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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:

- Thursday July 4, 2013 is a University Holiday. All Campus Offices are closed.
- RENTAL INCREASES—The new rental rate begins August 1st. Check with your Park Office if you are unsure of the amount.

Pool Safety

Submitted by Sue Franck

Summer is a wonderful time, but I have already seen several pools left unattended around both Orchard and Solano Park. Please dump all pools immediately after use!

Deaths and Injuries

A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under. Each year, approximately 1,150 children ages 14 and under drown; more than half are preschoolers (ages 0-4). Each year, an estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to near-drownings. Of children surviving near-drownings, 5-20 percent suffer severe and permanent disability.

Where Drownings Happen

Approximately 50 percent of preschooler drownings occur in residential swimming pools.

Each year, more than 2,000 preschooler near-drownings occur in residential pools. Of preschooler pool drownings, 65 percent occur in the child's home pool and 33 percent at the homes of friends, neighbors or relatives.

Each year, 350 drownings (for all ages) happen in bathtubs.

Each year, approximately 40 children drown in five-gallon buckets.

How and When Drownings Happen

Of all preschoolers who drown, 70 percent are in the care of one of both parents at the time of the drowning.

Of all preschoolers who drown, 75 percent are missing from sight for five minutes or less.

Supervision

Water with its rippling, shimmering appeal is a magnet for children. Children under the age of five have no fear of water and no concept of death.

They associate water with play not with danger. Adults must establish and communicate responsibility for child safety.

✦ Assign an adult "water watcher" to supervise the pool/spa area or any other body of water, especially during social gatherings.

✦ Assign a second adult to maintain constant visual contact with children in the pool/spa area or any body of water that might attract a child. Don't assume someone else is watching a child.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE – ALWAYS EMPTY YOUR POOLS IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE. REMEMBER IT ONLY TAKES A SECOND TO DUMP OUT THE WATER AND IT LITERALLY MIGHT SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.

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.

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. 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. Please consider our children's safety during the moving season. Please do your part in our communities to keep the interior of The Parks safe and risk free for our current and upcoming children.



RAMADAN- The Month of Fasting

Submitted by: Shakeela Kuthubdeen

Ramadan is the month of fasting for Muslims the world over. This year it will be the entire month of July.

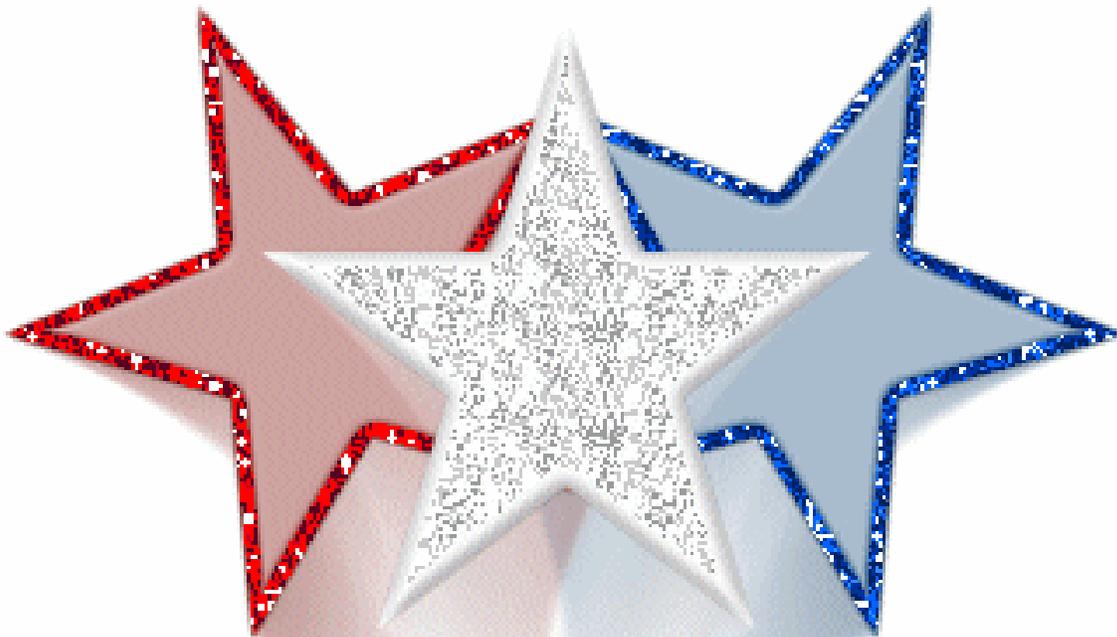
Muslims refrain from eating, drinking, and sexual intercourse from dawn to dusk for the duration of Ramadan. Fasting the month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. These are the foundation upon which the entire structure of Islam is built. These consist of the declaration of faith, prayer, fasting-Ramadan, paying of Zakah [the annual charity payment], and performing the pilgrimage to Makkah, known as hajj.

Fasting is not simply a time during which people deprive themselves from physical pleasures, but is an occasion to exercise moral restraint and experience spiritual growth. Ramadan is a time of remembrance of God and renewal of commitment to the high and noble values he revealed to mankind. It is, like other religious practices in Islam, is an occasion for pursuing moral excellence that can also be translated into excellence in social organization and interaction.

After the month of Ramadan is over, Muslims celebrate one of the two most important holidays in the Islamic year: EID-UL-FITR, or the Festival of the Fast Breaking. It is a

day to thank God for the blessing and training that He provides us with throughout the month of Ramadan. EID-UL-FITR is marked by praying in a huge congregation at a Masjid (Islamic Center) or in an open space, and by giving charity (zakat-al-fitr). It provides for the needs of the poor and the indigent and relieves them from having to ask others for charity on the day of Eid.

** Join us for an Ifthar (breaking fast) potluck to share the joy of Ramadan. See community events for more details.



Happy 4th of July



Community Programs

Craft Hour

Come enjoy an hour of craft fun. All the Kids MUST be accompanied by an adult.

When: Wednesday, July 3 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Sandcastles!

Have fun making a sand castle with your family or roommates! Be creative and show off your sand-sculpting skills to your neighbors! We'll provide a water hose to help make the perfect moist sandcastle-building sand!

Where: Orchard Park Community Center Playground

When: Friday, July 5 at 4pm

Kids' Nature Club

Calling all kids! Join the Kids Nature Club as we explore the world around us. We will learn about the 3R's, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle with a fun craft.



When: Friday, July 5 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kids' Club Event -

Community Development

Hey kids, come meet at the playground near the community center and learn more about our community and how we can make it better.

When: Friday, July 5 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

First Saturday 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!

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

When: Saturday, July 6 at 9am

Toddler Play Group

Bring your toddler to meet his friends. Let them have fun friends while you have a chat with moms.

When: Monday, July 8 at 10am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kids' Club Event - Making Marshmallows

Hey kids, come learn how to make marshmallows from scratch. They are tasty and it's fun to learn what's in the food we eat.

When: Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Kids' Club Event - Smores

Hey kids, come make smores for the younger kids in the community with the marshmallows we made.

When: Thursday, July 11 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Parachute Play

All kids are invited WITH A PARENT HELPER to play with Parachutes. We have two different sized parachutes, one for younger kids and one for the older kids.

When: Friday, July 12 at 10am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Hula Hoop - Sidewalk Chalk - Popsicles! Oh My!

You know the drill! Come on over and have fun with old friends while making new friends with traditional summertime fun!

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

When: Friday, July 12 at 4pm

Ifthar (Break Fasting) Potluck

Diversity is the spice of life. Join the Muslim friends for Ifthar (break fasting) & experience the joy of Ramadan. Bring your favorite dish to share.

When: Friday, July 12 at 8:15pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Community Programs

Handprint Animal Art

Parents, bring your children to explore how to create creatures with finger paint and hands!

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

Chalk and Bubbles

All kids are invited to play with chalk and bubbles.

When: Monday, July 15
at 10am
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Kids' Jewelry

All supplies are provided. Kids must come with an adult helper.

When: Wednesday, July 17
at 10am
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Kids' Art Workshop

Hey kids, let your creative juices flow as we celebrate Edgar Degas' birthday. We will enjoy looking at some pictures of Degas' art and get inspiration for our own works of art. Please wear art appropriate clothing (clothes that can get paint, glue, etc. on them).

Where: Orchard Park
Community Center
When: Friday, July 19 at 2pm

Farewell Potluck for Linnea the RA

It's time to say Good bye, since Linnea Hall will be leaving the

RA position this month. Bring your favorite dish to share and join us for a potluck to wish her good luck for her next big adventure. Thank You Linnea for your time and contribution to Solano Park community.

When: Thursday, July 19 at
6pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

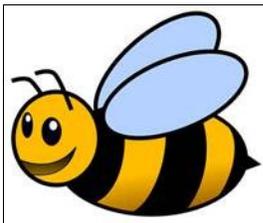
Games, Games and More Games!

Come out for an afternoon of fun! We'll set up the picnic tables in front of the Orchard Park Community Center under the shady trees for lots of fun games.

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

Davis Bee Sanctuary Tour

Bees are buzzing! Let's meet up to hear some information about bees then we can walk over to the Davis Bee Sanctuary next to the Orchard Park Community Gardens for a tour as we learn about bee hives and the bee sanctuary.



Where: Orchard Park
Community Center
When: Monday, July 22 at
9:50am

Ice Cream Social

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. Enjoy a reprieve from the summer heat and join your friends and for an ice-cream social.

Where: Orchard Park
Community Center
When: Monday, July 22 at
3pm

Kids' Club Event - Bubble Trials

Hey kids, come try some different bubble formulas and see which one works best. We will use the bubble formula we like best for a future community event.

When: Friday, July 26 at
6:30pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

Dinner Potluck

Whether you bring your family's favorite entrée or you are trying out a new recipe for a side dish or salad, one thing is for sure: we will enjoy a summer evening meal in the company of friends!

Where: Orchard Park
Community Center
When: Saturday, July 27 at
6pm

Kids' Club Event

Join us for a yet to be determined kid club event. If you are not already on the kid's club email list please email Joe at joewilliams@ucdavis.edu. Detail on this event will be discussed at the other kids' club events we have planned and will be emailed out as they are finalized.

Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

- Do you have an annoying bathroom or bedroom door that won't stay open? We can remedy that. Fill out an online repair request.
- Are your closet doors often coming untracked? Take care of them by sliding them slowly and straight. Don't lean on them when you move them.
- Please remember that bedroom and cabinet doors aren't a painted surface. Hanging items with tape, nails, or tacks will harm the wood finish.
- 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 accumulate.

Holidays and Anniversaries

July 4 - Independence Day [U.S.A.]

Declaration of Independence is signed. (1776)

July 7 – Tanabata, Star Festival [Japan]

Tanabata, according to legend, is the day that two stars, Orihime (Vega, the Weaver) and her lover, Kengyii (Altair), meet in the skies over Japan. Chinese legend has it that the two were originally split apart by the two banks of the River of Heaven (the Milky Way, Ama-no-gawa). The seventh day of the seventh month is the only day they are permitted to see each other, since they once allowed their affection for each other to interfere with their heavenly tasks. Tanabata is especially appreciated in Sendai and Hiratsuka, where their festivals have become famous. Several days before 7 July, people write their wishes or poems on strips of paper in various colors (tanzaku), and hang them on leafy bamboo branches which have been cut from the plant; then, on the night of the seventh, the branches are placed in the garden.

July 8 - Taos Pueblo recovers Blue Lake from the US government [U.S.A.]

The Native Americans of Taos Pueblo, New Mexico, pushed a long-standing claim to national forest lands for over fifty years to obtain the title to Blue Lake, a body of water considered a sacred place; the lake is situated in the mountains above Taos Pueblo, and is the source of spiritual life and potable water for the pueblo, while the trees surrounding the lake are revered as spiritual beings. Until 1906, Blue Lake was both a place of renewal for the people of the Taos pueblo and a final resting place. The Forest Service first opened the land to the public in 1906, making it a part of what would become Kit Carson National Forest; they stocked the lake with trout and fisherman came with dynamite and destroyed the serenity of this ancient site. The pahos (prayer sticks) and sacred oars belonging to the Taos had been removed from the lakeshore, and the tribe was deeply incensed by the trash and bottles left by recreationists in

their most sacred home. And thus began the fight of the Taos pueblo, lasting almost half of a century. Their perseverance and the support of Taos artists and writers resulted in the US senate restoring ownership of sacred land and the lake to the people of Taos Pueblo. (1970)

July 11 - World Population Day [UN]

This day seeks to focus public attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, particularly in the context of overall development plans and programs, and the need to create solutions to these problems

July 29 - Laylat al-Qadr, The Night of Power/Night of Destiny [Muslim]

First revelation of the Qur'an to Prophet Mohammed in 610 C.E.; falls on one of the last ten odd days of Ramadan. The Qu'ran states that praying on this night is better than praying 1,000 months. Since it is not known which day it is, Muslims feel it is best to pray on each of the possible nights. Muslims pray that Allah will grant them a good destiny.

Calendar of Events

July 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	2	3 <u>Craft Hour</u> SPCC 4:30pm	4 HOLIDAY PARKS OFFICES CLOSED	5 <u>Sandcastles</u> OPCC 4pm <u>Kids' Nature Club</u> SPCC 4:30pm <u>Kids' Club— Community Development</u> SPCC 6:30pm	6 <u>Breakfast Potluck</u> OPCC 9am
7	8 <u>Toddler Play Group</u> SPCC 10am	9 <u>Kids' Club— Marshmallow Making</u> SPCC 6:30pm	10	11 <u>Kids' Club— Smores</u> SPCC 6:30pm	12 <u>Parachute Play</u> SPCC 10am <u>Hula Hoop/ Sidewalk Chalk/ Popsicles</u> OPCC 4pm <u>Ifthar Potluck</u> SPCC 8:15pm	13 <u>Handprint Animal Art</u> OPCC 10am
14	15 <u>Chalk and Bubbles</u> SPCC 10am	16	17 <u>Kids' Jewelry</u> SPCC 10am	18	19 <u>Kids' Art Workshop</u> OPCC 2pm <u>Farewell Potluck</u> SPCC 6pm	20 <u>Games</u> OPCC 3pm
21	22 <u>Bee Sanctuary Tour</u> OPCC 9:50am <u>Ice Cream Social</u> OPCC 3pm	23	24	25	26 <u>Kids' Club— Bubble Trails</u> SPCC 6:30pm	27 <u>Dinner Potluck</u> OPCC 6pm
28	29	30	31			



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Did you know?

- 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.

- **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.
- **Harassment of Animals** While ducks are often a source of frustration for our community members, we ask that residents be

mindful of children's behavior toward the ducks. At times the Student Housing Office will take steps to "herd" the ducks to the Arboretum, however, section 251.1 of the Waterfowl Regulations states the following, "Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops."