Farewell to Orchard Park
Submitted by Katherine Tehelen—Orchard Park RA

Dear Orchard Park Residents,

Following the normal Orchard Park family’s path, now is time to move forward to the real life! Living in Orchard Park, being a part of this beautiful community, sharing our dreams and working hard for our families has been an unforgettable experience. Specifically, these last months as a Resident Assistant has allowed me to know more about each of you. It has been very interesting being a witness of this whole process, from giving the first keys to singles undergrads and see in their eyes projects and dreams, to seeing young couples moving furniture and planning their next step! I will remember all my playground friends, watching our kids, sharing advices, recipes, and anecdotes. I will definitely miss all of you. Thank you very much to be part of our lives.

We’ll Miss You!

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.

Orchard Park Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:00pm

Solano Park Office Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:00pm

Special points of interest:
- December 24, 25, 31, and January 1 are University Holidays. All campus offices will be closed.
- Parks Offices will be closed December 24, 2013—January 1, 2014. Contact the on-call Resident Assistant during this time for immediate assistance.
Community Programs

Snowflakes in Davis!

It doesn’t snow in Davis, but we can create our own snowflakes with a few easy paper patterns. Come create some seasonal cheer. Anyone can come, but young children will need a parent to help them with the scissors. For questions, please feel free to email me at daandrade@ucdavis.edu

When: Monday, December 2 at 4pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Peppermint Marshmallows

Join us to learn how to make marshmallows at home. We will be making peppermint marshmallows for the holidays.

For questions, please email joewilliams@ucdavis.edu

When: Monday, December 2 at 5:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Santa Clause Potluck

Did you hear that? I think they were sleigh bells! Santa will be joining us to celebrate the season at our annual Santa Clause potluck. Let’s take this time of year to get together with our community and have some good food and good fun. Please bring a favorite dish to share with your neighbors as we toast the holiday season. Don’t forget to bring your cameras to snap a photo of the man in red! If you have any questions please contact Jacque at jcschacht@ucdavis.edu

When: Wednesday, December 4 at 6:15pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Movie Night

I’m so excited to invite all in our community to a movie night!! We will be watching Elf, which is rated G. Friends are welcome. There will be hot chocolate and popcorn of course. Feel free to bring blankets to get comfortable while enjoying the movie. For questions, please feel free to email me at daandrade@ucdavis.edu

When: Friday, December 6 at 7:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center

Cookie Exchange

It’s getting to be the holiday baking season. Bring 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and the recipe to exchange with others.

For questions, please email joewilliams@ucdavis.edu

When: Thursday, December 5 at 5:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center
Community Programs

Chan LuLu Inspired Bracelet Making

Come join me for a fun evening where we will make a Chan LuLu inspired wrap bracelet. It is the perfect time of year to sit down for a break and enjoy making a gift for someone, maybe even yourself. Light refreshments will be served. Adults only please, but infants are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Jacque at jcschacht@ucdavis.edu

When: Sunday, December 8 at 7:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Gingerbread Houses

Tis the season for sweets and festive fun! Kids, please come and make your very own gingerbread house to take home. We have all the sweet toppings to make your little houses candied Christmas cottages. Children under seven should have an adult with them. Any questions please contact Jacque at jcschacht@ucdavis.edu

When: Monday, December 9 at 8pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

East Coast New Years

Every year my family celebrates New Years on east coast time so that our children can participate without staying up too late. Come join us in the community center as we enjoy some yummy beverages and appetizers. We will then watch the count down on TV and toast the New Year with apple cider. If you have any New Year traditions you would like to share please come prepared or email me and I would be ecstatic to help you do so. For questions or suggestions, please feel free to email me at daandrade@ucdavis.edu

When: Tuesday, December 10 at 5pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Finals Study Night

Fall finals are here. Come to the community center for a quiet place to study without all the distractions of home. We will have coffee and snacks. For questions, please email joewilliams@ucdavis.edu

When: Monday, December 9 at 8pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

When: Tuesday, December 10 at 5pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

When: Tuesday, December 31 from 8pm-9:30pm
Where: Orchard Park Community Center
Monthly Maintenance Tips
By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

- If you live in an upstairs apartment, please be aware that the water from your bathtub can drip into the downstairs apartment if water escapes the bathtub. To prevent this from happening, be sure to close your shower curtain when showering and prevent water from escaping the bathtub.
- Now that winter is fast approaching us, remember to keep a clear space around your wall heater and keep everything off of the top of it.
- Also, to help reduce the potential of mold and mildew, try to run the bathroom fan after showering or bathing for a while to exhaust as much steam or moisture out of the bathroom. Also, leave the bathroom door open as much as possible. Remember, air exchange is the key.
- On some occasions, it can get quite cold in Davis during the break between fall and winter quarters. Coincidentally, this is also the time that many of you will leave for the holidays. There are numerous problems that can develop in a vacant apartment due to the cold. Among them are:
  - Doors swelling and warping.
  - Floor tiles coming loose.
  - Paint peeling.
  - Frozen water pipes bursting, causing flooding.
  - House plants that cannot tolerate the cold dying.
  - Sensitive electronic equipment developing problems.
- Therefore, if you are planning to leave more than one day during the winter holiday break period, we ask that you take the following steps to avoid any problems that the cold might create:
  - Close and lock all windows and the glass patio door and close all window coverings.
  - Leave all doors inside your apartment open allowing heat to migrate throughout your apartment.
  - Leave your water heater on at a low temperature setting (For Orchard Park Only).
  - Leave your wall furnace on at the lowest possible temperature setting.

Holidays and Anniversaries

December 6—Saint Nicholas’ Day [Christian]
St. Nicholas, noted for his charity, arrives on horseback, bringing nuts and apples. He is the patron saint of Turkey and was a generous bishop in 4th century Turkey, known as the protector of children. He is celebrated by giving of oneself without seeking or expecting repayment. He was one of the most venerated saints of both eastern and western Christian churches. This day is also celebrated by Dutch, German and Eastern European communities. Santa Claus and the presentation of gifts are said to derive from Saint Nicholas.

December 10—Human Rights Day [USA, U.N.]
 Anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Declaration sets forth basic rights and fundamental freedoms to which all men and women are entitled.

December 16—Las Posadas [Mexico]
A nine-day celebration throughout Mexico, commencing 16 December. Processions of “pilgrims” knock at doors asking for posada (shelter), commemorating the search for Joseph and Mary for a shelter in which the infant Jesus might be born. Invited inside, fun and merrymaking ensue with blindfolded guests trying to break a piñata suspended from the ceiling.

December 26—Boxing Day [Canada, Bahamas, Jamaica, United Kingdom, Australia]
Boxing Day was originally a day when boxes of gifts were given to those entitled to gratitudes, such as employees.

December 31—Hogmanay [Scotland]
Scottish celebration of New Year’s Eve. Comes from the French phrase “to the mistletoe, the New Year.” Scots bang pots and pans at midnight and bring bread, salt and coal to their hosts symbolizing life, hospitality and warmth.
## Calendar of Events
### December 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?

- **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 530-752-2033 or your Park Office if you have any questions.

- If you plan to travel during the holiday period, please leave a travel form with your Park Office.

- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember a 42-day notice is required.

- **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.