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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:

- If you are not renewing your lease for 2013-2014, submit your vacate notice by June 20, 2013 at your Park Office.

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 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.

2 Free Dinners from Woodstock's Restaurant!

Submitted by Heidi Culbertson

In May, Orchard Park held an incentive to reward members of our community who chose to tidy up their outdoor spaces and make or keep them safe. For this incentive, community members needed to put their patios and balconies into tip top shape by complying with fire codes and student housing guidelines. If no warning form was issued to an apartment, that apartment number was entered into a drawing for

a chance to win 1 of 2 free dinners delivered from Woodstock's Restaurant! After an apartment number was drawn, that patio/ balcony was inspected again by both RAs to make sure it was still in compliance and will be a good example of what a patio/ balcony should look like.

Many members took on the challenge with gusto and went the extra mile by sweeping and dusting their outdoor areas,

too! Thank you for helping make Orchard Park a safe and attractive place that adds value to our shared living spaces! The winners of May's Patio/ Balcony Incentive drawing are **#5221** and **#6723**! Congratulations!

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2 Free Dinners from Woodstock's Restaurant!

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In the past few months, we have noticed many beautiful changes to our community's outdoor spaces. **We happily recognize the efforts of you community members who have made the time in**

your busy student lives to clean your patios and balconies! We notice that you have gotten rid of unused, broken, dusty possessions from your outdoor spaces, created and maintained clear paths for

emergencies and daily safety, and removed materials that attract pests (like cockroaches and rodents). Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE PARKS

Submitted by Sue Franck, Coordinator of Apartment Living

Living in the Parks is certainly a wonderful experience, especially if you have children. Many view the Parks as a haven for our children, but concerns have been raised about the lack of supervision that some children receive. Sometimes residents resent other parents' assumption that someone else will watch their kids, but they stay there because they worry that the unsupervised kids will be injured, wander off or be taken. Even though many residents are disturbed by this, often they feel very conflicted about reporting their concerns. It may be because they do not want to tell people how to raise their children, or they want to be "good neighbors", value respecting different parenting styles, or are afraid that they could unjustly cause the breakup of a family. But as community members we do need to help keep children safe. Listed below is Student housing's policy regarding adequate supervision of children. If Parks staff members observe children who are not being supervised according to this policy, they will be brought

home. As a concerned community member, you can also take kids home or contact a staff member (Parks office staff during the workday and RAs afterhours or on weekends). Student Housing will deal with this issue as a lease violation.

Child Supervision Policy:

Parents, guardians, caregivers and family members are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off campus.

Supervision Outdoors: In the Parks, children up to and including 5 years of age require direct supervision (a caregiver must be **physically present** with the child), at all times. Ages 6 and 7 require monitored supervision (within vocal and visual range). An example might be that you can see your 7 year old child playing in the grass from your living room window. Ages 8 and 9 require monitored supervision in the form of regular checks. Ages 10 and 11 may be unsupervised for up to two hours during waking hours. Ages 12 and older may be left alone and may

baby sit younger children. Remember, parents are always responsible!

Left Alone in the Apartment:

In the Parks our policy regarding leaving children alone states the following: "Children eight years old or younger should **never** be left alone. Children between the ages of nine and twelve, based on level of maturity, may be left alone for brief periods of time. Brief is defined as less than two hours. Children thirteen and older, who are at an adequate level of maturity, may be left alone and may perform the role of babysitter as authorized by the parent/caretaker for up to twelve hours. There may be circumstances where an older child would be at risk if unsupervised or where a younger child has the maturity level to be alone or to even care for other children. These situations are taken on a case by case basis." This policy applies to all Park residents, their family members and caregivers assigned to or visiting Orchard and Solano Park housing areas. Any child who is not being properly supervised

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may be detained by campus police until his or her parent, guardian, or caregiver comes to

assume custody. Violations may provide a basis of referral to Child Protective Services and/or

termination of your lease. The following policy applies to all minors:

Age of Child	Left Unattended in Apartment	Left Alone Overnight (10:30-5:30)	Left in Playground Unsupervised	Left in Car Unsupervised
0 - 5 yrs	NO	NO	NO	NO
6 - 9 yrs	NO	NO	YES*	NO
10 - 15 yrs	YES	NO	YES	YES
16+ yrs	YES	YES**	YES	YES

* ADULT WITHIN HEARING OR VISUAL CONTACT

** WITH ACCESS TO ADULT SUPERVISION

In addition, children under 12 years of age should not baby-sit other children, including their siblings. Personality, environment, developmental

progress and maturity levels are factors parents must use to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should

assess their children's maturity and if necessary, **raise** the minimum age limits outlined above.



The Joy and Art of Picnics

Submitted by Celida Johnson

The kids are out of school and the apartment is hot. They are bored, the apartment is hot, they are hungry, the apartment is hot. No worries! These are all perfect reasons to get outdoors and enjoy a picnic. Fortunately, at the Parks and throughout Davis, we have plenty of shady lawn areas to throw down a blanket and relax under a tree while the children eat lunch, a snack or even dinner and run around and play at the playgrounds. And, we all know, we have plenty of hot! Picnics can be as casual as peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a piece of fruit and some water or as elaborate as taking out the china and serving any array of delicious treats. It's really up to you. You can plan ahead or make it an impromptu picnic. The key thing is to have fun, dine al fresco and enjoy the environment.

Here are some tips for enjoying the long picnic season:

- Keep your picnic basket (or bag) at the ready so you're ready to roll when the picnic urge arises. A nice big basket or bag should contain a light blanket, some plates, cups or glasses,

utensils and napkins. You can even keep a book or a small game in the basket to enjoy whiling away the hours outdoors. When the picnic urge calls, all you have to do is put in the food containers and the drink bottle of choice and you are off.

- Be earth friendly. Keeping your picnic basket stocked with plates, cups or glasses, utensils and napkins that are disposable may seem like the easiest option, but it actually takes up more space in our small apartments to have a big stock of all those things to replenish the basket with after every picnic. Plus, it's like throwing away money. Using plates, cups or glasses, utensils and napkins that can be washed and placed back into the basket takes up less space in our apartments and at the landfill, plus it saves money and it's green. Visit a local thrift shop to find inexpensive items to keep in your picnic basket. This can be a fun summer outing for the kids in and of itself. Let them pick out their own picnic place setting at the thrift shop so they will always recognize their picnic items and take care in putting them

back in the basket after each picnic.

- Invite friends. Need I say more? To get the picnic bug started, Orchard Park Picnic Potluck will be on Monday, June 24th at noon under the shady trees at the "big playground" behind building 6800. Picnics are a super social activity so a good picnic motto is "the more the merrier." Romantic picnics are nice, too, but perhaps our playgrounds aren't the ideal place for those.
- Be courteous to other outdoor diners, Parks employees and nature. Always pick up after your picnic. Be sure to walk the perimeter of the area where you dined al fresco and the area where the children played to look for any miscellaneous debris, toys, clothes, etc. that may have been forgotten. This will ensure that next time that picnic urge calls, grounds will be ready for you to enjoy.
- Here is to the long days of summer. May they be filled with picnics galore!



Community Programs

Foot and Hand Print Art

Paint your little one's feet or hands to create a cute picture of a feathered friend or other cute creation as well as a memory of those little toes and fingers! For questions, contact Heidi at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, June 1
at 4pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Graduation Cards

Help celebrate graduating friends by making them a card. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Monday, June 3 at
4:30pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Ice Cream Social

Skip desert, grab a cone, and have a chat. It's Ice cream time! For questions please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Monday, June 3 at
7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Persian Cuisine Cooking Class

Tired of the same recipes? Need some inspiration for a new summer dish? This class is for you then! Orchard Park resident Atossa will be leading this Cooking Class to teach us how to prepare Persian Cuisine. On the menu:

- Eggplant Stew with Chicken,
- Persian Yogurt Sauce with fresh mint, cucumber and nuts

Expand your culinary know-how by joining this amazing class. The demo will be followed by a small sample of the dish. Please contact Celida at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu by noon Monday, June 3 to sign up for the class as space will be limited.

When: Tuesday, June 4 at
5pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Adult Painting

All supplies are provided. You are welcome to come, relax, and paint. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, June 4 at
7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Craft Hour

Make a cute gift for Daddy for Father's Day. All the Kids MUST be accompanied by an adult. For questions please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Wednesday, June 5 at
4pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Story Time

Only one story time for this month to make room on everyone's calendar for

graduation celebrations and other summer fun! (We will start again in July!) We want you to read with us! Want to join our children's story time group? Have some ideas to share? For questions, contact Heidi at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, June 6 at
4pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Adult Knitting

All supplies will be provided. Those who crochet also welcome! For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Thursday, June 6 at
7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Book Bugs' Club

Calling all the young Book Bugs! We are going to start a Kids Book Club to kick start summer reading. We'll be pooling for ideas for fun things to do while decorating a journal to keep track of your favorite books. For questions please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, June 7 at 10am
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

School's Out for Summer Ice Cream Social

Hey Kids! You made it through another school year and it's time to celebrate! Let's kick off summer vacation with an ice

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cream social. So stash the backpack and flip-flop your way over to enjoy some ice cream with your buddies and make plans for a fun filled summer. For more information, please contact Celida at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Friday, June 7 at 1pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Father's Day Cards

Come; let's make a personalized Father's Day Card to say "I love you Dad!" For questions please contact Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, June 7 at 4pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Night Owl Study Lounge

Finals are here again! Need a quiet place to study not too far from home? Come to the Night Owl Study Lounge. Free wi-fi will be available. Light brain food and refreshments provided. For more information, please contact cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Friday, June 7 at 8:30pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Breakfast Potluck

Bring a yummy breakfast food to share while getting to know your neighbors! Or just bring your own bowl of cereal out and eat among friends! J For questions, contact Heidi at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, June 8 at 9am
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Wild Things Book Reading and Party

Children's favorite *Wild Things* author Maurice Sendak's birthday is June 10th, and we are going to celebrate it by having a *Wild Things* book reading and party. For more information, please contact cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Tuesday, June 11 at 2:30pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Father's Day Cards

Enjoy cutting and gluing paper to create your own unique Father's Day cards to give to the special men and father figures in your life! Father's Day is Sunday, June 16, 2013. For questions, contact Heidi at hjculbertson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, June 15 at 10am
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Orchard Park Picnic

Summer is officially here and we are kicking off picnic season with a casual picnic potluck. Please bring your favorite light finger food along with a copy of the recipe to share. Part of the joy of picnics is visiting new spots, changing the mealtime routine, and enjoying some relaxing time outdoors with friends and family, so for this first OP picnic, let's meet at the

Orchard Park "big playground" behind the 6800 building. Bring a picnic blanket, your own plates and cups to keep the event eco-friendly and laid back. For more information, please contact Celida at cgjohnson@ucdavis.edu.

When: Monday, June 24 at 12pm
Where: Orchard Park
Community Center

Adult Jewelry

All supplies will be provided. You are welcome to come relax and bead. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Tuesday, June 25 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Adult Calligraphy

Paper and pens will be provided. For questions, please contact Linnea at 530-219-9477.

When: Wednesday June 26 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Project Night

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

When: Friday, June 28 at 7pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

Bathroom Mold and Mildew Issues

Mold and Mildew Basics:

- Mold and mildew are part of the natural environment.
- Mold and mildew consist of tiny spores, most invisible to the naked eye.
- It is virtually impossible to create a mold and mildew free environment.
- There are many, many types of mold and mildew.
- Mold and mildew can be green, black, pink, or purple in color.
- Mold and mildew need moisture and a natural "food source" like cellulose or cotton to grow.
- Mold growing on any fabric is called "mildew."

Prevention and Response

- To help reduce the incidence of mildew and molds, air exchange is the keys. If

possible, after you shower or bathe, 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, especially if you choose not to run the fan.

- Use a dehumidifier to keep indoor humidity low.
- Keep surfaces dry.
- 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 directions on the label.
- Also, a 1% to 2% solution of bleach and water will take care of most problems.

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

- Use gloves when using a bleach solution, even when diluted.

If you find that mold and mildew have actually 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. Finally, please submit repair requests or call the area office if you suspect any leaky pipes or other plumbing problems. These can contribute to mold and mildew. Our maintenance staff will respond to correct the problem(s).

Holidays and Anniversaries

June 4 - Tiananmen Square Massacre [China]

After seven weeks of student demonstrations beginning 17 April 1989 in Beijing's Tiananmen Square, the Chinese government ordered The People's Army to open fire on the unarmed protesters. Thousands of patriotic students were protesting imperialist aggression in China.

June 17 - Trail of Tears [U.S.A.]

After a series of fraudulent, land-acquiring treaties were imposed on the Cherokee Nation by the US government in the 1830s, the

Cherokee people were driven from their land and begin a 1,200 mile forced march to Arkansas and "Indian Territory" [now known as Oklahoma]. About 4,000 of the more than 15,000 Cherokee involved died of disease and exposure. The march was conducted under General Winfield Scott, and followed the signing of the Treaty of New Echota, which transferred seven million acres of Cherokee land to the US government. (1838)

June 27 - Birth of Helen Keller [U.S.A.]

An author, lecturer and

humanitarian whose life was dedicated to work with the handicapped, Helen became blind and deaf at the age of eighteen months from a brain fever. During childhood, she could only communicate via violent tantrums and hysterical laughter. Through an emotional and difficult process, she was taught to read, write and speak with the help of Anne Mansfield Sullivan. The Miracle Worker is a 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the early years of their teacher-student relationship. Keller graduated with honors from Radcliffe College and had an international influence throughout her lifetime. (1880).

Calendar of Events

June 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
						1 <u>Foot and Handprint Art</u> OPCC 4pm (H)
2	3 <u>Graduation Cards</u> SPCC 4:30pm (L) <u>Ice Cream Social</u> SPCC 7pm (S)	4 <u>Persian Cuisine Cooking Class</u> OPCC 5pm © <u>Adult Painting</u> SPCC 7pm (L)	5 <u>Craft Hour</u> SPCC 4pm (S)	6 <u>Story Time</u> OPCC 4pm (H) <u>Adult Knitting</u> SPCC 7pm (L)	7 <u>Book Bugs' Club</u> SPCC 10am (S) <u>Ice Cream Social</u> OPCC 1pm © <u>Father's Day Cards</u> SPCC 4pm (S) <u>Night Owl Study Lounge</u> OPCC 8:30pm	8 <u>Breakfast Potluck</u> OPCC 9am (H)
9	10	11 <u>Wild Things Book Reading and Party</u> OPCC 2:30pm (C)	12	13	14	15 <u>Father's Day Cards</u> OPCC 10am (H)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 <u>OP Picnic</u> OPCC 12pm (C)	25 <u>Adult Jewelry</u> SPCC 7pm (L)	26 <u>Adult Calligraphy</u> SPCC 7pm (L)	27	28 <u>Project Night</u> SPCC 7pm (S)	29
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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 winter and spring quarters in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

➤ **Packages ~** Please don't ask the Park Office to accept your incoming 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 for drop-offs.

➤ **LARGE ITEM DUMPING—** Unwanted

personal items such as couches, dressers, desks, and other furnishings left behind detract from the visual appearance of our complexes. In addition, our dumpster areas that have unwanted items, often blocks access for trash pick-up. Student Housing then has to pay for staff time, dump fees, and gas to remove these 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.