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Tuesday and Thursday
8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:30pm

Solano Park Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
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Special points of interest:
• The lease renewal process begins April 1st

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April 2013

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 or 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 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.

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. 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.

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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].

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 [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 [752-2033] or e-mail [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu].

Community Gardens
Submitted by: Celida Johnson

The sun is starting to shine a little brighter and the days are slowly growing longer. This change seems to have a similar effect on most of us… a strong yearning to be outdoors soaking in the warmth and enjoying the fresh spring air. A great way to enjoy the spring weather is gardening.

Gardening offers many benefits. It allows one to get some exercise, connect to the land, and clear the mind of stress and mental clutter. Gardening also rewards the gardener with the peace of mind that comes from knowing where your food came from and how it was cared for before arriving on the table. We are fortunate to have community garden space available through Orchard Park and Solano Park Community Gardens making gardening possible. To encourage this healthy and enjoyable activity, Orchard Park Community Gardens will be holding a Seed Exchange on Saturday, April 6 from 10am to 11:30am.

According to Redwood Barn Nursery in Davis, April is the time to plant out tomatoes, peppers and eggplants if the soil is warm. It is also time to start bean and corn from seed. Squashes and melons from seed should be started later this month, as well.

All are invited to attend the seed exchange and tour the gardens.
For graduation parties, an exception to our usual Community Center reservation policy is being made. Beginning May 1, we will accept reservations for Spring graduation parties to be held on May 17, June 1, or June 12 – 15. Parties must be limited to time blocks to ensure the highest use of the Community Center. The blocks are from 8am – 12:30pm, 1pm – 6pm and 6:30pm – midnight. After May 10, unreserved time blocks for May 17 and June 1 will be released for graduation party extensions and non-graduation events. After May 18, unreserved time blocks for June 12 – 15 will be released for graduation party extensions or non-graduation events. Because of heavy demand, we ask that those utilizing the Community Center be extra diligent with clean-up so the facility will be ready for the next reservation.

You may reserve the Community Center at either Solano or Orchard Park. If demand exceeds capacity, remember that June is a great month for a picnic; feel free to move the picnic tables around the park for your parties. Put a note on a table the day before you need it as an informal reservation, and please respect others’ reservations as well.

### GRADUATION SCHEDULE 2013

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Congratulations!
In March, all Orchard Park apartments in compliance with all the Fire Code and Student Housing Guidelines were entered into a chance drawing! Congratulations to Orchard Park Apartment #5213! This apartment number was drawn and will enjoy a free dinner from Woodstock’s delivered to their apartment courtesy of Student Housing for complying with patio/balcony safety standards.

Patio and Balcony Inspections occur once a month every month. Lately, members of our community have asked similar questions about Patio/Balcony Inspections. To be prepared for next month’s patio and balcony inspections, check out the following clarifying statements:

- **The “Swing Zone”** of your fire escape doors must be entirely clear. Even if your sandals are short and allow the fire door to skim over the top of them, consider that red-semi circle a “trip zone” to be kept clear at all times of all items. In addition, these doors need to be able to open the entire way, in both directions.

- **Minimum 24 inch straight escape route.** For fun, draw a straight chalk line from the left side of your wide open glass door to the left side of your gate and do the same with the right sides. This is the space where you may one day need to get through in a hurry. This area must be kept clear at all times for your safety (not just during the once a month P/B inspections). Do you trip and bump into things on a normal day? We do not become more graceful when running during an emergency situation. Keep it clear. Keep it safe.

- **Charcoal briquettes** must be kept in a lidded plastic container. Why? It is a fuel source for fires; especially pre-treated briquettes that are designed to be used without additional lighter fluid. And yes, they can combust without warning. That should be a good enough reason right there.

- **Cardboard.** Mice, cockroaches and other pests love it. Recycle it. Don’t store it! Think your outdoor storage in plastic bags is safe? Think again. A plastic bag may keep dust & rain off, but it is easy to nibble through and create a weather-proof nest for unwelcome “guests.”

- **Upstairs apartments.** Both fire doors on either side of your apartment need to be clear. Do not hang clothes lines on either door. OP Buildings 5100, 5500, 5800, 6000, 6200, 6400, 6900, 7100, 7300, & 7500 must keep that upstairs sliding door between apartment balconies completely clear to be used as an escape route for both apartments to use.

- **Stairs.** Those planters and decorative items have got to find new homes. Carry it all the way up or all the way down, nothing can stay in the middle. Also, nothing can be stored under the staircases either. Anything under the stairs can act as kindling during a fire and destroy an escape path for your upstairs neighbors. This is part of the escape route that cannot be compromised in an emergency.

- **Common pest and fire hazards:** leaving clothes racks up when not in use, storing upholstery, dressers and other indoor furniture outside. Don’t ever leave mattresses outside. Anything that is comfortable for you to lay or sit on is desirable nesting materials for bugs and animals. And, of course, mold is an issue.

Take advantage of the warm weather and spend some time sprucing up your outside areas, sweeping spider’s webs and dust away from your dwellings.

For a complete list of Patio and Balcony fire codes and safety guidelines, look in your lease agreement, posting area in the laundry rooms, or ask your office or RA for a list. These are just the minimum requirements; please feel free to go the extra mile in creating a safe space on your patio/balcony and inside your homes. If in doubt, move it out!

When every community member does their little part to keep Student Housing a safe place, everyone wins!
Community Programs

DJUSD Spring Break Celebration!
Elementary school-aged children, bring your parents for some fun activities to enjoy together in celebration of the first day of your Spring Break! For questions, please contact Heidi Culbertson at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Monday, April 1 at 3pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

COOKIES
All are invited to learn to make homemade chocolate chip cookies. Supplies provided. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Wednesday, April 3 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Multi-Language Story Time
We will have a picture book that will be read in two different languages. After reading time, a simple activity and a snack will follow. We are hunting down community members to share their language and reading skills with us! This is a great time for visiting grandparents to participate. We want your participation as a guest reader! Please contact Heidi at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Each Thursday at 4pm
Thursday, April 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Jump Rope
Come! Let’s jump rope. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, April 5 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

First Saturday Breakfast Potluck
If you like this tradition, we’ll do it every first Saturday of every month! Bring a yummy breakfast food to share while getting to know your neighbors! For questions, please contact Heidi Culbertson at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, April 6 at 9am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Orchard Park Community Garden Seed Exchange
It’s time to get those gardens growing! To help jump start the process, visit the OP Community Gardens for a seed exchange. If you gardened last year or have been thinking of starting a garden this year, this is a wonderful opportunity to tour the gardens and sign up for or renew a garden plot and meet other Orchard Park gardeners. Please bring seeds to share or just stop by and say hello. For more information, please contact Celida at cgiojohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, April 6 at 9am
Where: Orchard Park Community Gardens

Craft Hour
Color Your Own Wood Spring Paddleball Games. When you finish coloring, the fun has just begun! For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, April 10 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Toddler Play Group
Bring your toddlers to meet their 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 any. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, April 12 at 10:30am
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Game Night
Hi all, join us on Friday 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 games on the Wii. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cesar at 408-504-6727.

When: Friday, April 12 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Book Club
Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea with friends and neighbors while we discuss the New York Times bestseller The Book Thief by author Marcus Zusak. Whether you read it with the group, when you read it with the group, when it was first released or are just curious, bring your own cup or mug to the Orchard Park Community Center and we’ll
drinks and lively discussion. For more information, please contact Celida at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, April 13 at 10am
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Seed Starting
Let’s start some seeds. We can give our vegetables a good start. If you’ve been considering a plot in the garden, this would be a good way to start. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cesar at 408-504-6727.

Hope to see you there.

When: Tuesday, April 16 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kids Nature Club
Calling all kids! Join the Kids Nature Club as we explore the world around us. We’ll learn about Butterfly life cycle. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

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

Scrap Paper Journals!
Parents and children are encouraged to attend together to make a simple journal book. Choose from a variety of colorful paper for a cover then add blank pages for future drawings and writing! Tie it all together and you have a sweet journal to record your warm weather adventures in! For questions, please contact Heidi Culbertson at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Monday, April 22 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

S’mores
Join us for a night of making s’mores. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, April 23 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Earth Day Collage
All kids are welcome to make an earth day collage. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Friday April 19 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Bean Picture Art
Glue colorful beans to a picture to create a textured art project! Children under 12 years old are welcome to attend, and must be accompanied by an adult for maximum fun! For questions, please contact Heidi Culbertson at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, April 20 at 3pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

May Day Cards
All kids are invited to come 1 week before May Day to make cards! We are all prepared to ring in spring. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Friday, April 19 at 4pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Ice Cream Social
Stop by and catch up with neighbors and just enjoy a good time. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cesar at 408-504-6727. Hope to see you there.

When: Wednesday, April 24 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kids Jewelry
Kids age 7 and up are invited to make a piece of jewelry. Supplies are provided. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Thursday, April 25 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Pizza Night
Enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. Dinner’s on us! For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, April 26 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Bicycle Repair Workshop
Did your dusty bike get tagged? Let’s get our bicycles in tiptop shape for getting around campus and town. Come out to the bike station between buildings 5800, 5900 and 7300 at Orchard Park to learn some basics for getting your bike ready to roll. For more information, please email Celida at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Monday, April 29 at 5pm
Where: OP Bike Station
**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 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 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 in 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.

**April 13 - Songkran, Water Festival**

[Thailand]

Songkran is a Buddhist New Year that is celebrated 13 April and lasts for three days. During this festival, everyone carries buckets or bowls of water with them so they can throw water on one another. The Thai people believe there is great merit in acts of kindness, so before the holiday, children buy birds in order to set them free on Songkran. Also, girls in gay dresses carry fish and set them free in the river. A water festival queen is chosen and paraded along the streets with bands playing amid laughter and the sound of splashing water.

**April 20 - Sri Rama Navami**

[Hindu]

Birthdate of Sri Rama, incarnation of Vishnu, The Preserver. Shri Rama symbolizes the “perfect man,” the ideal son, brother or husband.
# Calendar of Events

**April 2013**

**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 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.
- 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.