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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:

- Parking permits expired as of September 30, 2013. All leaseholders with vehicles should have renewed their parking permits for the new academic year or risk being cited for having an expired permit.

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

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

Welcome!

New Solano Park RA—Nancy Ruiz

Submitted by Nancy Ruiz

Hello everyone! My name is Nancy Ruiz and I am happy to be one of your three new resident advisors at Solano Park. My family and I came to Davis last October; originally we moved to Orchard Park but transferred to Solano over winter break when a spot became available. I

was really worried about moving to Davis and returning to university life but we quickly discovered what a great place it is! Solano Park is a wonderful community and is in an ideal location next to the University and downtown. Before coming to the United States, my husband Ángel was a lawyer in

Spain but when he arrived in the US, he began teaching Spanish as a “temporary” career until his English got stronger and discovered he loved it. Ten years later he decided to return to academia to pursue his PhD in Spanish Linguistics.

New Solano Park RA—Nancy Ruiz

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As for me, I have five children; three in college (Travis, Cameron and Mackenzie) and two little ones (Keegan – 6 and Darien - 4). Angel and I have been together since my oldest three were very young. My first three children were born in a University environment and now I have come full circle with our move to the Parks last fall. I have an undergraduate degree in Food Science and a master's

degree in English with a Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) emphasis. I was the computer head teacher at ECIW in Mill's College (logically from my background) and until recently worked as the Student Affairs Coordinator for a prep school in Walnut Creek.

I am excited that as a Resident Assistant I am able to spend more

time with my children and help make our community an even better place to live. Please let us know if there are any programs that you would like to see happen here. We will be sending out a Survey Monkey to help us choose programs that interest our community. I look forward to meeting all of you. If you have questions please feel free to contact me!

Child Supervision at the Parks

Submitted by Joseph Williams

Living in the Parks is great if you have children. There are several well-equipped playgrounds and it seems like there are always lots of other kids for your children to play with. The playgrounds are also fairly safe which can lead to complacency when it comes to supervising our children. However the Standards of Behavior that keeps the Parks a great place to live state:

Children through the age of five must have direct supervision at all times; this means a caregiver must be physically present with the child. Children six or seven must have monitored supervision — they must be within vocal and visual range. Children eight and nine must have monitored supervision in the form of regular checks by a parent or childcare provider. Children ten or eleven may be unsupervised for up to two hours during daylight. Children twelve or older may be left alone and may supervise younger children.

Failure to properly supervise our children places a burden on our neighbors to pick up the slack. As Resident Assistants it is our responsibility to ensure that all Parks residents are following the lease regulations. Both parks have a brand new group of resident advisors. Some of the regulations may not have been enforced to a sufficient level in the past but we have been instructed to enforce the Supervision of Children regulation and to escort children home who do not meet the age requirements or children who are behaving in a Dangerous, Disruptive, or Destructive manner. We are not

trying to tell you how to raise your children, only enforce the regulations that the University feels limit liability to a sufficient level. So if you are greeted at the door by your friendly neighborhood resident advisor and your child, do not be offended and understand that we are only doing our job as we have been instructed to.

The full Standard of behavior can be found at: <http://housing.ucdavis.edu/publications/guides/2012-2013/parks/standardsofbehavior.asp>



Community Programs

Community Center Study Nights

On Tuesday's and Wednesday's in October, from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, the Orchard Park Community Center will be available for anyone who wishes to study. Please feel free to bring your laptop. Coffee and Tea will be available but you will need to bring your own mug. For questions, please feel free to email Della at

daandrade@ucdavis.edu.

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays in October, 7:30pm-9:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Sharks Hockey Game

Join us as we watch the San Jose Sharks take on the Vancouver Canucks. The game starts at 7:00. Light refreshments will be available. For questions, please call Joe at [831-682-8904](tel:831-682-8904)

When: Thursday, October 3 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



Women Time Out

Learn how to make "Colombian arepas" and enjoy it with your favorite beverage. Bring an article that you want to share with your friends and let's talk!

When: Thursday, October 10 at 6pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Columbus Day Craft

Come join us! Let's celebrate our culture and diversity!

When: Saturday, October 12 at 11am

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Volleyball Time!

It's time to get fit! Join us in a game of grass volleyball. The bouncy house will be there for the little ones.

When: Saturday, October 19 at 4pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Midterm Study Night

Midterms are coming up and we can all use a quiet place to study. Bring your books and notes to the community center and start preparing for midterms. Light refreshments will be served part-way through. For questions, please call Joe at [831-682-8904](tel:831-682-8904).

When: Sunday, October 20 from 7pm-10pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Paper Airplanes

The wind is picking up and fall is in full swing. Come make some paper airplanes and try them out in the wind. Paper airplanes are also a great way to release some stress and take a break from midterms. For questions, please call Joe at [831-682-8904](tel:831-682-8904).

When: Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



Decorating Pumpkins

Let's celebrate fall with pumpkin decorating! We will use paints, paper, and glitter to decorate our pumpkins. We will supply apple cider, pumpkins and craft supplies. Come decorate pumpkins and then display them at our annual Fall Harvest Festival. After the Fall Harvest Festival, we can display our pumpkins for Halloween. For questions, please feel free to email Della at

daandrade@ucdavis.edu

When: Thursday, October 24 at 6:30pm

Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Community Programs

Pumpkin Carving for the Fall Harvest Festival

Have fun creating jack-o-lanterns to be used to decorate at the Fall Harvest Festival in Orchard Park. Please feel free to take your masterpiece home after the festival. Pumpkins and tools will be provided. An Evite will be sent out for this event - please RSVP so that we have enough pumpkins for those attending. For more information, please contact Nancy Ruiz at 530-512-5412. **An adult is needed to help carve since the carving knives are sharp!**

When: Friday, October 25 at 5pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center



Fall Harvest Festival

You don't want to miss this activity!! This is the biggest program of the year and one that you and your children won't forget! We will have games, prizes, snacks, and entertainment. The UC Davis Marching Band-Uh will be coming to perform for us; you definitely don't want to miss them! We also invite you to wear your Halloween costumes. If you're willing to volunteer to

make this program a success please contact Della at daandrade@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, October 26 at 1pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Safety Series (Kids) - Firefighter Visit to Solano Park!

This will be the first in a series of fun and educational safety events for our community. Bring the kids to meet firefighters from the UC Davis Fire Department! They will talk about fire safety and have some fun hands on demonstrations for the children. **Please bring an adult if you are under 10 years old** as we need to be able to quickly clear children from the fire engine/truck if there is an emergency. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ruiz at 530-512-5412

When: Monday, October 28 at 5pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center



Safety Series (Adults) - Sidewalk CPR & Fire Escape Planning

Please join us in the community

center for a short hands-only CPR training class provided by the UC Davis Fire Department. When performed correctly, hands-only CPR alone will keep blood flowing to the heart and brain, significantly increasing a victim's chances of survival. With Sidewalk CPR, you can become a lifesaver (<http://fire.ucdavis.edu/hws/cpr>). After the training class, firefighters will talk about fire safety and emergency evacuation in Solano Park. For more information, please contact Nancy Ruiz at 530-512-5412. **Adults Only**

When: Monday, October 28 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center



Firefighter Thank You Card

Please join me in the community center to help make a thank you card collage to thank the fire department for their visit. After we finish, everyone can have a cookie! If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ruiz at 530-512-5412

When: Tuesday, October 29 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Holidays and Anniversaries

October 5—World Teacher's Day

World Teachers' Day was initiated by the Director-General of UNESCO, Federico Mayor, at the International Conference on Education in Geneva in 1993. On October 5, 1966, a UNESCO and the International Labor Organization conference adopted a special recommendation for Teachers. The date of this event was selected as the date to annually honor and recognize teachers around the world.

October 10—Double Tenth Day [China]

This, the tenth day of the tenth month, is observed by many Chinese as the anniversary of the outbreak of the revolution against the imperial Manchu Dynasty in 1911. Sun Yat-Sen and Huan Hsing were among the revolutionary leaders.

October 12—Dia de la Raza [Mexico, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela]

Observed as the "Day of the Race," a fiesta time to commemorate the common interests and cultural heritage of the Spanish and Native American peoples and the Hispanic nations.

October 13—Festival of Penha [Brazil]

Observances include pilgrimages to the Church of Our Lady of Penha, requiring a climb of 365 steps [representing the days of the year], or a ride in a car on an inclined plane for the troubled and sick who

seek hope of a cure. Occurs every Sunday in October and the first Sunday in November.

October 20—First installation of Guru Granth Sahib in the Golden Temple [Sikh]

The Guru Granth Sahib (also known as the Adi Granth) is truly unique among the world's great scriptures. The scripture, rather than any living person, is considered the Supreme Spiritual Authority and Head of the Sikh religion. It is also the only scripture of its kind which not only contains the works of its own religious founders but also writings of people from other faiths. The living Guru of the Sikhs, the book is held in great reverence by Sikhs and treated with the utmost respect. Sikhism rejects idol worship, so the Guru Granth Sahib is not worshipped as an idol, but rather emphasis is placed on respect of the book for its writings. Guru Granth Sahib is a collection of devotional hymns and poetry which proclaims God, stresses meditation on the True Guru (God), and lays down moral and ethical rules.

October 23—Chulalongkorn Day [Thailand]

King Chulalongkorn abolished slavery in Thailand. Special ceremonies with floral tributes and incense are placed at the foot of his statue in front of Bangkok's National Assembly Hall. It also commemorates the birth of Rama V, a progressive ruler who lived from 1868-1910.

October 24—United Nations Day

This day recognized the United Nation organization and all who serve and participate in this world organization. The United Nations is dedicated to world peace and to the betterment of humanity through a wide range of program from world hunger to environment and health issues. Almost all of the more than 100 countries in the world are members of this organization.

October 31—Hallowe'en [U.S.A.]

This observance is a combination of the Druid Autumn Festival and Christian customs. Originally dubbed All Hallows Eve, this holiday preceded the Christian observance of All Soul's Day. To celebrate, parishioners would dress as saints. Because this was a time to honor the dead, many believed souls and ghosts would roam about, thus making it a time favored by witches and sorcerers. Many Hallowe'en traditions were brought to America by Irish immigrants in the mid-1800s; these go 2,000 years back to the Celtic people who celebrated their New Year in late autumn and honored Samhain, Lord of the Dead. They put candles on windows and lit bonfires to scare spirits off, wore disguises so as not to be recognized, and always carried a lantern. The Irish used pumpkins for lanterns, thereby associating the color orange with Halloween.

Calendar of Events

October 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 |
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| | | 1 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 2 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 3 <u>Sharks Hockey Game</u> SPCC 7pm | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 9 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 10 <u>Women Time Out</u> OPCC 6pm | 11 | 12 <u>Columbus Day Craft</u> OPCC 11am |
| 13 | 14 | 15 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 16 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 17 | 18 | 19 <u>Volleyball Time!</u> OPCC 4pm |
| 20 <u>Midterm Study Night</u> SPCC 7pm-10pm | 21 | 22 <u>Paper Airplanes</u> SPCC 5:30 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 23 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 24 <u>Decorating Pumpkins</u> OPCC 6:30pm | 25 <u>Pumpkin Carving for the Fall Harvest Festival</u> SPCC 5pm | 26 <u>Fall Harvest Festival</u> OPCC 1pm |
| 27 | 28 <u>Safety Series (Kids) - Firefighter Visit to Solano Park</u> SPCC 5pm <u>Safety Series (Adults) - Sidewalk CPR & Fire Escape Planning</u> SPCC 6pm | 29 <u>Firefighter Thank You Card</u> SPCC 4:30pm <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 30 <u>Community Center Study Nights</u> OPCC 7:30pm-9:30pm | 31 | | |



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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.

➤ Please make sure that you've renewed your parking permit for the new year. If you haven't renewed, you will be subject to a parking citation and a \$45 ticket from TAPS. Come to the Park Office to renew your parking permit as soon as possible.