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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:

- Rent increases begin August 1st
  - Solano Park  
1 Bedroom: \$766.00
  - Orchard/Solano Park  
2 Bedroom: \$906.00
- Please make all rental payments to the Cashier's Office at Dutton Hall.

## 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](http://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

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.

## New Solano Park Resident Assistant

Submitted by: **Joseph Williams**

Hello everybody, my name is Joe and I am Solano Park's newest Resident Assistant. My wife and I moved to Solano Park last July with our two children so I could finish my undergraduate degree in food science. Our daughter, Madaline, is soon to be 7 and our son, Owen, is soon to be 5.

We moved from my hometown, Hollister, California, which also happens to be a small agriculture town, so Davis immediately felt like home. We especially enjoy the community and atmosphere of Solano Park. We have already met a lot of great people and we are looking forward to meeting those

that we have not yet had the pleasure of meeting. I am a 34-year-old reentry student. Before returning to school I spent 10 years as a volunteer fire captain and built hotrods for a living. My wife and I both enjoy cooking and I enjoy fermenting foods. I am excited to be the new RA and I look forward to meeting everybody.

# WELCOME!

# Farewell and a Big Thank You!

By Shakeela Kuthubdeen

As I'll be handing my hat off end of this month to a talented new Resident Assistant, I want to thank all the residents in The Parks and the wonderful people I worked with for the past 5+ years.

Thank you Sue, Josephine, Sally, April, Jeff, and Peter for making my job an enjoyable learning experience. Thanks to my entire fellow RA's for the friendship; without you I wouldn't be in this for this long. Thank you to the student assistants who pitched in when we needed help.

It's always been a pleasure to see many people come and go. Being an RA gave me the opportunity for greeting with cookies to start new friendships and many farewell potlucks to show how cherished their friendship has been.

Thanks for sharing the wonderful phase of pregnancy,

birth, and motherhood through the New and Expectant Moms Group. Our bumps grew into babies and then they became the members of our Toddler Play Group while we continued to share their milestones. Countless arts and craft hours taught me that every kid is a born artist and they remain to be. Kids Nature Club and Science Club made me a kid again.

Thanks for the culinary trips around the world. Cooking Class has been inspiring and a perfect way to show how passing the plate can light the flame to travel. Where is that possible other than in The Parks? Thanks for sharing your secret family recipes.

Various adult events re-kindled the passion for arts, crafts, and hidden talents as well as gave a quality time for grown up conversation.

Getting ready for events always excited me... transforming the empty space of the community

center into fun filled space was a satisfaction that I received every time.

The value of a close knit community is something that I didn't want to lose when I moved here. I was surprised and so happy to find out that it was something special that The Parks share in common. It was the magnet that pulled the "ex-parkers" to return for a visit or keep in touch. They tend to come back to enjoy the events, neighborhood, and friends. This is one thing that I'm going to miss and will seek in the future. I have a heartfelt gratitude for teaching me how to enjoy the life away from home and family.

A part of me and my family grew up in here. Though parting is hard, we are looking forward to the new adventure that lies behind the bend on our road.

# We'll Miss You!

## Community Programs

There will be two new resident assistants in Orchard Park starting August 1, Della Andrade and Katherine Tehelen. Look out for their August programs through e-mails and the bulletin boards near the laundry rooms. Thank you!

### Kids Club Event - Game Night

Hey Kids Club members, come join us for a game night. Bring your favorite board game and we will play as many as we can. **Children 7 years old and up please.** If you have any questions, please call Joe at 831-682-8904

When: Thursday, August 1 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Car Race

Come! Color your own wooden car. Then we'll have a car race to complete the fun.

**Kids 6 years & up only.** For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, August 2 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



### Kids Nature Club

Join the Kids Nature Club as we learn about plant life cycle with a fun craft. If you have any questions, please call Joe at 831-682-8904

When: Monday, August 5 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Frisbee

Who's up for a game of Frisbee? No age limit. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Monday, August 12 at 5pm

Where: Green playground by Solano Park Community Center

### Badminton

Learn how to play badminton! We are going to have a friendly badminton match for the kids. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Wednesday, August 14 at 5pm

Where: Green playground by Solano Park Community Center

### Pizza Night

Friday night is Pizza Night! Come have a chat, dinner is on us. For questions please call Shakeela at 530-297-7451.

When: Friday, August 16 at 6pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Kids Club Event - Water Games

Hey Kids Club Members, come out and play in the water with us. Let's beat the heat with some fun water games.

**Children 7 years old and up please.** If you have any questions, please call Joe at 831-682-8904

When: Saturday, August 17 at 1:30pm

Where: Meet at Solano Park Community Center

### Kids Club Event - Nature Walk

Hey Kids Club Members, come join us for a nature walk in the beautiful arboretum neighboring our great community. **Children 7 years old and up please.** If you have any questions, please call Joe at 831-682-8904

When: Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30pm

Where: Meet at Solano Park Community Center

### Kids Club Event - Craft Night

Hey Kids Club Members, come join us for a craft night. We will have a painting project and other crafts for you to work on. **Children 7 years old and up please.** If you have any questions, please call Joe at 831-682-8904

When: Thursday, August 22 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

# Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

Drains, Drains, Drains

➤ To help avoid nasty drain back-ups, please make sure that your kitchen sink strainer is in place when rinsing vegetables and cooking so that vegetable matter does not slip down the drain. Also, never put grease or oils of any kind down the drain. Doing so could result in significant

problems and unfortunately, charges.

➤ In the bathroom, please make sure that the hair strainer is in the bottom of the tub; occasionally remove the hair from it. Also, please remember not to flush feminine hygiene products or paper towels down the toilet.

➤ By following these simple suggestions, we can all help to hold down maintenance costs and personal inconvenience in the Parks. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer.

## Holidays and Anniversaries

### August 3 - 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 Qur'an 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.

### August 6 - Hiroshima Day (Japan)

The US government drops an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Peace Day, as it is sometimes called, recalls the insight of Mahatma Gandhi, who said that nuclear weapons would make peace a necessity. The bomb dropped on Hiroshima killed more than 100,000 people instantly. Three

days later another 50,000 died when the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. Tens of thousands died more slowly from radiation poisoning. Survivors, their children and grandchildren continue to be affected in ways that are not yet understood. In 1955, a 13 year-old Japanese girl died of "atomic bomb disease," radiation-induced leukemia. She was one of many children to suffer the after-effects of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. During her illness, Sadako Sasaki buoyed her spirits by folding paper cranes. Japanese legend says that cranes live a thousand years, and that the person who folds a thousand paper cranes will be granted a wish. With each paper crane she made, Sadako wished for recovery from her fatal disease. Before her death she had folded 644 paper cranes. Classmates completed her task so that she was buried with a

thousand cranes. Children around the world remember this young girl by folding cranes in her honor. (1945)

### August 17 - Hari Proklamasi Indonesia, Independence Day (Indonesia)

Indonesians celebrate the proclamation of independence from 350 years of Dutch colonial rule. Festivities abound in cities and villages alike, organized by the government, neighborhood community associations and other organizations.

### August 26 - Women's Equality Day (USA)

Commemorates ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. (1920)

# Calendar of Events

## August 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> <u>Kids Club</u> <u>Event—</u> <u>Game Night</u> SPCC 6:30pm	<b>2</b> <u>Car Race</u> SPCC 4pm	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <u>Kids Nature</u> <u>Club</u> SPCC 4pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <u>Frisbee</u> Green playground by SPCC 5pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <u>Badminton</u> Green playground by SPCC 5pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <u>Pizza Night</u> SPCC 6pm	<b>17</b> <u>Kids Club</u> <u>Event—</u> <u>Water</u> <u>Games</u> SPCC 1:30pm
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <u>Kids Club</u> <u>Event—</u> <u>Nature</u> <u>Walk</u> SPCC 6:30pm	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Kids Club</u> <u>Event—Craft</u> <u>Night</u> SPCC 6:30pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



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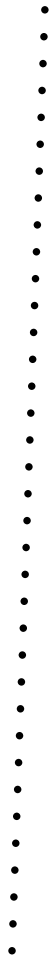
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**Did you know?**

- **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.
- 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.
- Planning to vacate? Remember a 42-day notice is required.
- We want our complexes to remain safe places to live. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.
- If you plan to travel for two weeks or more, please leave a travel form with your Park Office.