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Solano Park Office Hours:  
Monday—Friday  
10:00am—12:00pm  
1:00pm—4:00pm

### Special points of interest:

- February 16 is a University Holiday. All campus offices will be closed.

## Vacancies Available in Solano Park

Submitted by April Berryman

Do you know any full-time registered students looking for an affordable on-campus apartment to rent? Solano Park has immediate vacancies available for full-time students. We offer 1

and 2 bedroom unfurnished apartments in Solano Park. If interested, eligible students may submit a \$20 non-refundable application fee along with an application to the Student Housing

Office to be placed on our waitlist. Please feel free to visit our website at <http://studenthousing.ucdavis.edu> for more information.

## Process for Requesting a Transfer

Submitted by April Berryman

Looking to transfer to another apartment within Solano Park? Residents wishing to transfer within Solano Park will have priority for vacant units over all other waitlists.

Leaseholders may go to the Student Housing website ([housing.ucdavis.edu](http://housing.ucdavis.edu)) under the Publications section to 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 Solano Park 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 indicates. Leaseholders should be aware that they will be responsible for cleaning fees for their outgoing apartment and overlapping rent charges.

TIP: If a leaseholder has a specific building or apartment they would like to transfer to, this information should be included in the transfer application.



## Groundhog Day

Submitted by Merissa Fuentes

February 2 is Groundhog Day; a day when folklore tells us that a small groundhog in Pennsylvania will be able to predict how much longer winter will last. Supposedly on the morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> the groundhog will trundle out of its burrow. If the day is cloudy and the groundhog doesn't see a shadow of itself, then an early spring is on its way. If, however, the sun shines bright enough to show a groundhog shadow causing the groundhog to sneak back into its hole, then we can

expect at least 6 more weeks of winter.



Every year Groundhog Day celebrations take place all over Pennsylvania and it seems that the folklore itself dates back to

the German groups that settled in Pennsylvania in the 1800s. There are also some similarities to a Pagan seasonal celebration called Imbolc. Regardless of how it started in the US, Groundhog Day has spread to every state, partially through cartoons and a very popular movie from 1993. Now people from all over the US know to wonder whether or not the groundhog has seen his shadow.

## Making that Valentine Card a Little Extra Special

Submitted by Lindsey Cunningham

Loveland, Colorado — Continuing a 68-year old tradition, the U.S. Postal Service and Loveland Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to send cards and letters around the world with a coveted "Loveland" special postmark.

A unique design created by a local artist and selected via a competitive contest is stamped on the outside of all Valentine envelopes and re-mailed from the Sweetheart City.

More than 200,000 cards and letters were handled last year,

from more than 100 countries and every state in the Union. Since the start of the program in 1947, more than 12 million Valentines have been re-mailed by Loveland. It's the largest program of its kind in the world.

To have cards and letters re-mailed with the Loveland postmark, properly stamp and address each individual Valentine and put them all in a larger, stamped envelope and mail them to:

Postmaster  
Valentine Re-mailing  
446 E. 29th St.  
Loveland, CO 80538

Deadlines for re-mailing and delivery by Valentine's Day, Feb. 14:

For *international destinations*, your cards should be in Loveland by Feb. 4.

For *within U.S. and outside of Colorado*, cards should be in Loveland by Feb. 8.

Source: [usps.com](http://usps.com)



## Community Programs

### Make a Valentine

We will be making homemade cards for friends and family for this Valentine's Day.



Come and make a card and learn how to get it stamped in Loveland, Colorado! Contact Lindsey for more details at [liacunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:liacunningham@ucdavis.edu) or 805-345-0351.

When: Wednesday, February 4 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Movie Night

We'll bring the popcorn, drinks and movie; you bring yourself and some comfy clothes for a casual movie night in the Solano Park Community Center. Any questions, contact RA Merissa at [mefuentes@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mefuentes@ucdavis.edu) or 530-548-5900.

When: Tuesday, February 10 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



### Wellness Jeopardy

Want to learn the health resources available to you on campus? Want to learn how to maximize your wellness? This interactive program explores the dimensions of wellness (social, occupational, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual, and environmental) in a fun and exciting game show format.



Put your knowledge to the test and get your wellness on! This program requires a minimum of 10 participants. Snacks will be provided! Contact Lindsey for more details at [liacunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:liacunningham@ucdavis.edu) or 805-345-0351.

When: Wednesday, February 11 at 6pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Pancake Day

Come celebrate Pancake Day!



Originally in honor of Shrove Tuesday, but now just an excuse to make thin pancakes (or crepes) and fill them with tasty treats. We'll learn how to make pancakes in the English style and have a variety of fillings so we

can enjoy tasting the fruit of our labors. Any questions, contact RA Merissa at [mefuentes@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mefuentes@ucdavis.edu) or 530-548-5900.

When: Tuesday, February 17 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Whole Foods Market Presentation

All are welcome to an informational session about Whole Foods Market presented by Marketing Team Leader, Lauren! Come and find out about low budget shopping lists, new lower pricing and easy recipes. Whole Foods will be sharing coupons and information about guided tours of the Market. Located just a .4 mile walking distance from Solano Park, (and don't forget the 10% student discount!) Whole Foods has all the right stuff to keep you and your family eating healthy. Contact Lindsey for more details at [liacunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:liacunningham@ucdavis.edu) or 805-345-0351.



When: Wednesday, February 18 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Community Programs

### Lunar New Year Festival

Join your neighbors and celebrate the start of a new year, the year of the Goat in the Chinese calendar.

There will be food, coins, and games to welcome the New Year! Any questions, or to add something to the festivities contact RA Merissa at [mefuentes@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mefuentes@ucdavis.edu) or 530-548-5900.

When: Thursday, February 19 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



## Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Solano Park Maintenance

### Apartment Heating Issues:

- If you have problems with your heater after hours (after 4pm or on weekends or holidays), please contact an RA for assistance. They will come to your apartment and re-light your heater or get you a portable heater to use until repairs can be made.
- Also, please make sure that you have nothing stored on top of your heater as this is a fire hazard.
- Try to keep toys and other items from going under the heater.





## Holidays and Anniversaries

### February 2—Groundhog Day [USA]

Old belief that if the sun shines on Candlemas Day, or if the groundhog sees his shadow when he emerges on this day, six weeks of winter will ensue.

### February 4—Birth of Rosa Lee Parks [USA]

U.S. civil right leader who initiated a bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, when she refused to relinquish her seat a white man.

### February 8—Kitchen God Celebration [China, Taiwan, Southeast Asia, USA]

This observation is a traditional farewell ceremony for T'sao Zang, Prince of the Oven. Many Chinese homes have a picture of the Kitchen God hanging above the stove; throughout the year, the Kitchen God watches over the household from his altar in the kitchen and observes the family activities. The twenty-third day of the twelfth lunar month is when the Kitchen God is sent back to heaven, where the following day, he will report on the behavior of each family member to the Jade Emperor. The sending off ceremony is very important; sweet foods like sugar, preserved winter melon, and malt sugar candy are offered by family members to "bribe" T'sao Zang so that he may present a sweetened version

of their deeds or misdeeds — dried grass and water are also offered to the horse that serves as the Kitchen God's transport. T'sao Zang is sent to heaven by burning his image; the smoke rising to the heavens represents his journey to the Jade Emperor. A new picture of him is then placed above the stove for the coming year.

### February 12—Birth of Abraham Lincoln [1809]

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States. Once regarded as the "Great Emancipator" for his forward strides in freeing the slaves, he was criticized a century later when the Civil Rights movement gained momentum for his caution in moving toward equal rights. If he is judged in the historical context, however, it can be seen that he was far in advance of most liberal opinion. He was assassinated on 15 April 1865.

### February 15—Susan B. Anthony [USA]

Susan Brownell Anthony (1820-1906) was an American reformer and women's rights advocate. For more than fifty years she made major contributions in the face of continuous opposition to the struggle for equality of women. Some of her struggles include the temperance movement beginning in 1852, women's

rights regarding children and property, and women's suffrage by an amendment to the constitution; the nineteenth amendment, also referred to as the "Anthony Amendment", was ratified in 1920, fourteen years after her death.

### February 21—Assassination of Malcolm X [USA]

Born Malcolm Little, this American Black nationalist leader was assassinated in New York city as he addressed the Afro-American Unity Organization (1965).

### February 25—Freedom Day or People Power Day [Philippines]

Ferdinand Marcos is peacefully overthrown by the "People's Power" movement led by Corazon Aquino in 1986.

### February 28—Kalevala Day [Finland]

The Kalevala is Finland's national epic and is observed throughout the country with lectures, parades and recitations to honor Elias Lonnrot, a country doctor, folklorist and philologist who compiled the Kalevala in 1835. The Kalevala has greatly influenced the development of modern Finnish literature.

# Calendar of Events

## February 2015

*\*\*All residents are welcome to attend all programs. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.\*\**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 <b>Make a Valentine</b> SPCC @ 7pm	5 <b>Redevelopment Committee Focus Group</b> SPCC @ 12pm, 4pm and 5pm	6	7
8	9	10 <b>Movie Night</b> SPCC @ 7pm	11 <b>Wellness Jeopardy</b> SPCC @ 6pm	12	13	14
15	16 <b>SOLANO PARK OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>HOLIDAY</b>	17 <b>Pancake Day</b> SPCC @ 7pm	18 <b>Whole Foods Market Presentation</b> SPCC @ 7pm	19 <b>Lunar New Year Festival</b> SPCC @ 6:30pm	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



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[http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/current/park\\_messenger.asp](http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/current/park_messenger.asp)

**Did you know?**

➤ **Registration Reminder ~** Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in Solano Park. 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 in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 752-2033 or the Solano Park Office if you have any

questions.

- If you lose your laundry card, you need to purchase a new card at the ADD VALUE STATION in the laundry room in bldg. 4400. If the machine is not working properly, please call the 1-800 number for service.
- Need assistance while walking home at night? Call 752-1727 if you would like a safety escort while walking alone on campus at night. A Cal Aggie Host will meet you and escort you to your destination on campus.
- **Large Item Dumping ~** Unwanted personal items such

as couches, dressers, desks, and other furnishings left behind detract from the visual appearance of our complexes. In addition, our dumpster areas that have unwanted items, often blocks access for trash pick-up. Student Housing then has to pay for staff time, dump fees, and gas to remove these unwanted items. As a result, if any personal items are left at the dumpsters upon vacate, you will be billed for the full cost of removal/dumping.

- We want our complex to remain a safe place to live. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.

# Update on Plans for Orchard & Solano Parks

The Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee spent the fall quarter gathering input from constituents regarding the needs of families, considering design features, identifying quality of life issues, and exploring options to keep the rates as affordable as possible. Our work will continue in winter quarter and we want to update you on our next steps. In the next two weeks we have several opportunities for community input:

**Youth** - On Thursday, February 5, 4:00–5:00pm, we will have a focus group for youth in the Solano Park Community Center. We invite children to talk with us about their needs, what they like about Solano Park, and how it could be better. Pizza and drinks provided.

**International students** – If you are an international student or family member, we invite you to participate in a focus group on the needs of international community members on Thursday, February 5, 5:00–6:00pm in the Solano Park Community Center. Pizza and drinks provided.

**All interested community members** are invited to join us for the final open forum before we start to identify the priorities for the redevelopment of student family housing. We will serve pizza 12:00 – 1:45pm on Thursday, February 5 in the Student Community Center, meeting room E. Please RSVP so we know how much pizza to order - <http://tinyurl.com/familyhousing>

Community members may continue to share input with any committee member (list available on our website - [gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/orchard](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/orchard)).

## **Next steps to define and prioritize the goals for family student housing:**

**Community Survey in mid-February** – We will ask all students and postdocs interested in student family housing to prioritize the options identified to meet residents’ needs. The link to the survey will be emailed to current and former residents of Orchard and Solano Parks and sent out via email through the Graduate Student Association and GradLink. If you want to be sure that your email address is on the list, or if you have another email address you would like us to use, please send it to Marilyn Derby ([mderby@ucdavis.edu](mailto:mderby@ucdavis.edu)).

**Community Workshop in early March** – We will gather as a community to review the goals and priorities for the redevelopment of student family housing. Our discussions will focus on three areas: facilities (broad goals for building and landscape design), quality of life issues, and affordability. Date, time, and location to be announced. Stay tuned!

**For additional information on the Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee, including committee membership, contact information, meeting minutes, and information about upcoming events, please visit our website ([gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/orchard](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/orchard)).**