



Neighborly News



Family Housing Council— <http://www.odfhc.org>

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Weekly Reminders

FHC Monthly Public Meeting

The next FHC meeting will be Friday, July 31 at 5:45pm in the CC. Join us for pizza and refreshments. All residents are welcome.

Saturday, July 11

Saturday Fitness 10am at CC
Playgroup 10am at FRC

Sunday, July 12

Movie & a Snack 3pm at CC

Monday, July 13

Bowling 6:15pm at FGH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tuesday, July 14

Make N Take Art 10am at CC
Kids Book Club 4pm at CC
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Wednesday, July 15

Kids Science Club 9:30am at LRC
Pre-School Playgroup 10am at CC
Craft Club 1pm at CC
Current Events 6pm at FGH

Thursday, July 16

Ms. Debbie's Storytime 10am at CC

Friday, July 17

Cooking Club 2pm at CC

Pest Control:

During the month of July, Orchard Place 1801-1838 will be treated. Twenty-four-hour advance notice will be provided prior to treatment. Please move large items away from the walls and remove items on or around windows. To request treatment, visit the website below.

Submit Maintenance Requests to:

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

Study Room

Apartment 2102-104

Be an FHC Board Member and Get \$75 Rent Deduction

The Family Housing Council (FHC) is seeking a new treasurer. If you are willing to help the FHC, to get more involved with our Orchard Downs community, and to participate in a diverse set of activities, you can achieve all that and more by serving as treasurer.

As treasurer, the elected official will get a rent credit of \$75 and must comply with the FHC constitution regarding the duties of the position, which include:

- (1) to attend all FHC and executive board meetings;
- (2) to keep a strict accounting of all financial matters of the FHC;
- (3) to report at least once a month to the FHC on the financial status of the FHC.

For more information on the duties of the FHC treasurer, visit <http://odfhc.org/documents/constitution.pdf>. The number of nominations for the position is not limited. However, the candidate must be a student or full-time employee. Preference will be given to candidates from an accounting or economics background. Experience in this field is highly desirable.

A nomination form will be available at the **Family & Graduate Housing office** and can be submitted by **July 15, 2009**. On Friday, July 31, the candidates will have an opportunity to introduce themselves at the public meeting.

Parking Permits for 2009-2010

It's time to get your parking permit for 2009-2010!

Residents may go to http://illinois.edu/goto/apt_parking to apply for parking. Click on "Request a parking permit" and fill in your information. Orchard Downs parking is included in your monthly rent. All residents are responsible for following University Campus Parking regulations. Information on regulations and rates is available at www.parking.uiuc.edu.

We encourage you to register your vehicle by **July 17, 2009**.

If you have any questions about parking, please feel free to contact us at Family & Graduate Housing: 333-5656 or parkingapt@illinois.edu. Thank you for your cooperation.



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 or 333-5656.

Summer Kids Science Program

Do you want to learn more about science and how the world around you works? Do you want to try awesome science experiments with your friends? If so, please join us this summer for the Kids Science Club! This fun club will allow kids of all ages to learn more about science and have fun at the same time! This weekly program meets **every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.** at the **Learning Resource Center (2044-A Orchard St.)**. Kids of all ages are welcome to join; however, children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, please contact our Family Relations Graduate Assistant, Lauren Karr, at 333-5656 or LKarr1@illinois.edu.

Bowling at the Union

Do you enjoy bowling? We will be bowling at the Illini Union on **Monday, July 13**. We will meet at the **Family & Graduate Housing office** at **6:15 p.m.** The cost is only \$2 per person. If you would like to join in on the fun, email Becca at rthinn2@illinois.edu.

Baby Einstein Video Series

Are you looking for new and fun ways to entertain your infant and toddler? Then we have the answer for you—the Baby Einstein Video Series. Each video explores a new and exciting topic, such as music, nature, and colors, which will hold your child's attention. Each topic is presented using music, puppets, and other visual images. You can come to borrow a video at the **Family & Graduate Housing office**. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Karr at 333-5665 or lkarr1@illinois.edu.

Sewing Room Hours

The Sewing Room is open **every Saturday** from **10 a.m. to noon** in the **Learning Resource Center**. Sewing machines and other equipment, including scissors, pins, measuring tapes, and thread, are available for the use of all residents. No appointment necessary—just drop on by! Contact Sewing Room Monitor Feifei Zhan (sewinguiuc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Cooking Club

Come join in the fun! At Cooking Club, you can meet new friends, taste new food, and learn new recipes! Please join us **weekly on Fridays** from **2 to 3 p.m.** in the **Orchard Downs Community Center**. Children are welcome but no child care assistance is available. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Karr at 333-5656 or LKarr1@illinois.edu.

Parent-Child Playgroup

This weekly playgroup meets **every Saturday** at **10 a.m.** at the **Family Resource Center (1834-A Orchard St.)**. These playgroups provide an opportunity to learn new activities to do with your children that enhance their growth and development. Playgroups are also a great way to meet other parents, share activities and conversations, and make new friends (for yourself and your children)! Children should be 5 years old or younger. If you have any questions, please contact our Family Relations Graduate Assistant, Lauren Karr, at 333-5656 or LKarr1@illinois.edu.

Welcome to the World

At Family & Graduate Housing, we consider babies to be a joy! For this reason, we would like to welcome your newborn into the Orchard Downs community with a small 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 Lauren Karr at 333-5656 or LKarr1@illinois.edu.

Toddler & Preschooler Playgroup

From **10 to 11 a.m.** on **Wednesday, July 15** we will have a Toddler and Preschooler playgroup. The theme will be “Summer Bugs.” We will do activities about the creepy crawlers of summertime. This event will be held at the **Orchard Downs Community Center**.

Little Touch Leap Pad

Do you have a child 6–36 months old? Are you looking for new ways to entertain and educate your child? Then Little Touch Leap Pad is for you. Little Touch Leap Pad introduces your child to the ABCs, letter sounds, numbers, shapes, and colors. Family & Graduate Housing has purchased one Little Touch Leap Pad for residents to check out for up to one week. If you have any questions, please contact Lauren Karr at lkarr1@illinois.edu.



FHC Public Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2009

The public meeting started at 6 p.m. in the presence of the FHC president, FHC board members and employees, community aides, and some residents.

The FHC president, Bhupinder Farmaha, welcomed all attendees, and the meeting session started with pizza and drinks.

The vice-president, Adarsh Radadia, introduced the new NN distributor, Sophie Dewayani, who talked a little about herself.

The vice-president also announced that the treasurer position is open due to the fact that Jeff Tschirhar will not be able to continue on as FHC treasurer. The president and vice-president asked the attendees to encourage friends to apply for the position.

Jeff Tschirhar talked about his experience as the FHC treasurer and his willingness to remain on the position until his replacement is found. The president and vice-president thanked Jeff for his initiative and he discussed the monthly budget.

The president asked the attendees for suggestions of future events that the FHC would organize along with the community. Some of the mentioned ideas were ice cream social, outdoor movie section, and garage sale.

Some dates were suggested for the garage sale to take place on Saturday, July 18 or 25, but they still need to be confirmed. The confirmed date, location, and time will be later published and advertised to the entire Orchard Downs community.

Both president and vice-president noticed the absence of some employees and encouraged all of them to make an effort to attend the FHC meetings. They asked the employees to notify someone in case s/he cannot attend the meetings.

After asking if there were any more issues the attendees would like to discuss, the FHC president, Bhupinder Farmaha, ended the meeting by thanking everyone for being present.

CORRECTION: In Issue 26, Volume 36, June 26, 2009 of the *Neighborly News* there was a mistake regarding Tholani Hlongwa's profile. She lives in the Orchard Downs community only with her son, and not with her two adopted nephews as it was published.

Kite-Making & Flying Event

Join the community aides on **Saturday, July 18 from 2 to 5 p.m.** at the **Orchard Downs Community Center** for a fun and creative kite-making event. Family & Graduate Housing will provide all the materials to make a variety of kites, such as the Indian Fighter, Korean Bird, Chinese Emperor, Origami Kite and many more. After making and decorating the kites, we will fly the kites outside. All residents are welcome to participate and join this big fun event.

The kites require some assembly; therefore, adults must accompany all children under 12. Some light refreshments will be provided. So mark your calendars for July 18! If you have more questions, or if you are interested in volunteering on the day of the event, please contact Pankaj Sarin at p-sarin@illinois.edu.

Are you a new or returning student to the U of I? Do you need an inexpensive car to get around Champaign-Urbana? Well, Worden Martin Nissan has the car for you! We offer new and used, imports and domestic cars. We have the car that fits your needs! All U of I students receive special Worden Martin employee discounts and rebates. Contact Jonathan Patterson at 217-352-8910 or at jpatterson@wordenmartin.com for more information and to receive the special pricing. (This is a paid advertisement.)



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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. MultiCultural Health Center office hours will be held on **Wednesdays** from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CCCHC Thursday Clinic/HeRMES Thursday Clinic

The Champaign County Christian Health Center (CCCHC) offers clinic services the **2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6 to 8 p.m.** for walk-in appointments at the MCHC. The clinic will be staffed with a physician and/or a nurse practitioner. Services will include, but not be limited to: general health concerns, physical exams, nutrition education, referrals to community services, skin problems, exercise and weight management, colds or other respiratory infections, medical screenings, and more.

The HeRMES Thursday Evening Clinic (**1st and 3rd Thursdays 6 to 8 p.m. at the MCHC**) provides primary physician care. Treatment is offered for many health concerns, including, but not limited to, general health issues, nutrition education, preventive health care, seasonal colds and the flu, other respiratory infections, aches and pains, and much more.

Please take advantage of these free services. For more information, please contact CCCHC at 398-2914, visit www.ccchc2003.org, or contact MCHC graduate assistant Paul Morgan at pamorgan1@gmail.com.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Services

This program is offered **every other Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.** at the **MultiCultural Health Center**. These services are provided for women, infants, and children, and are offered by the Champaign Urbana Public Health District. Established clients have access to case managers and coupons. Coupon distribution and arrangement must be made in advance with Cathy Ito, R.N., M.S., at cito@c-uphd.org. Services for WIC participants include supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education and counseling at WIC clinics, and screenings and referrals for other health services, welfare, and social services. Additional medical screenings can be made at CUPHD (www.cuphd.org). For more information, contact Cathy Ito (cito@c-uphd.org, 531-4311) or MCHC graduate assistant Paul Morgan at pamorgan1@gmail.com.

The MCHC also offers a weigh-in program for infants. Bring your baby to the MultiCultural Health Center **every other Friday from 1 to 4 p.m.** to have your baby's weight checked. We will also be distributing cards that will enable you to keep track of your baby's weight. If you have any questions about this program, please email Paul Morgan at pamorgan1@gmail.com.

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