Adding an Occupants Email Address Submitted by Faye Perata

Recently the Solano Park Student Advisory Board communicated a need to have all apartment occupants receive Student Housing emails for such things as apartment entry notices, community events, and other Solano Park information. In response to this request, Student Housing added an email address field to the OCCUPANT CHANGE REQUEST. Leaseholders will now be able to provide an email address for each occupant living in their unit with the understanding that these individuals will be included on all emails to their apartment. We have included instructions for adding this information for any new or current occupants.

Step 1: Login to my.ucdavis.edu
Step 2: Submit an OCCUPANT CHANGE REQUEST (see screen shot below)

Step 3: Update Occupant Request Details

Special points of interest:
• July 4th is a University Holiday. All campus offices will be closed.
Supervision For Children in the Parks
Submitted by Sue Franck

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 6 years of age require direct supervision (a caregiver must be physically present with the child), at all times. Ages 7 and 8 require monitored supervision (within vocal and visual range). An example might be that you can see your 8 year old child playing in the grass from your living room window. Age 9 requires 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 babysit 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:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Age of Child</th>
<th>Left Unattended in Apartment</th>
<th>Left Alone Overnight (10:30-5:30)</th>
<th>Left in Playground Unsupervised</th>
<th>Left in Car Unsupervised</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>0 - 6 yrs</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 - 9 yrs</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES*</td>
<td>NO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 - 15 yrs</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>NO</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16+ yrs</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES**</td>
<td>YES</td>
<td>YES</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.
Pool Safety
Submitted by Sue Franck

Summer is a wonderful time, but I have already seen several pools left unattended around Solano Park. Please dump all pools immediately after use!

Drowning is the second leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths to children ages 14 and under. In California, drowning surpasses all other causes of death to children ages 14 and under. A temporary lapse in supervision is a common factor in most drownings and near-drownings. Child drownings can happen in a matter of seconds--in the time it takes to answer the phone. There is often no splashing to warn of trouble. Children can drown in small quantities of water and are at risk in their own homes from wading pools, bathtubs, buckets, diaper pails, and toilets as well as swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs.

Deaths and Injuries
A swimming pool is 14 times more likely than a motor vehicle to be involved in the death of a child age 4 and under. Each year, approximately 1,150 children ages 14 and under drown; more than half are preschoolers (ages 0-4). Each year, an estimated 5,000 children ages 14 and under are hospitalized due to near-drownings. Of children surviving near-drownings, 5-20 percent suffer severe and permanent disability.

Where Drownings Happen
Approximately 50 percent of preschooler drownings occur in residential swimming pools. Each year, more than 2,000 preschooler near-drownings occur in residential pools. Of preschooler pool drownings, 65 percent occur in the child's home pool and 33 percent at the homes of friends, neighbors or relatives.
Each year, 350 drownings (for all ages) happen in bathtubs.
Each year, approximately 40 children drown in five-gallon buckets.

How and When Drownings Happen
Of all preschoolers who drown, 70 percent are in the care of one of both parents at the time of the drowning.

Of all preschoolers who drown, 75 percent are missing from sight for five minutes or less.

Prevent Childhood Drowning
Parents whose children have drowned say the day of the tragedy started out just like any other day. No matter how the drowning happened or where it happened -- pool, spa, or any other body of water -- one thing was the same, the seconds that claimed their child's life slid by silently, without warning, and can never be brought back.

Supervision
Water with its rippling, shimmering appeal is a magnet for children. Children under the age of five have no fear of water and no concept of death. They associate water with play not with danger. Adults must establish and communicate responsibility for child safety.

Assign an adult "water watcher" to supervise the pool/spa area or any other body of water, especially during social gatherings.
Assign a second adult to maintain constant visual contact with children in the pool/spa area or any body of water that might attract a child. Don't assume someone else is watching a child.

PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE -- ALWAYS EMPTY YOUR POOLS IMMEDIATELY AFTER USE. REMEMBER IT ONLY TAKES A SECOND TO DUMP OUT THE WATER AND IT LITERALLY MIGHT SAVE A CHILD'S LIFE.
Patio and Balcony Inspections
Submitted by Corey Coates

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 shocking 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.
Community Programs

4TH OF JULY CRAFT
Solano park children let’s get together and have fun making paper flags in honor of Independence Day. This flags will make a great decoration to your home. For more details please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Friday, July 1 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

WATERSLIDE FUN
Want to chill off from summer heat! Join the waterslide fun. All children have to come with an adult. Parents don’t forget the towels and sunscreen. *Waivers must be signed by a guardian to participate in this event and are available at the event. The event date is subject for change in case of rain or windy and cold weather. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Tuesdays, July 5 and July 19 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

KIDS CLUB
Kids Club is a time for kids to get out of the house and have some fun while learning some new things. Kids Club will meet twice a week during the summer. One meeting will be an educational session, consisting of learning useful skills or doing fun science projects. The other meeting will be geared more towards playing sports. We will rotate through sports so kids can learn how to play all sorts of different sports. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursdays, July 7 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

CELEBRATE INDEPENDENCE DAY
Come out to celebrate our nation’s birthday with some watermelon fun. We will play a game of watermelon bowling and enjoy some refreshing watermelon. For more questions, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, July 14 at 4:30pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center

CROSS-CULTURAL CUISINE EXCHANGE
Solano Park is rich in ethnic diversity and national heritage. Let’s celebrate our unique cultural delicacies and expand our palates by sampling various recipes from around the world. Bring a clearly labeled main course dish or dessert to share and your own plate to dine with. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, July 14 at 6pm
Where: Solano Park Community Center
Community Programs

**ICE CREAM FLOATS**
Let’s keep cool these summer days with ice cream floats. Come and enjoy a refreshing dessert at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome to join, chat with the neighbors, and play with the kids. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**GOODBYE POTLUCK**
I would like to invite you all for our goodbye party on July 22nd, 6:30 pm. It was a pleasure to work a Resident Assistant at Solano Park. This experience makes good memories about our student years in UC Davis. Our family will be staying in Solano Park for some time but I will not be working as an RA. I will have to concentrate on taking care of my family as we expect a new baby son to our family this September and also it is the final year in graduate school for my husband. I would like to see you all once again and spend some time with our Solano Park families. Everyone is welcome to join the goodbye potluck. Konstantin and I will cook the main dish; ‘pilov’ (rice and meat), side dishes (salads), or desert will be appreciated. For more information, please contact Nina Zamuruyev, RA for Solano Park by phone 916-508-7481, or e-mail nzamuruyev@ucdavis.edu.

When: Friday, July 22 at 6:30 pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**GAME NIGHT**
Bring your favorite board/card games to play for an evening of friendly competition. A poker set, Apples to Apples, and Blokus will be made available. All ages are welcome and I recommend coming because you might find a new favorite game. When I held this event earlier in the year, I fell in love with playing Blokus after someone brought it to the event. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Tuesday, July 26 at 7pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center

**SWEET TREAT THURSDAY**
On the last Thursday of every month we will have a sweet treat! The treats will usually be something cold to help cool us off on the hot summer nights. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday July 28 between 7pm-8pm  
Where: Solano Park Community Center
Holidays and Anniversaries

**July 2—Civil Rights Act Passed**
US President Lyndon B. Johnson signs this bill into law, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, sex or national origin in public accommodations and federally assisted programs (1964).

**July 7—Tanabata, Star Festival**
Tanabata, according to legend, is the day that two stars, Orihime (Vega, the Weaver) and her lover, Kengyuu (Altair), meet in the skies over Japan. Chinese legend has it that the two were originally split apart by the two banks of the River of Heaven (the Milky Way, Ama-no-gawa). The seventh day of the seventh month is the only day they are permitted to see each other, since they once allowed their affection for each other to interfere with their heavenly tasks. Tanabata is especially appreciated in Sendai and Hiratsuka, where their festivals have become famous. Several days before 7 July, people write their wishes or poems on strips of paper in various colors (tanzaku), and hang them on leafy bamboo branches which have been cut from the plant; then, on the night of the seventh, the branches are placed in the garden.

**July 11—World Population Day**
This day seeks to focus public attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, particularly in the context of overall development plans and programs, and the need to create solutions to these problems.

**July 13-15—O-Bon Festival**
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, celebrates O-Bon in July.

**July 14—Bastille Day**
The 1789 revolution destroyed the ideas of monarchy and privilege based on birth, when the working class overthrew the French nobility, ending the rule of King Louis XIV. With this, France established itself as a republic.

**July 19—International Special Olympics**
On this date, the first Special Olympics, an athletic competition for children and adults with cognitive disabilities, opened at Soldiers Field in Chicago, USA. The first Special Olympics had 1,000 participants from the United States and Canada; by 1995, the competition had expanded to include Winter Special Olympics (1977) and involved 7,000 participants from fifty states and 141 countries. The program of events has also grown dramatically, from four at the first Special Olympics to more than fifteen. The international competition is held in the year before the regular Olympic Games. (1968)

**July 26—Americans with Disabilities Act Signed**
This milestone of civil rights legislation protects people with disabilities from discrimination in the areas of employment, transportation, and public accommodation; earlier legislation had addressed discrimination in housing. The law required a wide range of public and private establishments to make new and renovated facilities accessible to people with disabilities and to make “readily achievable” changes to existing facilities in order to increase accessibility (1990).

**July 26—Executive Order 9981**
This order directed that there be equality of treatment and opportunity in the armed forces for all people (1948).
## Calendar of Events
### July 2016

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sun</th>
<th>Mon</th>
<th>Tue</th>
<th>Wed</th>
<th>Thu</th>
<th>Fri</th>
<th>Sat</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
|     |     |     |     |     | 1   | 4th of July Craft  
|     |     |     |     |     | 2   | SPCC @ 4:30pm |
|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 3   | 4   |     |     |     |     |     |
|     | HOLIDAY | SOLANO PARK OFFICE CLOSED |     |     |     |     |
| 5   | 6   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Waterslide Fun | Kids Club | SPCC @ 4:30pm | SPCC @ 4pm |     |     |
| 7   | 8   |     |     |     |     |     |
| Kids Club | Celebrate Independence Day  
|     | SPCC @ 4:30pm | SPCC @ 4:30pm |     |     |
| 9   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| 10  | 11  | 12  |     |     |     |     |
|     |     |     | Kids Club | Kids Club |     |     |
|     |     |     | SPCC @ 4pm | SPCC @ 10am |     |     |
| 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  |     |     |     |
| Kids Club | Kids Club | Cross-Cultural Cuisine Exchange  
|     |     |     |     |     |     | SPCC @ 6pm |
| 17  | 18  | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  |
| Waterslide Fun | Kids Club | Kids Club | Kids Club | Goodbye Potluck  
|     | SPCC @ 4:30pm | SPCC @ 4pm | SPCC @ 10am | SPCC @ 6:30pm |     |
| 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |
| Game Night | Kids Club | Kids Club | Kids Club |     |     |     |
| SPCC @ 7pm | SPCC @ 4pm | SPCC @ 10am |     |     |     |     |
| 31  |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**All residents are welcome to attend all programs. All events held in the Community Center unless otherwise noted.**
The Park Messenger is published by Student Housing, at the University of California, Davis. Our goal is to communicate with Park residents, campus departments and the community of Davis. We encourage reader suggestions, criticisms and articles. Let us hear from you.

Editor:
Sue Franck

Assistant & Desktop Publishing:
Andrea Gallegos

Contributors:
Corey Coates
Sue Franck
Peter Menard-Warwick
Faye Perata
Nina Zamuruyev

The Park Messenger online:
http://www.housing.ucdavis.edu/current/park_messenger.asp

Did you know?

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 at (530) 752-2481.

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.

If you plan to travel during the summer, please leave a travel form with the Solano Park Office.

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.”

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

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.