



# Neighborly News



Family Housing Council

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## Weekly Reminders

### Saturday, January 19

Sewing Room 10am at LRC  
Swan Lake 6:30pm at FGH  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### Monday, January 21

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
UNIVERSITY CLOSED

### Tuesday, January 22

Parent/Child Playgroup 10am at FRC  
Cooking Club 2pm at CC  
Meijer Trip 5:45pm at FGH  
Music-Reading Workshop 6:30pm at CC

### Thursday, January 24

Krannert Uncorked 4:45pm at FGH

### Friday, January 25

Yoga @ Krannert 11:30am at FGH

### Pest Control:

On Friday, January 25, apartments 2102: 101-104 and 201-204; and 2104: 201-204 and 301-304. To request treatment, visit the website below.

### Submit Maintenance Requests to:

<http://iservice.housing.uiuc.edu>

### FHC Monthly Public Meeting

The next FHC meeting will be held on Friday, January 25 at 5:45pm at the CC. Join us for snacks and drinks. All residents are welcome.

## Community Aide Position Available

Community Aides (CA) are residents within the Orchard Downs community who act as a liaison between the people in their surrounding area and the Family & Graduate Housing Office. The CA position for Neighborhood 3 (Apartments 1902-1934) is open for the February 2008 through May 2008 appointment. Reappointment is available for Community Aides who complete their job responsibilities and have a satisfactory evaluation. Ways in which Community Aides fulfill their responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Greeting new residents in their area and helping them become acquainted to the Urbana-Champaign community
- Encouraging social interaction and well-being among community members through various efforts
- Responding to resident conflicts and complaints
- Attending staff meetings and training

Full-length job description and applications for Community Aide positions in Orchard Downs are now available in the Family & Graduate Housing office. CAs receive a monthly rent reduction of \$500. The quality of your application will determine if you will receive an interview, and applicants living in the open neighborhood will receive priority in the interviewing process. Visiting scholars (on J1 visas) are not eligible for this position. If you wish to apply with your spouse or partner, you must each fill out an application. If you have additional questions about these positions, please contact Indira Rajagopalan at 333-5663 or [indira@uiuc.edu](mailto:indira@uiuc.edu). Please return your completed application to the Family & Graduate Housing Office by Friday, January 25, 2008 by 5pm.

## Employment Opportunity at the Family Housing Council

The Family Housing Council is seeking to hire two Neighborly News (NN) distributors. The NN distributor's main responsibilities are to pick up NN copies from the NN assembler and to deliver NN to the door of Orchard Downs residents every week. This position also requires attendance to the FHC meetings the last Friday of each month. The starting date is February 1 and the compensation is \$45 per month.

Interested persons can find an application at the Family and Graduate Housing Office or on the Family Housing Council's website at <http://odfhc.org>. Applications are due no later than Thursday, January 24 at 5pm. There will be an interview with the applicants on **Friday, January 25** following the council's monthly public meeting.



# Community Programs

Please note that we often take photographs during community events, and these photographs may be used in a gallery online. If you do not wish to have your photograph taken, please inform the staff member at the event or contact the Family & Graduate Housing Office at [famhous@uiuc.edu](mailto:famhous@uiuc.edu) or 333-5656.

## Wal-Mart Shopping Trip

The Community Aides are organizing a shopping trip to Wal-Mart for our residents on **Saturday, January 19** from 10am to noon. Residents will board the van at **FGH Office at 10am**. To reserve a space please email [sdissan2@uiuc.edu](mailto:sdissan2@uiuc.edu). Spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For questions contact Sahana at [sdissan2@uiuc.edu](mailto:sdissan2@uiuc.edu).

## Mall Trip

Join the Community Aides for a shopping trip to the Market Place Mall on **Sunday, January 20**. We will leave from the **Family & Graduate Housing Office at 11am** and will be back by 1pm. Registration is required for this event. If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Abdu at [azouhir@gmail.com](mailto:azouhir@gmail.com).

## Parent/Child Playgroup

Parent/Child Playgroups provide an opportunity to learn new activities to do with your children that enhance their growth and development. Children should be 5 years old or younger. Playgroup is held on **Tuesdays from 10-11:30am**. Please contact Amanda with any questions at [amandaj@uiuc.edu](mailto:amandaj@uiuc.edu) or 333-5665.

## Cooking Club

Do you like to try new recipes and eat good food? Then Cooking Club is for you! Cooking Club is held on **Tuesdays** at the **Community Center from 2-3pm**. Children are always welcome; however, no child care assistance is available. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children. If you have questions, please contact Amanda at 333-5656 or [amandaj@uiuc.edu](mailto:amandaj@uiuc.edu).

## Book Club

The next meeting of Book Club will be on **Tuesday, January 15** at **6:30pm**. We will meet at the **FGH Office in the Conference Room**. If you have any questions about this event, please email Carie at [cbiresc2@uiuc.edu](mailto:cbiresc2@uiuc.edu).

## Music Reading Workshop

Have you ever been interested in learning to read music? Then join us on **Tuesday, January 22** at **6:30pm** at the **Community Center** as we explore the basics of western music notation. You do not need to have any prior training in music to attend and this event is free of charge. If you have any other questions, please contact Carie at [cbiresc2@uiuc.edu](mailto:cbiresc2@uiuc.edu). Hope to see you there!

## Yoga at Krannert

Join us as we travel to the Krannert Art Museum for a relaxing lunchtime yoga class on **Friday, January 25**. We will leave from the **FGH Main Office at 11:30am** and should return shortly after 1pm. You will need to wear comfortable clothes and there will be a limited amount of yoga mats available for loan from FGH. This event is free, but registration is required. Transportation will be provided. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Carie at [cbiresc2@uiuc.edu](mailto:cbiresc2@uiuc.edu).

## Close “Knit” Community Workshop

If you want to knit, this is a great workshop for you. We are going to make a baby sweater over the course of 4-7 weeks. But first, we’re going to learn to knit and practice by knitting for our community! There will be several things you can choose to knit and contribute. If you are interested, please email Sonia at [sillybluefrog@yahoo.com](mailto:sillybluefrog@yahoo.com).

## Welcome to the World

At Family & Graduate Housing, we consider babies to be a joy. It is for this reason that we would like to welcome your newborn into the Orchard Downs community with a complimentary gift package. This is our way of saying, “Welcome to the World!” If you have recently welcomed a new baby into your family, please contact Amanda Johnson by phone at 333-5665 or by email at [amandaj@uiuc.edu](mailto:amandaj@uiuc.edu).

## TMA iService Desk for your Maintenance Requests

Do you have maintenance or repair requests? Submitting an online maintenance request through the TMA i-Service Desk is the best and fastest way to do it. Please follow these easy steps to submit an online maintenance request:

1. Go to <http://iservice.housing.uiuc.edu>
2. Select “Submit a Work Request”
3. Under “Select Complex,” please select Orchard Downs
4. Then select your building
5. Type in your basic information and the nature of your request in the spaces provided and click submit

Feel free to contact Family & Graduate Housing Office at [famhous@uiuc.edu](mailto:famhous@uiuc.edu) at anytime if you have questions.



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## IHC English Conversation Classes

The International Hospitality Committee (IHC) English Conversation Classes spring schedule is now available at the Family Housing Office. Most of the classes begin the week of January 14 and are over by the end of April. Classes are held weekly and are free. For location, times, dates and teachers, see the schedule. To receive an electronic copy (PDF) of the schedule, please email Carleen Sacris at [cnsacris@gmail.com](mailto:cnsacris@gmail.com).

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## Advertise on the Family Housing Council Website

Do you want to publicize an event to the Orchard Downs community?

Are you holding a moving sale? Do you want to buy reasonably priced household items?

Are you looking for a roommate?

Do you want to share a ride?

The Orchard Downs Discussion Board is the best venue for that! It's online, it's free, and everybody can have access to it by visiting <http://bb.odfhc.org/index.php> (click on the discussion board link in the navigation menu). We look forward to your announcements!

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## Salt & Light: Food, Clothing, and Household Items

Salt & Light is an organization that operates a food pantry (providing food once every 30 days per household) and a clothing closet. This agency also provides small appliances and household items on a first come-first served basis with no limits on number of visits, and it maintains a waiting list for furniture and large appliances. All services are free. Salt and Light is located at 1512 West Anthony Drive in Champaign. For more information, call 355-5654 or visit [www.saltandlightministry.org](http://www.saltandlightministry.org).

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## English Language Expressions: Color Idioms

**Once in a blue moon:** Rarely. "We eat at a restaurant once in a blue moon."

**Horse of a different color:** Something totally separate and different. "We are not going to discuss politics now; that is a horse of a different color compared to what we are currently talking about."

**With flying colors:** With great or total success. "She passed the exam with flying colors."

**Paint the town red:** Go out and have a good time. "When my cousin came to visit, we went out and painted the town red."

**Tickled pink:** Very pleased, thrilled, and delighted. "Grandma was tickled pink when you surprised her with a visit."

**Red-letter day:** A day that is memorable because of some important event. "It was a red-letter day when she graduated from college."

**Blue in the face:** Very angry or upset, very emotional but with no results. "He argued with her until he was blue in the face."

\*Sources: "List of idioms in the English language," [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org); and [www.idiomconnection.com](http://www.idiomconnection.com).



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### **What is the FHC?**

The Orchard Downs FHC is an organization created to safeguard the interest of the residents of Orchard Downs Family & Graduate Housing.

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# MultiCultural Health Center

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The MCHC works to deliver culturally sensitive illness prevention and health promotion services to the families of the Family & Graduate Housing community. The Center provides health information, education, insurance information, and referrals to residents.

## **Planned Parenthood**

This service provides sexual and reproductive health care **every second Wednesday of the month** from 6-8pm.

## **Mobile Clinic by CUPHD**

Mobile programs and services are a wide variety of affordable programs offered by Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) to meet residents' health care needs. This mobile program will be offered **once every month on a Thursday** from 2-4 pm on the **South Laundry parking lot closest to the MCHC**. Please refer to Orchard Downs calendar for the clinic service schedule. Some of the services that will be offered include Illinois Diabetes Control Program, Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Programs, HIV and STD screening, smoking cessation information, disease management education, blood pressure checks, referrals into other programs, and Immunizations. For details, contact Lin Yang at [linyang3@uiuc.edu](mailto:linyang3@uiuc.edu).

## **Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

This program will be offered **every other Friday afternoon** from 1 to 4pm at the **MultiCultural Health Center**. These services are provided for women, infants and children, and are offered by the Champaign Urbana Public Health District. Some of the services provided to WIC participants include supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling, screening and referrals for other health services, welfare, and social services. For more information, contact Lin Yang at [linyang3@uiuc.edu](mailto:linyang3@uiuc.edu).

## **Thursday Clinic Services**

The Champaign County Christian Health Center (CCCHC) offers clinic services on the **second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month** from 6 to 9pm. The clinic will be staffed with a physician and/or a nurse practitioner. For more information, please contact Lin Yang at [linyang3@uiuc.edu](mailto:linyang3@uiuc.edu).

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