics, swimming and running and a 2 year-old son who enjoys walks and playing "near" friends. As a parent, I strongly believe that it's important to keep your children physically active. Therefore, I would like to start is a running club with the kids (parents and adults are also welcome to attend).

Another program I am excited about is our new Explorers Club.

With the Explorers Club kids will explore the different departments at UC Davis campus and get more acquainted with the exciting specialties (bugs, fish, fire department, food) happening so close to us.

I am really excited to help and serve our community and I am looking forward to meeting more of our residents at The Parks. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you just want to talk, especially sports. My contact information is: ccasillas@ucdavis.edu (email), and my cell is (408) 504-6727.

Welcome!

Parking Procedures During Move In/Move Out Periods

Submitted by Linnea Hall

It's the time of year that many residents are moving in and out of The Parks. An aspect of our student housing complexes that we love is that the interior of The Parks are completely protected from any main roads or thruways. The enclosed interior playgrounds and sidewalks allow our children to play, toddle, scoot, and even learn to ride bikes (as many children have learned to ride their bikes at the Parks over the years). Regardless of the children's various outdoor activities, they should have the freedom to play, chase, play hide and seek, or explore outside in safety. In order to keep the

children protected, all residents' vehicles must remain parked at the exterior of the complex. This rule applies at all times, even during move in and move out situations. It is vital to note that this similar and equally important dynamic exists at Orchard Park. At both of the complexes, our children are a significant part of our Parks Community. There are 88 children living in Solano Park. Sixty-five of these children are below the age of 7 and shorter than the height of a vehicle bumper. Of these sixty five children, forty one are below the age of 3, and thirty children are below the age of 2. Twelve were born just last year, six are newborns this year. Additionally

there are ladies presently expecting. As you can see it is imperative that we keep the interior complex at both the Parks complexes safe and free of resident vehicles that pose a serious risk to children if they are driven in the interior of the complex. Please keep resident vehicles at the exterior road and parking spaces. During move in and move out times, moving carts and dollies are available from RAs to transport items from the interior complex to vehicles parked at the exterior. If you have any questions, we're happy to help clarify. Thanks.

REMINDER: PARKING PERMITS EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 30

Your 2011-2012 O-1/S-1 and O-2/S-2 permits expire on September 30, 2012. Some important points to remember:

- **You will be required to show photo ID.**
- Only the leaseholder may pick up the renewal permits. **All leaseholders must sign a Parking Guidelines Agreement.**
- If you have a new vehicle, please be sure to bring your proof of registration with you.
- **For those who intend on parking a vehicle in the complex, an O-1 or S-1 permit must be purchased.**
- **If you have two vehicles**

an O-2 or S-2 permit must be purchased for your second vehicle.

- **All permits are charged in full at the time the permit is issued, to the leaseholder's student account and payment is due within 24 hours at the Cashier's Office.**
- **The O-1/S-1 rate for 2012-2013 is 180.00 for a valid permit from 10/1/12 through 9/30/13.**
- **The O-2/S-2 rate for 2012-2013 is 280.00 for a valid permit from 10/1/12 through 9/30/13.**

Even if you do not have a vehicle, you must go to the Park Office and sign a new

Parking Guidelines Agreement.

*To avoid receiving a parking citation (currently \$45.00), we suggest that you purchase your new parking permit(s) before **September 30**. You will be given a copy of the Parking Operations for your respective complex when you pick up your new permit(s). It is your responsibility to read these policies and follow them in order to avoid receiving parking citations for you and your visitors.*

Community Programs

Water Play

As the hot summer months come to an end, let's take advantage of what's left and have some fun playing in the water. Remember to wear your bathing suits and apply sunscreen. For questions, please contact Cesar at 408-504-6727. I hope to see you there.

When: Monday, September 3 at 2pm

Where: Behind Building 2400

Craft Hour

Come learn to make an easy paper plate fish. Kids under 5 years old must come with an adult. For questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Monday, September 3 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Alice in Wonderland

Unbirthday Party

Don't be late! Don't be late! Come to a happy Unbirthday Tea Party! Dress up or down in your favorite tea party attire. Wacky hats welcome. We'll play, listen to a reading of Alice in Wonderland and nibble on Unbirthday tea party treats. For questions, please contact Celida at 707-540-4663.

When: Wednesday, September 5 at 3:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Apron Decorating

All kids are invited to join us to decorate aprons with stamps. Children MUST attend in clothes they can get dirty and

WITH an adult helper. We'll use these aprons when we are finished in another program later this month. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Wednesday, September 5 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Last New and Expectant Moms' Group

Bring your new baby or expectant self to share the experiences of your wonderful phase of life. We can discuss the different traditions and practices around the world during pregnancy, birth, and motherhood. Bring articles or books to share with others if you have them. Siblings are welcome. For questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Thursday, September 6 at 10:30am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Canning Social

Enjoy an old fashioned summer activity. Join us in canning some of summer's fabulous bounty and spend a morning with friends and neighbors. All levels welcome. Everyone will take home a jar to enjoy later. For questions, please contact Celida at 707-540-4663.

When: Friday, September 7 at 9am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Toddler Play Group

Come! Let's build sandcastles!

You are free to bring your favorite sand toy. For questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, September 7 at 10am

Where: Green Playground by Solano Park Community Center

Project Night

Come bring your unfinished project to work on. It can be knitting, finishing reading the book that you started long ago, or you just want to enjoy a kid free zone for an hour. For questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, September 7 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Freeze Tag

Hey kids, let's get together and play a game of freeze tag. We will meet near the blue tunnel on the green playground. For questions, please contact Cesar at 408-504-6727. I hope to see you there.

When: Sunday, September 9 at 7pm

Where: Green Playground

Adult Jewelry

Have a nice night to relax and make a piece of jewelry. If you have questions, please contact, Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, September 11 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Community Programs

Kids UCD Olive Oil Center Tour

Come take a tour of the UCD Olive Oil Center. We'll meet at the Solano Park Community Center, and then walk over together (the center located by the Mondavi Center). Kids invited to wear their decorated aprons. The tour lasts approximately 20 minutes. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Wednesday, September 12 at 3:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Snow Cones

As the weather starts cooling down, let's spend some time outside enjoying cool snow cones. For questions, please contact Cesar at 408-504-6727.

When: Wednesday, September 12 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Origami

Hey kids, join us as we learn how to make origami. I will teach you how to make a leaping frog. Little ones are encouraged to come, but may need to be helped by adults. For questions, please contact Cesar at 408-504-6727.

When: Friday, September 14 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Bedtime Story Hour

Break up the bedtime routine. Let's meet at the Orchard Park Community Center for a Bedtime Story Hour. Come in your pajamas and listen to some bedtime favorites. Snuggly friends (Teddy Bears, etc) are invited, too! For questions, please contact Celida at 707-540-4663.

When: Monday, September 17 at 7pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Smores

Come enjoy or discover this classic dessert. It is perfect for fall weather. Since there will be a BBQ to brown the marshmallows, each child MUST be accompanied by an adult. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, September 18 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Book Club

It's time to pick up our next book club choice. Drop by the Orchard Park Community Center for a friendly visit, snacks, and book discussion. For questions, please contact Celida at 707-540-4663.

When: Wednesday, September 19 at 7pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Garden Harvest Potluck

Join our Orchard Park Gardeners in celebrating the

bounty of their summer gardens! Gardening can be such a rewarding experience and sharing with friends and neighbors is one of the biggest of the rewards. Please bring a dish to share while we mingle and enjoy the end of the summer gardens. For questions, please contact Celida at 707-540-4663.

When: Monday, September 24 at 6pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Gardens

Popsicles and Sidewalk Chalk

Enjoy popsicles and decorate the sidewalk with your art. Kids under 5 years old must come with an adult. For questions, please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, September 28 at 5pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Bagel Breakfast

Join us as we celebrate the start of a new school year by having a bagel breakfast. This is a great way for new neighbors to meet other Solano Park residents and become involved in this great community. Bring your family out as we enjoy the morning having breakfast together as one big community. For questions, please contact Cesar at 408-504-6727.

When: Saturday, September 29 at 9:30am

Where: Solano 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.

Holidays and Anniversaries

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 12-20 Paryushana Athai [Jain]

One of the two holiest times of the year, the origin of Paryushanaa is related to Jain monks staying in one place for the duration of the rainy season; the minimum duration is considered seventy days. Paryushanaa must be initiated by panchami (the fifth day) of the shukla phase of the Bhadrpada month, because scriptures indicate that Lord Mahavira used

to start Paryushanaa on this date; this is also considered the appropriate date for festivities. It is a time for townspeople to celebrate a renewal of the faith by listening to the statement of the Dharma, meditating, and exercising vrata (self-control). Depending upon the sect, this observation may last eight to ten days.

September 22 - Mabon, Harvestide [Wiccan]

Celebrates the fall equinox and the end of the harvest season. One of the "Lesser Sabbats" during the Wiccan year, Mabon marks the second harvest as Nature prepares for the coming of winter. Apples are juiced for cider and grapes for wine.

September 26 - Yom Kippur [Jewish, begins at sundown on the day before]

Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, is the most important of all holy days for Jews. It is believed that once you atone for your mistakes, you can be "at one" with God. A day for fasting, repentance, forgiveness and self-reflection, Jews do not work on this date

from sunset to sunset. Yom Kippur falls on the tenth day after Rosh Hashanah, which is marked by repentance and preparation. Most Jews fast and attend synagogue services on this day.

September 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.

Calendar of Events

September 2012

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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2	3 HOLIDAY PARKS OFFICES CLOSED <u>Water Play</u> Behind Building 2400 2pm <u>Craft Hour</u> SPCC 4:30pm	4	5 Unbirthday Party OPCC 3:30pm <u>Apron Decorating</u> SPCC 4:30pm	6 New and Expectant Moms' Group SPCC 10:30am	7 Canning Social OPCC 9am <u>Toddler Play Group</u> SPCC 10am <u>Project Night</u> SPCC 7pm	8
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16	17 Bedtime Story Hour OPCC 7pm	18 Smores SPCC 7pm	19 Book Club OPCC 7pm	20	21	22
23	24 Garden Harvest Potluck OP Gardens 6pm	25	26	27	28 Popsicles & Sidewalk Chalk SPCC 5pm	29 Bagel Breakfast SPCC 9:30am
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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 and Winter quarters in the coming months.

Please contact Student Housing at 530-752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

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

- 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.