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Solano Park Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
9:00am—12:00pm
1:00pm—4:00pm

Special points of interest:

Parking permit renewals begin on August 3, 2015 and continue until September 30, 2015. Renew your parking permit(s) for the new year. If not renewed, you may be ticketed for displaying an invalid permit.

Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee Recommendations

After meeting with many students and family members of the Parks throughout the 2014-2015 academic year, the Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee has completed our final report and recommendations. This report is the result of a collaborative effort between students, residents, faculty, and staff to address the needs of student families at UC Davis, and it includes an explanation of the issues and implications for both students and the institution. The committee's recommendations are grouped into three main focus areas:

- **Affordability** – Includes issues that impact construction costs, rental rates, and students' ability to afford the apartments.
- **Facility Design** – Includes apartment size and design, housing density (units per acre) and shared indoor and outdoor public spaces (e.g., the community center, green space, and playgrounds).
- **Quality of Life** – Includes issues that affect the residents' quality of life, such as community support programs, policies, and procedures that contribute positively to a sense of community and belonging for students and their families.

The committee would like to thank the many students and residents who contributed to our process and to our understanding of the issues facing the community. We are happy to meet with any interested community members to discuss our report and recommendations this summer. To schedule a meeting or to share your thoughts with the committee please contact either Marilyn Derby with Graduate Studies (mderby@ucdavis.edu) or Brittany Derieg with Student Affairs (bjderieg@ucdavis.edu).

To read the report, and to review additional information about the Student Family Housing Redevelopment Committee, including membership, meeting minutes, and information about past events, please visit our website (gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/orchard).

SUPERVISION FOR CHILDREN IN THE PARKS

Submitted by Sue Franck, Coordinator of Apartment Living

Living in Solano Park is certainly a wonderful experience, especially if you have children. Many view Solano Park as a haven for our children, but concerns have been raised about the lack of supervision that some children receive. Sometimes residents resent other parents' assumption that someone else will watch their kids, but they stay there because they worry that the unsupervised kids will be injured, wander off or be taken. Even though many residents are disturbed by this, often they feel very conflicted about reporting their concerns. It may be because they do not want to tell people how to raise their children, or they want to be "good neighbors", value respecting different parenting styles, or are afraid that they could unjustly cause the breakup of a family. But as community members we do need to help keep children safe. Listed below is Student Housing's policy regarding adequate supervision of children. If Solano Park staff members observe children who are not being supervised according to this policy, they will be brought home. As a concerned community member, you can also take kids home or contact a staff member (Solano Park office staff during the workday and RAs after hours or on weekends). Student Housing will deal with this issue as a lease violation.

Child Supervision Policy: Parents, guardians, caregivers and family members are responsible for appropriate and adequate supervision of their minor family members at all times, whether on or off campus.

Supervision Outdoors: In Solano Park, children up to and including 5 years of age require direct supervision (a caregiver must be **physically present** with the child), at all times. Ages 6 and 7 require monitored supervision (within vocal and visual range). An example might be that you can see your 7 year old child playing in the grass from your living room window. Ages 8 and 9 require monitored supervision in the form of regular checks. Ages 10 and 11 may be unsupervised for up to two hours during waking hours. Ages 12 and older may be left alone and may baby sit younger children. Remember, parents are always responsible!

Left Alone in the Apartment: In Solano Park our policy regarding leaving children alone states the following: "Children eight years old or younger should **never** be left alone. Children between the ages of nine and twelve, based on level of maturity, may be left alone for brief periods of time. Brief is defined as less than two hours. Children thirteen and older, who are at an adequate level of maturity, may be left alone and may perform the role of babysitter as authorized by the parent/caretaker for up to twelve hours. There may be circumstances where an older child would be at risk if unsupervised or where a younger child has the maturity level to be alone or to even care for other children. These situations are taken on a case by case basis."

This policy applies to all Park residents, their family members and caregivers assigned to or visiting Solano Park housing areas. Any child who is not being properly supervised may be detained by campus police until his or her parent, guardian, or caregiver comes to assume custody. Violations may provide a basis of referral to Child Protective Services and/or termination of your lease. The following policy applies to all minors:

Age of Child	Left Unattended in Apartment	Left Alone Overnight (10:30-5:30)	Left in Play-ground Unsupervised	Left in Car Un-supervised
0 - 5 yrs	NO	NO	NO	NO
6 - 9 yrs	NO	NO	YES*	NO
10 - 15 yrs	YES	NO	YES	YES
16+ yrs	YES	YES**	YES	YES

In addition, children under 12 years of age should not babysit other children, including their siblings. Personality, environment, developmental progress and maturity levels are factors parents must use to determine when children are ready to accomplish activities with little or no supervision. Parents should assess their children's maturity and if necessary, **raise** the minimum age limits outlined above.

IT'S TIME TO PICK FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Submitted by Nina Zamuruyev

Summer is time to eat fruits and vegetables. They are the great source of vitamins and energy for the whole year. Some residents enjoy having a garden in Solano Park Community Gardens, some like going to the Farmers Market, some prefer to go to pick-up farms, and some can do it all.

Davis area has several farms that let you pick up fruits and vegetables yourselves. You can get the freshest taste for your kids and family. The nearest farm that my family enjoys visiting and picking up fruits is "Impossible Acres". During summer, pick your own berries, cherries, apples, peaches and other seasonal produce.

Your trip for fruits can also turn into a memorable family day. Here are some tips...

When to go

Each month brings the availability of a different fruit or vegetable. Remember, it varies on location, varieties planted, and weather conditions, so always call or email the farm to confirm they have fruits and vegetables you want and are open, before you drive out there.

What to bring

- Pack for a day trip - bring snacks, hand towels or disposable wipes and plenty of liquids to drink.
- Include containers for picking and for carrying the fruit home (smaller containers are better for children's smaller hands); some farms provide them, but usually for a fee.
- Dress in old clothes and worn athletic shoes; you want to be comfortable and not worried about staining or tearing your clothes!
- Wide-brimmed hats help protect you from the summer sun. Don't forget sunscreen for the back of your neck and exposed skin.
- Don't forget the camera. You may want to capture those memories you're making.
- When you arrive at the farm, take some time at the beginning to explain to your kids on how to identify and pick ripe fruit. Since farms and orchards can be large, make sure everyone knows where to meet up!
- The fun doesn't have to end with just picking the fruit. Some farms also offer hay rides, petting zoos, corn mazes, gift shops, even restaurants. And if your children tire before you've gotten your fill of fruit, most places also sell pre-picked produce; you'll still get better quality and a better price than the grocery store.

When you get home

Keep the fruit cool, plan ahead to freeze, can, or make jam from the excess of the fruits.

This web page has great tips on how to freeze fruits and how to make different type of jellies or canning vegetables and fruits for winter.

The original article posted at <http://pickyourown.org/pickingtips.htm>



MEET SOLANO PARK'S NEWEST RA: COREY COATES

Hi Everyone! My name is Corey Coates and I am one of your new RAs. Some of you might know me as Rylee's dad. Rylee and I are always at the park or climbing the stairs. My wife, Laurynne, is getting her PhD in microbiology, and I am doing some political science research on the side. We are both natives of Davis and I graduated from UCD in 2014. Moving to Solano Park has been a great experience for my family. We have met some wonderful people and this is a fantastic place to raise kids. As a new RA, I am looking forward to meeting more residents in the Park and being able to help Solano Park grow as a community. Since being hired I have been happily surprised by the resources available to residents here. You can rent a barbecue, a cart or dolly for moving items, and sports equipment. Every month the RA's put on community events. The community events are a great place to have some fun and socialize with fellow residents. You can also rent the community center for free! We have garden plots through the garden association that only cost 20-30 dollars per year. My point is: there are lots of resources to make your time here at Solano Park truly enjoyable and unique! I hope that I can be one of those resources for all of you. I am excited for the opportunity to help create a better living experience for everyone.

Holidays and Anniversaries

August 1 — Lamas [Wiccan]

This day honors the turning of the wheel once again and represents the midpoint between summer and fall. Lammas in the Wiccan tradition is a cross-quarter holiday, acknowledging Mother Earth for the fruits of the harvest.

August 9 — International Day of Solidarity with the Struggle of Women in Africa

The United Nations General Assembly invited all governments and organizations to observe this date, the anniversary of a demonstration by South African women against racist pass laws in 1956.

August 13-15 — O-bon Festival [Japan]

A Buddhist ceremony observed by lighting lanterns after the harvest for ancestor. This memorial service to the spirits of ancestors is held because the spirits of the dead are said to return at this time, and the

festival welcomes them home. Traditionally, fires are lit at entrances to homes so the spirits do not lose their way, and Buddhist family altars are tidied up and food offerings set out. Festival folk dances (bon-odori) are held in various parts of the country on the grounds of shrines, temples, parks, squares, or in the streets, and people dressed in informal summer kimonos (yukata) dance to the songs sung by folk musicians. When O-bon is over, the spirits are sent on their way with fires at entrances of homes. Tokyo, unlike the rest of Japan, celebrate O-Bon in July.

August 17 — Hari Proklamasi Indonesia, Independence Day [Indonesia]

Indonesians celebrate the proclamation of independence from 350 years of Dutch colonial rule. Festivities abound in cities and villages alike, organized by

the government, neighborhood community associations and other organizations.

August 26 — Women's Equality Day [U.S.A.]

Commemorates ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. (1920)

August 28 — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivers a speech titled, "I Have a Dream" in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC. [U.S.A.]

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Community Programs

TODDLER TUESDAY

Play group for babies and toddlers on August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 10am. I am going to try to have this play group every Tuesday. All children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Every Tuesday in August at 10am
Where: Solano Park Community Center

MUFFIN DAY

Welcome Solano Park kids, we will learn how to bake perfect muffins and taste them afterwards. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.



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

FACE PAINTING

Solano park kids let's get together and have fun with face painting. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park



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When: Thursday, August 6 at 4:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

SLIP N' SLIDE

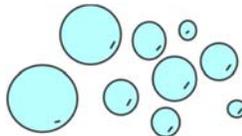
Come out and enjoy a wet and wild day on the slip 'n slide! Will be set up in the lawn in front of the community center. All ages are welcome. Children under 8 must be supervised by a parent. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Monday, August 10 at 11am
Where: The lawn in front of the Solano Park Community Center

BOUNCE AND BUBBLES

Solano Park kids let's get together and enjoy a fun afternoon with bouncy house and bubbles. Contact Nina Zamuruyev for more details nzmauruyev@ucdavis.edu or 916-508-7481.



When: Tuesday August 11 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

All ages are welcome to join us for a cool treat during these hot summers days. For more details, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.



When: Thursday, August 13 at 6:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Bring your picnic dinner and a blanket to the big grassy field north of the Community Center on Sunday, August 16 at 6pm. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Sunday, August 16 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Community Programs

CHOCOLATE FONDUE NIGHT

Bring your favorite fruit or food to dip in chocolate, and we will provide the chocolate! We'll be dipping from 7:30-8:30pm on Friday, August 21. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Friday, August 21 at 7:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

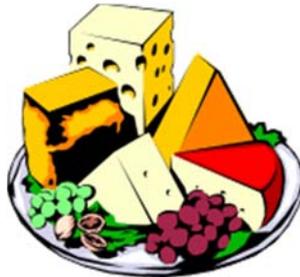


FANCY CHEESE NIGHT

Enjoy some delicious cheese on Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30pm. Bring some cheese to share. Crackers will be provided. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Wednesday, August 26 at 5:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



MARBLE PAINTING

All ages are welcome to try this awesome technique and make art projects that can be use as nice decorations in your home. Kids that are younger than 5 need adult supervision. For details, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamoruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, August 27 at 4:30pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



Monthly Maintenance Tips Submitted by Solano Park Maintenance

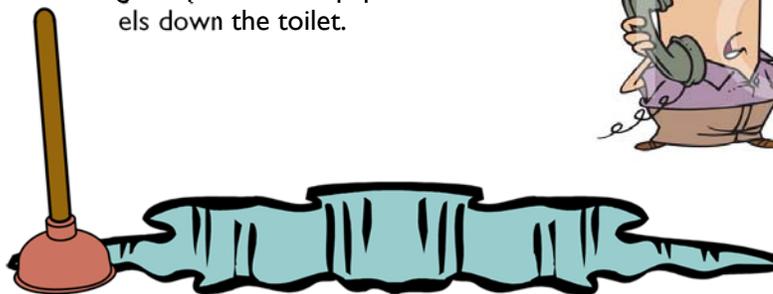
Drains, Drains, Drains

➤ To help avoid nasty drain back-ups, please make sure that your kitchen sink strainer is in place when rinsing vegetables and cooking so that vegetable matter does not slip down the drain. Also, never put grease or oils of any kind down the drain. Doing so could result

in significant problems and unfortunately, charges.

➤ In the bathroom, please make sure that the hair strainer is in the bottom of the tub; occasionally remover the hair from it. Also, please remember not to flush feminine hygiene products or paper towels down the toilet.

By following these simple suggestion, we can all help to hold down maintenance costs and personal inconvenience in Solano Park. Thank you for your cooperation. Have a wonderful summer!



Calendar of Events

August 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
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2	3	4 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am <u>Muffin Day</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	5	6 <u>Face Painting</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	7	8
9	10 <u>Slip N' Slide</u> The lawn in front of SPCC @ 11am	11 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am <u>Bounce and Bubbles</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	12	13 <u>Ice Cream Social</u> SPCC @ 6:30pm	14	15
16 <u>Picnic in the Park</u> SPCC @ 6pm	17	18 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am	19	20	21 <u>Chocolate Fondue Night</u> SPCC @ 7:30pm	22
23 /	24 /	25 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am	26 <u>Fancy Cheese Night</u> SPCC @ 5:30pm	27 <u>Marble Painting</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	28	29
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Did you know?

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.

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 states 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."

Safety Escort 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.

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

Lights Out: If you ever notice that your front door light is out, put in a maintenance repair request on the My UC Davis page.

Packages: Please don't ask the Solano 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 your, or you might indicate your balcony for drop-offs.