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Solano Park Office Hours:

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

Special points of interest:

September 4 is a University Holiday. All campus offices will be closed.

Parking permits expire on September 30, 2017. Renew your parking permit(s) for the new year. If not renewed, you may be ticketed for displaying an invalid permit.

Davis Movies in the Park Submitted by Audrey Bergmann, RA

The days are getting shorter, but that means it's getting dark early enough for outdoor movies. This year, Davis Rotary club is presenting four films: Finding Dory, Moana, Beauty and the Beast, and Rogue One. Movies will be projected onto a large screen in Central Park, and all movies are completely free of charge. Bring a blanket and snacks. There may be hot dogs and hamburgers available this year as well – check the Davis Rotary website for details.

Dates:

August 26 – **Finding Dory**, PG

Start time: 8:10 PM

Runtime: 1hr 45min

September 9 – **Moana**, PG

Start time: 7:50 PM

Runtime: 1hr 53min

September 16 – **Beauty and the Beast (2017)**, PG

Start time: 7:35 PM

Runtime: 2hr 10min

September 23 – **Rogue One: A Star Wars Story**, PG-13

Start time: 7:25 PM

Runtime: 2hr 13min

Location:

Central Park

401 C Street

Davis, CA 95616

Any questions or comments, email mip@sunsetrotarydavis.org



Cycling Safety

Submitted by Corey Coates, RA

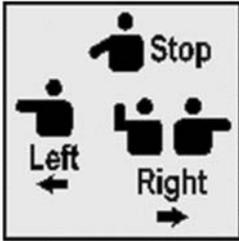
Davis, both the city and the campus, earned its recognition as the nation's first "Platinum Level Bicycle Friendly Community"* because of efforts to provide its thousands of pedalers with a safe and convenient cycling environment. Wide streets, well-marked bike lanes, inviting pathways, abundant bike parking, gentle terrain, mild climate, and an attitude of mutual respect between cyclists and motorists have resulted in a community with the most bikes per capita of any in the nation.

Even if you're not a bicycle enthusiast, chances are you'll soon find yourself depending on your bike for a significant portion of your travels around the Davis community. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to bicycle instead of drive in order to support local efforts to reduce traffic congestion, global warming, air pollution, and demand for auto parking spaces.

- **Obey all traffic laws.** According to the California Vehicle Code, every person riding a bicycle upon a street or highway has all of the rights and responsibilities of the driver of a motor vehicle. On campus **traffic regulations are strictly enforced.** You may be cited for running stop signs, riding at an unsafe speed for conditions, riding on the wrong side of the road or on sidewalks, wearing headphones while riding, not having legal brakes, etc.
- **Cyclists are required by state law to use front white lights, rear red reflectors, pedal and side reflectors at night.** Additional lights - especially rear red flashers, reflectors, and light colored clothing are a good idea.
- **Buy and wear a helmet.** They can greatly reduce the risk of head injury or death. Don't "hit the road" without one. But remember: even the best helmet has limitations and they don't prevent crashes. Defensive cycling is the key to bike safety.
- One of the more prominent features of the campus cycling environment is the traffic circle or roundabout. There are over a dozen such intersections around the campus and several in the city. Some are at the junctions of roadways, others at bike path crossings, and some where bike paths meet roads. There are **two important rules** to remember when approaching a traffic circle: **Always ride counterclockwise** through the circle, and **always yield right-of-way** to any bike or vehicle already in the circle. Signaling your turns is especially helpful in circles, and be sure to watch out for others and adjust your speed or turns accordingly. Not everyone will necessarily understand or obey these right-of-way or yield rules, so **ride defensively!**

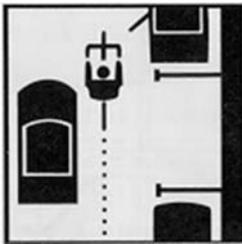


Safety Tips (continued from page 2)



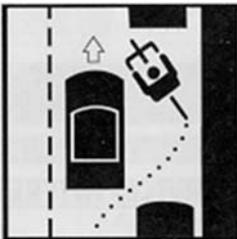
USE HAND SIGNALS

Signal to other drivers; your movements affect them. Hand signals tell everyone what you intend to do. Signal as a matter of law, courtesy, and self-protection.



RIDE IN A STRAIGHT LINE

Ride to the right of faster traffic in a straight line about a car door's width away from the parked cars.



DON'T WEAVE BETWEEN PARKED CARS

Don't ride to the curb between parked cars. Motorists may not see you when you try to move back into traffic.



FOLLOW LANE MARKINGS

Don't turn left from the right lane. Don't go straight in a lane marked "right turn only"; stay to the left of the right turn only lane if you are going straight.



CHOOSE THE BEST WAY TO TURN LEFT

There are two ways to make a left turn. (1) Like a motorist: Signal move into the left lane, and turn left. In a left turn only lane, stay to the right of the lane to allow any motorists behind to make their turn on your left. (2) Like a pedestrian: Ride straight across to the far-side crosswalk, dismount, and walk your bike across.

Here is a link to a video on bike safety around the UC Davis campus <https://vimeo.com/75059452>. This article and video were provided by UC Davis Transportation and Parking Services.

International Festival

Submitted by Ann Gunion

We invite you to attend the 7th International Festival Davis and enjoy an afternoon of fun, friendship and amazing entertainment. The Festival is coming to Davis' Central Park (4th and C Streets) on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 from noon to 5pm!

This free admission family event is growing in popularity each year with an attendance of more than 3,000 people last year fully engaged in celebrating world cultures by enjoying an international fashion show, a parade of flags, arts and crafts, international food, cultural booths, businesses and non-profit tables, activities for children and incredible music and dance groups performing non-stop on two different stages.

More information and photos can be found on the Festival website <http://www.internationalfestivaldavis.org/>
See a video of last year's Festival at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhbb-M-8qq0>

International House Davis is an independent non-profit organization that welcomes international students, visitors, scholars, community members, businesses and academic institutions to take part in its many programs and activities. It is located at 10 College Park, Davis.



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.

Community Programs

Waterslide Time



It's hot out – join us at the community center to play in the waterslide!

Parents must accompany

children under the age of 7. If you have any questions, please contact aabergmann@ucdavis.edu.

When: Thursday, September 7 and 28 at 4pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Board Game Fun

Bring your favorite board game and enjoy a night filled of classic fun! We will have lots of games for all types of board game enthusiasts. Hope to see you there! For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Sunday, September 10 at 3pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Movie Night

Come enjoy a movie on the big screen! We will bring out the projector to watch the film and have popcorn available. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Friday, September 15 at 7pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center

Volleyball



Let's get together to hit the ball around and maybe we can get a game going. If you have never

played volleyball before, this would be a great chance to learn or to teach the kids how to play. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, September 16 at 10am

Where: Outside Solano Park Community Center

NFL Thursday Night Game (Rams vs 49ers)

Come watch the San Francisco 49ers play the Los Angeles Rams. Snacks and drinks will be provided. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.



When: Thursday, September 21 at 5:25pm

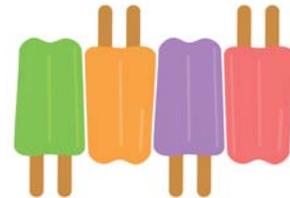
Where: Solano Park Community Center

Lawn Games and Popsicles

Join us at the community center for some bocce ball and a cool treat. We will have lots of new lawn games to play with while we enjoy some fruit popsicles. If you have any questions, please contact aabergmann@ucdavis.edu.

When: Sunday, September 24 at 2pm

Where: Solano Park Community Center



Back to School Breakfast



To kick off the new school year and welcome new residents to Solano Park, we will be having a community breakfast. Come enjoy a morning of socializing with free food and coffee. For more information contact Corey Coates, RA for Solano Park, by email at cncoates@ucdavis.edu.

When: Saturday, September 30 at 9am

Where: Solano Park Community Center

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. 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; for this reason, his birthday, a national holiday, is celebrated as Teacher's Day.



Calendar of Events

September 2017

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
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3	4 Holiday Solano Park Office Closed	5	6	7 <u>Waterslide</u> Time SPCC @ 4PM	8	9
10 <u>Board Game</u> Fun SPCC @ 3PM	11	12	13	14	15 <u>Movie Night</u> SPCC @ 7PM	16 <u>Volleyball</u> Outside of SPCC @ 10AM
17	18	19	20	21 <u>NFL Thursday</u> <u>Night Game</u> SPCC @ 5:25PM	22	23
24 <u>Lawn Games</u> <u>and Popsicles</u> SPCC @ 2PM	25	26	27	28 <u>Waterslide</u> Time SPCC @ 4PM	29	30 <u>Back to</u> <u>School</u> <u>Breakfast</u> SPCC @ 9AM

