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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:

- The Parks Offices will be closed from December 24-January 1. We will resume regular hours at 8am on January 2.

## 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 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

## Garage Sale Anyone?

Submitted by Della Andrade

Happy New Year everyone! I love the New Year – It's always filled with new hopes for the changes that will be taking place. Unfortunately, our dear Orchard Park will be going through some changes soon that are not so happy. However, this leads to one common theme for the diverse population of our residents in Orchard Park, we all have to move soon!

With this in mind I have found a couple helpful tips online for preparing to move. One of the moving themes is to get rid of stuff you don't need. Wouldn't it be nice to do this and make a little money to put toward moving as well? This leads me to my original point – who wants to have a garage sale? I would like to host a garage sale but we have to time it right. It

will either take place on March 8th or April 26th because we don't want to wait until all the students have gone home for the summer. On the other hand we don't want to wait until there isn't enough of us to sell anything. I would love preferred dates emailed to me ([daandrade@ucdavis.edu](mailto:daandrade@ucdavis.edu)) from those that plan to sell. Of course, Solano

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# Garage Sale Anyone?

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Park residents are more than welcome to haul items over to sell as well so email me if you have thoughts on preferred dates.

## Prior to moving:

- Utilize Craigslist sooner than later to get rid of anything you can live without. Sooner is better. Competing with the UCD students who will be moving / graduating this summer is no fun. Make sure to start early to sell for the best price.
- Remember you can always get more stuff so if it isn't sentimental or necessary and no one buys it at our garage sale, consider putting it on freecycle. Sometimes

the cost/hassle of moving items just isn't worth it.

- Keep in mind that a piece of furniture may work well in Orchard Park Apartments but may not be necessary in your new place. Really consider whether certain items are diverse enough to work in your new place.
- Start scouring for packing supplies early to save money. You can pick up boxes from businesses which throw these in the trash or search craigslist for someone selling a hoard of them for cheap. Moving costs enough without the added cost of boxes.
- Research which moving method is most cost effective; it may not be the one you think. If it will cost you a

couple of thousand dollars to move your Ikea furniture to the opposite coast, you may want to save the headache and just replace it once you arrive. You could be surprised of the cost of moving once you put it down on paper. However, it's better to find out now than later.

- If you are going to use a moving truck make sure to reserve it ahead of time, especially since most Davis residents move at about the same time.
- Be sure to transfer or stop the utilities you are responsible for. Cancel memberships. Transfer your children's school records. Also, switch your mailing address before



## 'Tis' the Season of Giving

Submitted by Jacque Schacht

As we enter the winter months and temperatures begin to drop, we are reminded of those less fortunate than ourselves. This is the season of gratitude and giving. We should be grateful for all that we have but also mindful of and generous to those who are going without. If you are looking for ways to help to give back to our local community members, there are many opportunities.

**Freedom from Hunger** (1644 Da Vinci Court) is an organization whose mission is to come up with sustainable self-solutions for the fight against chronic hunger and poverty. If you would like to volunteer or give to this organization, call 530-758-2555.

**Holiday Meal** is a free holiday meal offered to the community annually, usually on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, serve, deliver, and clean up after the meal. This is held at the Veteran's Memorial Center at 203 E. 14<sup>th</sup> street. To volunteer, contact the Co-op at 530-758-2667.

**Davis Community Meals** is also seeking volunteers. They are a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide housing, food, and human services to those in need. To volunteer or to give to this organization, call 530-220-4089.

**H.E.L.P** is a student run community service club without religious affiliation centered at UCD. They offer several meals throughout the week, tutoring



programs for disadvantaged children, classes on leadership skills, and other great opportunities. If you would like to donate your time to this organization, contact them at [davishelp@gmail.com](mailto:davishelp@gmail.com).

We all know that helping others kindles happiness and many studies have added empirical support to this claim. When researchers at the London School of Economics examined the relationship between volunteering and measures of happiness in a large group of American adults they found that the more people volunteered, the happier they were. According to the study, published in Social Science and Medicine, the odds of being "very happy" rose 7% among those who volunteer monthly and 12% for people who volunteer every two to four weeks when compared to those who never volunteered ([helpguide.org](http://helpguide.org)). So get out and get happy!

*"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." Winston Churchill*

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another." Charles Dickens*

\*As a final note, Davis is a very safe community but it always pays to be aware of your surroundings. In the past there have been incidents with homeless individuals trying to seek refuge from the cold and wet evenings by sleeping in our laundry rooms. Because of this we ask that you be careful when doing laundry at night. Please make sure that you are closing the doors completely when entering and leaving the building. If you do see any homeless activity on the Parks property call the UC Davis non-emergency police number, 530-752-1727.

# Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Orchard and Solano Park Maintenance

Special concerns for the cold, dark days of January:

- Let us know if you see exterior lights out. We will re-lamp them for you to keep that early darkness illuminated.
- Watch for wet and icy pathways; they can be

slippery afoot or on your bicycle.

- Be sure the frost and water vapor is off all your car's windows. You need to see when you are leaving your parking space and driving the city streets.

- Rain and cold weather drives insects such as ants indoors to seek shelter. If you find that this is the case, please let your Park Office know either by phone or in person. We can inspect and treat for ants and other insects.

## Holidays and Anniversaries

### January 6, 2014—Epiphany [Christian, Greek Orthodox]

In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King. In some Central and South American countries influenced by Catholic tradition, Three Kings' Day, or the night before, is the time for opening Christmas presents. In some eastern churches, Epiphany or the Theophany commemorates Jesus' baptism, with the visit of the Magi linked to Christmas. In some churches the day is celebrated as Christmas, with Epiphany/Theophany occurring on January 19th.

### January 7, 2014—Pioneers' Day [Liberia]

Commemorates the Black pioneers from the United States, mostly freed slaves, who settled in Liberia, the oldest African independent republic.

### January 13, 2014—Mawlid al-Nabi [Muslim]

Celebration of the birthday of the Prophet Muhammad. It is generally believed that the celebration of Mawlid al-Nabi

was first observed around 13th century CE. Processions are held, homes are decorated, food is prepared and distributed, stories about the life of Muhammad are narrated by learned people of Islam and poems are recited by children.

### January 13, 2014—Seijin-no-hi [Japan]

Also known as Coming of Age Day, this national holiday celebrates the coming-of-age of Japan's youth who turn twenty years old this year. Celebrants wear traditional clothes and visit shrines where the family announces their adulthood to the spirits.

### January 14, 2014—Pongol [Hindu]

Celebrated when the sun enters Makara, or Capricorn. The exuberant four-day festival in South India is a celebration of the harvest and a thanksgiving. Flavored rice is offered to the sun god Surya, and the sound of conch shells and joyous cries of "Pongol, Pongol!" fill the air. Also celebrated with a cultural evening of song and dance.

### January 15, 2014—Birth of Martin Luther King, Jr. [USA]

Considered one of the great leaders of the civil rights movement in the United States. Through peaceful protests and marches, he gained equal rights for Black Americans. A Baptist minister, he is famous for his "I Have a Dream" speech delivered on 28 August 1963, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. He was shot in Memphis by a sniper on April 4th, 1968. (1929)

### January 16, 2014—Religious Freedom Day [USA]

The legislature of Virginia adopted a religious freedom statute that protected Virginians against requirements to attend or support any church and against discrimination. This statute, which had been drafted by Thomas Jefferson and introduced by James Madison, later was the model for the First Amendment to the US Constitution. (1786)

### January 30, 2014—Greek Day of Education [Greece]

Also known as Three Hierarchs Day. It is the anniversary for Saint John Chrysostom, Saint Basil and Saint Gregory the Great, who are honored for their ancient knowledge combined with Christian beliefs.



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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