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THE PARK MESSENGER

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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 began 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.

September 7, 2015 is a University Holiday. All campus offices will be closed.

UCD Police Dept. Visits Solano Park Submitted by Sue Franck, Coordinator of Apartment Living

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Until our meeting, keep in mind these general safety guidelines: There are many bike thefts in Solano Park. The better your bike is and the more expensive it is, the more precautions you need to take. Bikes must be locked to something else, even if it's another bike! Based on our recent sweep of abandoned bikes, there should be ample bike rack parking.

If you see something suspicious, feel free to call the police. You can call 752-1727 or 752-1230. In case of an emergency you should call 911. If you are not sure whether they need to come, tell them what you see and they can decide. Solano Park is a public place and anyone is free to be here at any hour of the day or night. However, we have the right to check on people. The police do not harass them, but they will find out what their business is and it lets people know that they are being watched. In the past, we've had young men zipping around on bikes scoping out the patios. When you do call, make sure you tell the police which direction the person is traveling and what they are wearing, as well as what they look like.

The police should also be called if you ever hear people fighting in a way that makes you worried. The police will clearly only need to give the offending parties a warning about their noise, unless a physical fight (crime) occurred, in which case the call to the police was especially warranted.

Although anyone is allowed to be on the playground, please call the police if you see someone acting suspiciously with our children. Anything that makes you uncomfortable is reason enough to call.



STAY ALERT AND STAY SAFE: SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS YOUNG BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS ON THE STREETS OF DAVIS

Submitted by **Nina Zamuruyev, RA**

We are all excited about the start of the new school year. But we also have to stay more alert on our road as more kids will be biking and walking to their schools. Here are some facts that call us to be more careful and pay attention whether driving, biking or on foot..

Did you know 73 percent of bicycle-related crashes in Davis last year occurred at intersections? And pedestrians — traveling by foot, wheelchair, stroller or similar means —are most at risk? More reasons why staying alert means staying alive:

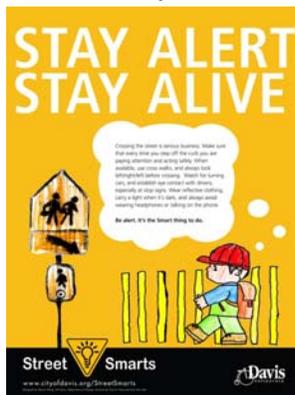
- Pedestrians who are texting are nearly four times more likely than undistracted pedestrians to display unsafe crossing behaviors.
- As pedestrians, children are at even greater risk of injury or death from traffic crashes due to their small size, inability to judge distances and speeds, and lack of experience with traffic rules.
- Every year, 67,124 child pedestrians are injured nationwide and 704 of these pedestrians die.
- More than 22 percent of the traffic fatalities in the 14-and-under age group were pedestrians.
- If a person (pedestrian or bicyclist) is struck by a car — your car — while you are driving 20 miles per hour, the person stands a good chance of surviving. If you are driving 30 miles per hour, there is a strong probability that the person will die. And if you are doing 40 miles per hour, the person's chances of survival are almost nil.
- AAA says when you drive through a school zone at 10 miles an hour instead of 15, you are two-thirds less likely to strike and kill a pedestrian.



Adapted from: City of Davis Street Smarts program

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Original article is written by Anne Ternus-Bellamy



PATIO AND BALCONY INSPECTIONS

Submitted by Corey Coates, RA

As a Resident Assistant, one of the most unpleasant aspects of our job is confronting a community member about living space. RA's are responsible for conducting patio and balcony inspections at the beginning of every month. The reason for the inspection is not to make your patio or balcony look a certain way, but rather to ensure that they are free of bugs and rodents and also satisfy the safety codes. In order to avoid surprising unsuspecting residents when they receive a violation, I thought it would be helpful to post the inspection sheet. My hope is that making these criteria available to you will allow everyone to make necessary changes and thus avert violations. Please keep in mind that I am required to inspect patios and balconies during the first week of each month. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

APT _____ PATIO AND BALCONY NOTICE OF INSPECTION DATE _____

Student Housing - University of California, Davis

To ensure that residents comply with Student Housing regulations regarding the use of patios, balconies and breezeways, we made an inspection of these areas today. The following violations existed outside your apartment. Please have the outside of your apartment conform to our regulations before the next inspection.

SAFETY VIOLATIONS - PLEASE CORRECT TODAY

Safety violations must be corrected immediately. If they are not corrected in 24 hours, it will be considered an additional violation. Safety violations are cumulative. After three safety violations, your Lease Agreement is subject to termination.

- Fire door blocked _____
- Blocked balcony door _____
- Balcony walkway less than 24 in. _____
- Entrance to apartment blocked by clothesline, hammock or other item _____

- Items stored on or under the stairway or stairway landing
 - POTTED PLANTS DECORATIVE ITEMS OTHER
- Flammable liquid storage _____
 - MORE THAN 1 PINT OF LIGHTER FLUID MORE THAN 1 GALLON OF GASOLINE

STUDENT HOUSING GUIDELINE VIOLATIONS

Please correct within 7 days

- Indoor furniture outside (including mattress) _____
- Hazardous material accessible to children _____
- Items on balcony or divider railing _____
- Storage in cardboard boxes _____
- Storage in paper/plastic bags _____
- Wood storage _____
- Food storage _____
- Charcoal briquette bag (suggest lidded plastic container) _____
- Garbage or unrecycled plastic/cans/glass/paper _____
- Electrical Appliances (with plugs) _____
- Other storage _____
- Pets (caged pets on patio or balcony) _____
- Area needs cleaning or organization _____
- To discourage insects and rodents, please place above items or items listed below in a closed plastic container with a tight-fitting lid, such as a garbage can or bin.

DATE	STAFF	SPOKE WITH RESIDENT		COMMENTS
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
		<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Holidays and Anniversaries

Sept. 1-30—National Honey Month

It is an annual event founded by The National Honey Board in the USA to celebrate and promote the beekeeping industry and the use of honey as a natural and beneficial sweetener. It takes place in September because it signals the end of the honey collecting season for most beekeepers.

Sept. 1—Birth of Cheng

Celebrated seventeenth century Ming loyalist who devoted his life to overthrowing the Ch'ing government in China. He fled to Taiwan to establish a base for his struggle and during his short life made significant contributions to the island's development. In 1661, he and his troops arrived at Chin Kan City and liberated Taiwan from the Dutch. (1624)

Sept. 8—Mid-Autumn Festival

It is an annual celebration that is held on the 15th day of the 8th month in Chinese and Vietnamese calendars. It is also known as the Mooncake festival, or Lantern festival. It originated

as a celebration for the gods after the annual harvest. During this time, people celebrate by burning incense, dragon and lion dancing, hanging up decorative lanterns, and consuming traditional mooncakes with relatives.

Sept. 17—Constitution and Citizenship Day

Constitution Day and Citizenship Day commemorate the formation and signing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution and recognize all who, by coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.

Sept. 21—International Peace Day

In 1981, the UN General Assembly declared that the third Tuesday of September, "be officially dedicated and observed as the International Day of Peace and shall be devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations

Sept. 24—Trung-Thu

Children in Vietnam carry lanterns in a procession which also features a lion dance

symbolizing happiness and prosperity.

Sept. 28—National Good Neighbor Day

This day seeks to build a nation that cares by increasing appreciation and understanding of others, beginning with our neighbors. Observed the fourth Sunday in September.

Sept. 28—Teacher's Day, Birth of Confucius

The birthday of Kung Fu Zi (Confucius, 551-479 BCE) is celebrated with a dawn ceremony, parts of which date back nearly 3,000 years, at temples around the island. The ceremony includes a ritual dance, costumes, music, and other rites. The teachings of Kung Fu Zi are not a religion, but a guide to appropriate personal behavior and good government, stressing the virtues of self-discipline and generosity. Confucius held the radical view that all who possessed the depth and desire to learn, not just the aristocracy, deserved the opportunity of formal education.



Community Programs

TODDLER TUESDAY

Every Tuesday come and play with other toddlers at the Community Center! We have a variety of toys, but you are welcome to bring your child's favorite toy with you. We have had a great showing of people so far and we hope you will join us. All children must be accompanied by a caregiver. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Tuesdays, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10am
Where: Solano Park Community Center

DESSERT AND COFFEE NIGHT

Everyone welcome to join our dessert and coffee night. Bring your favorite dessert to share and your favorite cup to sip coffee from it. For more details please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.



When: Thursday, September 3 at 6:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

SIDEWALK CHALK

Community event for all ages! We will take chalks out and draw all together a big picture representing our multicultural and multi-ages community of Solano Park. Fresh drinks will be provided to extinguish our thirst as we make our art on the pavement in front of the community center. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.



When: Tuesday, September 8 at 4:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

BEADED JEWELRY

Make a necklace or a bracelet with beads! All ages are welcome but small children must be accompanied by a caregiver. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Wednesday, September 9 at 2pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

S'MORES NIGHT



Come join us making S'mores and enjoy the summer night before school starts. There will be a fire pit setup for people to roast marshmallows and all the fixings will be provided. All ages are welcome to come and have a treat. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, September 17 at 7:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

POKER NIGHT

We will be playing some Texas Hold'em on Friday night. Snacks and water will be provided. Winner will receive a prize. Adults only. For more information, please contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Friday, September 18 at 8:00pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

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When: Monday, September 21
at 6pm
Where: Solano Park
Community Center

PLAY DOUGH

Toddlers and preschool age kids are welcome to have fun with homemade play dough. Every kid must be accompanied by an adult. For more details, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA at Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.



When: Tuesday, September 22
at 4:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community
Center

OUTDOOR FUN GAMES

Solano Park kids, let's get together outside for some outdoor fun games. You name it, we will play it. We will be playing fun games such as "Duck, duck, Goose" on the grassy area in front of the community center. Drinks will be provided. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, September 24
at 4:30 pm
Where: Solano Park Community
Center



Monthly Maintenance Tips Submitted by Solano Park Maintenance

FLOORS: Keep them nice and free from stains, scratches, and holes.

Some suggestions:

- Make sure all furniture has glides (the nylon or plastic pieces on the bottom of the legs that help keep the floor from getting scratched). Chairs, tables, and bed posts are especially important.
- Don't drag heavy objects across the floor. Be sure to pick up heavy objects when moving them.
- Wipe up water and other spills right way.

Calendar of Events

September 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 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am	2	3 <u>Dessert and Coffee Night</u> SPCC @ 6:30pm	4	5
6	7 HOLIDAY SOLANO PARK OFFICE CLOSED	8 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am <u>Sidewalk Chalk</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	9 <u>Beaded Jewelry</u> SPCC @ 2pm	10	11	12
13	14	15 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am	16	17 <u>S'Mores Night</u> SPCC @ 7:30pm	18 <u>Poker Night</u> SPCC @ 8pm	19
20	21 <u>UCD Police Dept. Visits Solano Park</u> SPCC @ 6pm *RSVP for pizza	22 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am <u>Play Dough</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	23	24 <u>Outdoor Fun Games</u> SPCC @ 4:30pm	25	26
27	28	29 <u>Toddler Tuesday</u> SPCC @ 10am	30			

