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

### Special points of interest:

- The lease renewal process begins April 1st
- Picnic Day is April 18th

## Lease Renewal 2015

Submitted by Joann Wilson

The month of April is the beginning of the lease renewal process for Solano Park leaseholders. The new lease period will begin August 1, 2015 and ends July 31, 2016.

Solano Park residents will receive a lease renewal notification email from Student Housing at the beginning of April and are expected to express interest in renewing their lease by using the online form available on the Housing Information section of My UC Davis.

Submitting online interest information does not mean that your lease has automatically been renewed. Housing staff will review eligibility status based on student status, conduct, lease violations, and current rent status.

During the months of May, June, and July, leaseholders will not be allowed to defer their rent. Leaseholders whose monthly rent is in arrears will not be eligible for lease renewal. If you have questions regarding your housing payment, please call Residential Student Accounts 752-2481.

Once eligibility has been approved, an email will be sent asking leaseholders to complete required information, and submit

an electronic signature to accept the new lease terms and conditions.

It is very important to:

- \* Review SISWEB [<http://sisweb.ucdavis.edu/>] records to ensure that two emergency contacts are listed in the system.
- \* Verify address and contact information is current, including cell phone numbers.

This information is necessary to complete the online renewal process.

Leaseholders planning to vacate should indicate they will not renew their lease. Any resident electing not to renew their lease is required to submit a vacate notice at the Solano Park Office by June 19, 2015.

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## Lease Renewal 2015 cont.

The Solano Park Office staff will provide important vacate instructions once the notice is processed. Please be advised that failure to renew your lease or submit a vacate notice will result in a 42 day notice of termination of tenancy.

Any requests for exceptions to the above-mentioned procedures should be sent to Joann Wilson, Residential Services Manager [joannwilson@ucdavis.edu].

All leaseholders should review the following sections of their leases:

- \* Section 6 – Eligibility
- \* Section 7 – Lease Renewal

If you have any questions, regarding eligibility or the lease renewal process, please call Student Housing [752-2033] or email [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu].

## Picnic Day

Submitted by Lindsey Cunningham

Every year, the Picnic Day Board of Directors selects a theme based on what they want to highlight in that particular year. This year, the Picnic Day Board wants to celebrate the multifaceted community of UC Davis and the impact it has had on countless individuals. We feel that “Heart of Our Community” reflects the vibrancy and character of Davis and its surrounding areas.

This family friendly event is free for all to come and experience the richness of diversity and achievement at UC Davis and the surrounding community in

the areas of research, teaching, service and campus life. More than 200 events will take place throughout campus and will include exhibits, shows, competitions, demonstrations, entertainment, animal and athletic events, Student Organization Fair, Multicultural Children’s Fair, Parade and much more.

All events and parking are free! Picnic Day is one of UC Davis’ most revered traditions and serves as the university’s annual Open House for prospective and current students, families, alumni, staff, faculty, and the greater Davis and regional communities.

Popular Traditional Events:

- The Battle of the Marching Bands
- Doxie Derby Race
- Chemistry Magic Show
- Fashion Show
- Parade
- Liquid Nitrogen Ice Cream Demonstration
- Cockroach Races
- Entertainment Stages

We look forward to celebrating this community with you in our 101<sup>st</sup> Picnic Day on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

<http://picnicday.ucdavis.edu/>



# GRADUATION PARTY? PLAN AHEAD!

Submitted By Sue Franck

For graduation parties, an exception to our usual Community Center reservation policy is being made. Beginning May 1, we will accept reservations for spring graduation parties to be held on May 15, May 21, May 30, or June 10 – 14. Parties must be limited to time blocks to ensure the highest use of the Community Center. The blocks are from 8am – 12:30pm, 1pm – 6pm and

6:30pm – midnight. After May 10, unreserved time blocks for May 15, Mar 21 and May 30 will be released for graduation party extensions and non-graduation events. After May 16, unreserved time blocks for June 10 – 14 will be released for graduation party extensions or non-graduation events. Because of heavy demand, we ask that those utilizing the Community Center be extra diligent with clean-up so the facility will be ready for the

next reservation.

You may reserve the Community Center at Solano Park. If demand exceeds capacity, remember that June is a great month for a picnic; feel free to move the picnic tables around the park for your parties. Put a note on a table the day before you need it as an informal reservation, and please respect others' reservations as well.

## GRADUATION SCHEDULE 2015

<u>EVENT NAME</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
School of Law	Friday, May 15	4pm	Mondavi Center
School of Veterinary Medicine	Thursday, May 21	4pm	Mondavi Center
School of Medicine	Saturday, May 30	10am	Mondavi Center
School of Education	Wednesday, June 10	4pm	Mondavi Center
Graduate Studies	Thursday, June 11	4pm	ARC Pavilion
College of Biological Sciences	Friday, June 12	9am	ARC Pavilion
College of Engineering	Friday, June 12	3pm	ARC Pavilion
Graduate School of Management	Saturday, June 13	10am	Mondavi Center
College of Letters and Science	Saturday, June 13	9am, 2pm <b>AND</b> 7pm	ARC Pavilion
College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences	Sunday, June 14	9am <b>AND</b> 2pm	ARC Pavilion

# Congratulations!



# National Poetry and Poetry Writing

Submitted by Merissa Fuentes

April is National Poetry and Poetry writing month so why not try to write a poem or go watch someone reading their own poetry to appreciate this varied art form.

There is a Poetry Night reading series hosted by the current Davis Poet Laureate, Dr. Andy Jones at the Natsoulas Gallery (521 First Street) on the first and third Thursday of every month.

hand at any type of poetry in this very casual and supportive setting.

For a great overview of where to watch or create poetry in Davis check out the aptly named Poetry In Davis website ([www.poetryindavis.com](http://www.poetryindavis.com)), or look them up on Facebook or Twitter.

These reading nights have a featured poet at 8pm and then an open mic beginning at 9pm. The open mic list works on a first come first served basis until the time is full. Each open mic poet has a limit of no more than 5 minutes so you can try your

From the formality of haikus and sonnets to the fluidity and activism of spoken word poetry there is a type of poem to suit every taste. Even just walking into a local bookstore and browsing a book of poetry for five minutes counts.

## Community Programs

### Easter Egg Hunt

Come and welcome spring with an egg hunt, and a light breakfast. Children 1+ are welcome to join in for the hunt. Contact Lindsey for more details [liacunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:liacunningham@ucdavis.edu); 805-345-0351.



When: Saturday, April 4 at 9am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Making Pizza



All ages, anyone under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. Parents, take a break from your usual dinner routine. We'll be making some pizza and eating the results. Any questions contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900.

When: Wednesday, April 8 at 6pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

### Bounce and Bubbles

Solano Park kids, check out our new bounce house! Enjoy a fun afternoon in the sun with some bubbles. Contact Lindsey for more details [liacunningham@ucdavis.edu](mailto:liacunningham@ucdavis.edu); 805-345-0351.

When: Monday, April 13 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



# Community Programs

## Spring Cleaning and Swap

All Ages. As the weather gets warmer a lot of people like to engage in a little Spring Cleaning. Whatever gently used items you've decided you can live without, bring to the swap and exchange for something else that no longer works for a different resident. Give a little, get a little. Please bring at least 2 items to swap and whatever doesn't get claimed will be donated to the local SPCA. Question? Contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900.



When: Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Frisbee and Ball Toss

All Ages. Come collect balls and toss-able from the Community Center, then we'll be enjoying the weather outside on the lawn by building 1100. Questions, contact RA Merissa at 530-548- 5900.



When: Thursday, April 16 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Dessert and Coffee



This is an Adult Only event. Take a break from studying and enjoy some dessert with your neighbors. Contact Lindsey for more details liacunningham@ucdavis.edu; 805-345-0351.

When: Sunday, April 19 at 7:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## KITE DECORATING

Come and take advantage of another fun craft Solano Park has to offer! Contact Lindsey for more details liacunningham@ucdavis.edu; 805-345-0351.



When: Monday, April 20 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Make Scarves for Mothers

All children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult. We'll be painting and creating beautiful silk scarves that can be given as gifts for Mother's Day in May. Any questions, contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900.



When: Saturday, April 25 at 2pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

## Game Night

All Ages. Bring your favorite card or board games, we'll provide some snacks, drinks, and some games for a relaxing evening with the Solano Park community. Question, contact RA Merissa at 530-548-5900.



When: Tuesday, April 28 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

# Holidays and Anniversaries

## April 1, 2014—Ngembak Geni [Indonesia]

Ngembak Geni is the start of the new year. Following in the wake of Nyepi, a day of silence and self-reflection, Ngembak Geni is a day of forgiveness. Families gather together to forgive each other, forget the hate in the past year, and work together to face the challenge of the New Year.

## April 6, 2014 —Tartan Day [Canada, USA]

Congress declared National Tartan Day on 20 March 1998 to honor those of Scottish heritage. The importance of this day is significant because of the oppression that Scots endured while under English rule. 6 April is the anniversary of the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish Declaration of Independence. The wearing of the tartan is important because it was outlawed in Scotland under English law, with the penalty of hanging or imprisonment.

## April 21, 2014 — Kindergarten Day [USA]

A day to recognize the importance of play, games and “creative self-activity” in child education, and to note the history of the kindergarten; observed on the date of Fredrick Froebel’s birth in 1782. Froebel established the first kindergarten in 1837, and this concept was brought to the United States by German immigrants in the 1840s. The first American public kindergarten was established in 1873, in St. Louis, Missouri

## April 25, 2014—Anzac Day [Australia, New Zealand]

A day set aside to remember the fallen soldiers of Anzac, Australia’s & New Zealand’s joint military force. Anzac Day is held on 25 April each year to commemorate Australians and New Zealanders killed in war and to honor returned service personnel. Ceremonies have continually adapted to the times, but has also steadily acquired

extra layers of symbolism and meaning. The dawn service is a typical commemoration beginning with a march by returned service personnel before dawn to the local war memorial; community members join the participants, and a short service follows with a prayer, hymns, and a dedication which concludes with the last verse of Laurence Binyon's For the Fallen. The Last Post is then played, followed by a minute's silence and Reveille. A brief address follows, after which the hymn, Recessional, is sung; the service concludes with a closing prayer and the singing of the national anthem. The Anzac parade takes place later in the morning, again to the local war memorial, where another service takes place; this service is a less intimate and emotional ceremony than the dawn service, but serves as a more public commemoration.

# Monthly Maintenance Tips

By Solano Park Maintenance

- To avoid plumbing charges, watch those kitchen drains. Make sure your strainer is in place in the drain to keep food from going down and plugging the drain.
- Never put grease or oil or any kind down the drain as it will clog the pipes. Put your grease or oil into a can or bottle while it is still warm. When it has cooled
- off, place it in the trash.
- Are your closet doors often coming untracked? Take care of them by sliding the closet doors slowly and straight.
- Remember that bedroom and cabinet doors are not painted surfaces. Hanging items with tape, nails, or tacks will harm the wood finish.



- Damage charges could be assessed when you vacate your apartment.
- Periodically cleaning the refrigerator door seal will make it easier to open and keep it from ripping. Take special care to clean the bottom edge with warm soapy water where sticky liquids like to accumulate.

# Calendar of Events

## April 2015

*\*\*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
			1	2	3	4 <u>Easter Egg Hunt</u> SPCC @ 9am
5	6	7	8 <u>Making Pizza</u> SPCC @ 6pm	9	10	11
12	13 <u>Bounce and Bubbles</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	14 <u>Spring Cleaning and Swap</u> SPCC @ 6:30pm	15	16 <u>Frisbee and Ball Toss</u> SPCC @ 4pm	17	18
19 <u>Dessert and Coffee</u> SPCC @ 7:30pm	20 <u>Kite Decorating</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	21	22	23	24	25 <u>Make Scarves for Mothers</u> SPCC @ 2pm
26	27	28 <u>Game Night</u> SPCC @ 7pm	29	30		



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**Did you know?**

- Apartments on University owned land are exempt from California State Property Tax. Therefore, students living in these facilities are not eligible for renter's credit.
- Harassment of Animals ~ While ducks are often a source of frustration for our community members, we ask that residents be mindful of children's behavior toward the ducks. At times the Student Housing Office will take steps to "herd" the ducks to the Arboretum, however, section 251.1 of the Waterfowl Regulations stats the following, "Except as otherwise authorized in these regulations or in the Fish and Game Code, no person shall harass, herd or drive any game or nongame bird or mammal. For the purposes of this section, harass is defined as an intentional act which disrupts an animal's normal behavior patterns, which includes, but is not limited to, feeding or sheltering. This section does not apply to a landowner or tenant who drives or herds birds or mammals for the purpose of preventing damage to private or public property, including aquaculture and agriculture crops."
- Planning to vacate after finals? Remember to turn in your Notice to Vacate at the Solano Park Office at least 42-days prior to when you want to move out. You may also send an email to [studenthousing@ucdavis.edu](mailto:studenthousing@ucdavis.edu). If you send an email please include your full name, apartment #, student ID number and your move out date.
- Registration Reminder ~ Student Housing requires all students to meet our eligibility requirements to continue living in Solano Park Apartments. Student must have full-time registered status during all regular academic sessions (summer is excluded). Students who do not meet the requirement are required to registered for additional classes or submit a notice to vacate at the Solano Park Office. Please be aware of these requirements when you register for classes in the coming months. Please contact Student Housing at 530-752-2033 or the Solano Park Office if you have any questions.
- 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.
- We want our complexes to remain safe places to live. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police.
- Lights Out: If you ever notice that your front door light is out, please put in a maintenance repair request on the My UC Davis page.