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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:

- March 29 is a University holiday and all campus offices will be closed. Please contact your on-call RA for immediate assistance during this time.

## LEASE RENEWAL 2013 - 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, 2013 and ends July 31, 2014. Please note that this will be the last lease renewal period for Orchard Park residents as the property will close for redevelopment on July 31, 2014. Please note that Orchard Park residents will receive priority for transfer requests to Solano Park.

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](http://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, 2013. 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](mailto: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 [530-752-2481].

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 [530-752-2033] or e-mail [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu](mailto:studenthousing@ucdavis.edu).

# Process for Requesting a Transfer

Submitted by April Berryman

Due to the impending closure of Orchard Park in July 2014, we implemented a new policy as of April 2012 that allows residents to transfer any time of the year. Those residents wishing to transfer from Orchard Park to Solano Park will have priority over all other waitlists.

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. Residents 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 spaces 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.

# Meet the New Orchard Park Resident Assistant

Submitted by: Heidi Culbertson

Greetings to my fellow Orchard Parkers and neighboring Solano Park residents! You may be thinking, "Why is Heidi writing a letter of introduction? She's lived here forever and we already know too much about her!" Well, it is a rite of passage for every Resident Assistant (RA), and since it is part of my job requirements, I need to earn those big bucks by doing so! :)

➤ Favorite Part about Living in Davis, CA: My husband, Justin and I are both from Montana and have greatly appreciated 4 non-frozen winters in northern California!

➤ Favorite Way to Drive People Crazy: *Choosing to be genuinely happy, even if other people do not understand how that is possible, especially when there are so many perfectly responsible ways to be completely miserable.*

➤ Favorite Ways to serve my Community: I love to be a cheerleader for other's as they set goals and try new things. My favorite pleasure is finding or creating and then giving the perfect gift for someone to let them feel joy and love.

➤ Why I Love UC-Davis Student Housing: There are treasures to be found in living in and choosing to participate in our community. Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "The invariable mark of wisdom is to see the miraculous in the common." Be wise with me as we count our many blessings that can be found within and beyond the 600 square foot home:

- \* The lovely green space for toddler-roaming and lovely strolling (and someone else to maintain it for us! Thanks Jessie & crew!)
- \* Meeting others at the playgrounds (this was a blessing for mental and emotional health

- when I was adjusting to life as a full-time mama!)
- \* Someone else comes to your rescue and fixes everything in and around your home! (Thanks, Peter & Co.!)
- \* Beautiful, sturdy, and safe playground structures! Clean grassy areas and sand to play in! Bouncy houses and community centers for free use!
- \* The wild life: the turkeys, squirrels, rabbits, lizard creatures, and (sometimes, at least initially) the ducks!
- \* Exploring the Experimental College Gardens, the OP and SP Gardens, the Domes... there are a lot of adventures within a short walk from home.
- \* People like you, the community members! You are the miraculous in the common every day struggles and joys of student life! Thanks for sharing it!

## Community Programs

### **Adult Painting**

All are invited to enjoy a relaxing night of painting. Supplies are provided. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Friday, March 1 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### **Book Club**

Tired of textbooks? Join your friends and neighbors in reading a great book and enjoy some friendly discussion. We will have several copies of *The Book Thief* by author Marcus Zusak on hand for those interested in participating in the book club. So, come get started on this New York Times bestseller. For more information, please contact Celida at [cjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

When: Saturday, March 2 at 10:30am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### **Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party**



Hey kids, today is Dr. Seuss's birthday! I'll bake a cake, you bring a smile and we can have some fun for a while. For more

information, please contact Celida at [cjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

When: Saturday, March 2 at 2pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### **Game Night**

Hi all; join us on Saturday as we continue to hold our monthly game night at the community center. We will pass the evening playing Ping-Pong, card games, and playing some games on the Wii. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cesar at 408-504-6727. Hope to see you there!

When: Saturday, March 2 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### **Mini Easter Baskets**

All kids are invited to decorate mini Easter baskets. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Monday, March 4 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### **Hula Hoop Time**

Bring your hula hoops to have an hour of hooping fun with others. We'll have a friendly competition. All ages are welcome. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Wednesday, March 6 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### **Multi-Language Children's Story Time**

Don't be fooled by the name of this community program, people of all-ages are welcome to enjoy listening to children's stories read in various languages by community members. All children under 12 years of age are required to be accompanied by an adult. This will be a weekly event! Are you interested in reading a story one week? Please contact Heidi Culbertson for more information at 406-781-3391.



When: Thursday, March 7 at 4pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

### **Toddler Play Group**

Weather is warming up. It's Time to get together again. Bring your toddler to meet the friends and catch up with other moms. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, March 8 at 10:30am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

# Community Programs

## Easter Bunny Cupcakes

All kids are invited! Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Easter Bunny Cupcakes! . For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Friday, March 8 at 4:30pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Bagel Breakfast

Come meet the new RA and enjoy a yummy and easy breakfast. If you need more information, contact Heidi Culbertson at 406-781-3391.



When: Saturday, March 9 at 10am  
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

## Craft Hour

Come! Let's celebrate spring with this easy craft. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

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

## Night Owl Study Lounge

Winter Quarter finals are upon us again. Change your study environment for a bit and join us as the Orchard Park Community Center is

transformed into a Night Owl Study Lounge. Light brain food will be provided. Bring your own coffee mug or tea cup, please. For more information, contact Celida at [cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu](mailto:cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu).

When: Friday, March 15 at 8:30pm  
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

## Mini Pizza Night

Put on your aprons and come join us in creating your very own mini pizza! We will supply all the ingredients. If you have something you'd like to contribute, please feel free to do so! Everyone will enjoy putting together a pizza to either take home and bake later or to cook at the OPCC and eat among friends. All children under 12 years of age are to be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Heidi Culbertson at 406-781-3391.

When: Friday, March 22 at 4pm  
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

## Popsicles and Sidewalk Chalk



As the afternoons are becoming more pleasant, let's take advantage of it and enjoy some

popsicles and sidewalk chalk. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Cesar at 408-504-6727. Hope to see you all there.

When: Monday, March 25 at 5pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt in Orchard and Solano Park. We will enjoy a bagel breakfast with our neighbors in the community center starting at 9:30am. Then, the hunt for colorful plastic eggs will start around 10am in the grassy area in front of the Community Centers. We will divide the space into separate areas for different age groups, in order for it to be fair for everyone. At the end of the egg hunt, each kid will receive a treat bag to take home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Park Office.



When: Saturday, March 30 at 9:30am  
Where: Solano and Orchard Park Community Centers

## Monthly Maintenance Tips

### By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

#### Bathroom Mold and Mildew Issues

➤ To help reduce incidence of mildew and mold, air exchange is the key. If possible, after you shower or bath, leave the bathroom door open and leave the bathroom fan running to exhaust as much steam and moisture as possible. Also leave the bathroom door open as much as possible, even if you chose not to run the fan.

➤ If you notice mold and/or mildew starting to form on the shower walls (tile), Student Housing recommends cleaning products labeled specifically for mold and mildew removal. Make sure to follow the directions on the label.

➤ Also, a 1% to 2% solution of bleach and water will take care of most mold problems. Diluted bleach and over the counter

products actually kill the bacteria causing the mold and mildew if you let them work for a few minutes after you apply them and before you wipe them down.

➤ If you find that mold and mildew have gotten into the paint to the point where it leaves a stain behind, let us know and we can evaluate the situation and offer additional remedies.

## Holidays and Anniversaries

### **March 3 - Hina-matsuri, Girls' Festival, Doll's Festival [Japan]**

Hinamatsuri is a seasonal festival (called sekku) considered as a day for girls; most families with girls celebrate it by praying for their health and happiness. People display Hina-ningyuu (special dolls displayed only for this festival), offer hishi-mochi (red, white, and green lozenge-shaped rice cakes) and peach blossoms, and celebrate the festival by drinking shiro-zake (sweet white sake).

### **March 8 - International Women's Day**

A day to honor working women is widely celebrated throughout the world—especially in UN member countries as the counterpart to Mother's Day. In the United States, the day commemorates a march of women garment and textile workers in New York City in 1857. International Women's Day is a national holiday in

Russia, People's Republic of China, Afghanistan, Cape Verde Islands, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, and Nepal, where women are given special recognition.

### **March 15 - Hanami, Cherry Blossom Viewing Festival [Japan]**

Hanami is an primarily an event designed to allow people to enjoy eating and drinking while appreciating the beauty of delicate cherry blossoms. Because Japan spans a great distance from north to south, the blooming season, and therefore the festivals, are spread over several weeks. Generally, people enjoy flower viewing from the latter part of March through the first part of April. Hanami remains popular today, and sometimes young employees are assigned to hold viewing spots from early morning until evening for company banquets.

### **March 21 - Birth of Benito Juarez [Mexico]**

The 19th-century Mexican statesman Benito Pablo Juarez is remembered as a leader of the resistance against foreign invasion and a champion of Mexican liberalism. Born in San Pablo Guelatao, Oaxaca on 21 March 1806, Juarez was the son of Zapotec Indian peasants, who died when he was three. In his early years he spoke only his native Zapotec language and received no education. At the age of 12, however, he abandoned his village to join his sister in Oaxaca City, where he learned Spanish and was educated by a Franciscan. He eventually studied law and in 1831 entered politics. As president from 1858, Juarez led the liberals to victory over the conservatives in the War of the Reform and began the nationalization of property owned by the Roman Catholic church.

# Calendar of Events

## March 2013

*\*\*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
					<b>1</b> <b>Adult Painting</b> SPCC 7pm	<b>2</b> <b>Book Club</b> OPCC 10:30am  <b>Dr. Suess's B-Day Party</b> OPCC 2pm  <b>Game Night</b> SPCC 6:30pm
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Mini Easter Baskets</b> SPCC 4:30pm	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Hula Hoop Time</b> SPCC 4pm	<b>7</b> <b>Multi-Language Children's Story Time</b> OPCC 4pm	<b>8</b> <b>Toddler Play Group</b> SPCC 10:30am  <b>Easter Bunny Cupcakes</b> SPCC 4:30pm	<b>9</b> <b>Bagel Breakfast</b> OPCC 10am
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Craft Hour</b> SPCC 4pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Night Owl Study Lounge</b> OPCC 4pm	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Mini-Pizza Night</b> OPCC 4pm	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Popsicles and Sidewalk Chalk</b> OPCC 5pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>HOLIDAY</b>  <b>PARKS OFFICES CLOSED</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt</b> SPCC and OPCC 9:30am
<b>31</b>						



**The Parks at UC Davis**

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 Fax: 530-752-3130  
 Phone: (Solano Park) 530-752-3958  
 Fax: 530-752-0484  
 E-mail: [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu](mailto:studenthousing@ucdavis.edu)

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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.
- Need assistance while walking home at night? Call 752-1727 if you would like a safety escort while walking alone on campus at night. A Cal Aggie Host will meet you and escort you to your destination on campus.
- **Registration Reminder** ~ Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in The Parks

Apartment. **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 register 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.