



Neighborly News



Family Housing Council

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Weekly Reminders

Saturday, December 1

Sewing Room 10am at LRC
Movie & a Snack 1pm at FRC

Monday, December 3

International Friendship Group 1:30pm
at LRC
Urbana Library Trip 6pm at FGH

Tuesday, December 4

Parent/Child Playgroup 10am at FRC
Cooking Club 2pm at CC

Thursday, December 6

Meijer Trip 5:45pm at FGH

Saturday, December 8

Sewing Room 10am at LRC

Pest Control:

On Monday, December 3, apartments 2068: A-D; 2069: A-D; 2077: A-D; and 2078: A-D will be treated. On Friday, December 7, apartments 2079: A-D; 2101:101-104, 201-204, and 301-304 will be treated. To request treatment, visit the website below.

Submit Maintenance Requests to:

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

FHC Monthly Public Meeting

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 30 at 5:45pm at the CC. Join us for snacks and drinks. All residents are welcome.

FHC Meeting to Focus on Resident Safety

Please join the Family Housing Council (FHC) for their monthly public meeting on **Friday, November 30 at 5:45pm** in the **Community Center**. The topic of this month will be public safety in Orchard Downs and on campus.

Officer Matthew J. Ballinger from Campus Police will be attending this meeting to give us some advice on how to stay safe, especially during this time of the year when darkness falls so early in the evening. We will also be discussing how to react in a potentially dangerous situation, like being followed or approached by a stranger, as well as theft and the security of our personal belongings both on campus and in our neighborhood.

Pizza and refreshments will be served for everyone attending. We encourage all residents to come to this informative meeting.

Urbana Free Library Trip

Looking for a quiet place to study? Join us on **Monday, December 3** from **6-9pm** as we travel to the Urbana Free Library. The library features lots of comfy couches, quiet study rooms, and a café. We will leave from the **FGH Office** at **6pm** and will return by 9pm. If you have any questions, please contact Carie at cbiresc2@uiuc.edu or Samantha at kunze@uiuc.edu. Hope to see you there!

Crisis Nursery Children's Holiday Shop Welcomes Volunteers

Volunteers are needed again this year to assist children at the 15th annual Children's Holiday Shop while their parents wait for them outside the store. This is a fundraiser for the Crisis Nursery, and a family tradition for both shoppers and volunteers. Volunteers help children shop, fill out gift cards, and wrap presents. Dates for volunteering (and shopping) are: **December 1 (10am-noon, 3-6pm); December 2 (3-5pm); December 9 (noon-3pm, 3-5pm); December 9 (clean-up from 5-8pm) and December 10 (inventory and clean-up from 11am-2pm or 2-5pm)**. The Children's Holiday Shop also welcomes groups who would like to decorate gift bags. For more information, call 337-2731 or visit the Crisis Nursery website at www.crisisnursery.net.



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.

Social Hour

Would you like to meet new people? Come to the Orchard Downs Social Hour on **Friday, November 30** from **7:30–9:30pm** at Murphy's Pub on 604 East Green Street. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle with your neighbors and have some fun. At Murphy's, you can order food and drinks and play billiards and cards, so be sure to bring some money with you. You must be 19 years of age or older to enter Murphy's. We will leave from the FGH Office bus stop on the MTD bus at **7pm**. You may also feel free to drive your own car and meet us there. If you have any questions or would like to register for this event, please contact Carie at cbiresc2@uiuc.edu or Samantha at kunze@uiuc.edu. Hope to see you there!

Movie and a Snack: Correction

Please note: There was a mistake in the previous article regarding December's Movie and a Snack event. It will be held **Saturday, December 1** at **1pm** in the **Family Resource Center (apt. 1834-A)**. In honor of the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah we will be showing a documentary about the holiday and making latkes, which are potato pancakes traditionally served during Hanukkah. If you have any questions, please contact Carie at cbiresc2@uiuc.edu or Amanda at amandaj@uiuc.edu. Hope to see you there!

No Spanish/English Coffee Club

The Spanish/English Coffee Club will be discontinued for the month of December and indefinitely afterward. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda at amandaj@uiuc.edu.

Parent/Child Playgroup

This weekly playgroup will be held **Tuesdays every week this semester** from **10–11:30am** at the **Family Resource Center (apartment 1834-A)**. 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. If you have questions, contact Amanda at 333-5656 or amandaj@uiuc.edu.

International Friendship Group

Are you interested in getting to know others in the community? Do you like to do arts and crafts? Join us for our weekly International Friendship Group held on **Mondays every week this fall semester** from **1:30–2:30pm** in the **Learning Resource Center (apartment 2044-A)**. Children are welcome but no child care assistance is available. Parents are responsible for the supervision and safety of their children. If you have questions, contact Amanda at 333-5656 or amandaj@uiuc.edu.

Cooking Club

Do you like to try new recipes and eat good food? Then Cooking Club is for you! Feel free to participate in the cooking or just watch, and then we'll all eat! Cooking Club will meet on **Tuesdays from 2–3pm every week this fall semester** at the **Community Center**. 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.

Meijer Shopping Trips

Orchard Downs residents will board the bus at **Family & Graduate Housing Office** at **5:45pm** to go directly to Meijer for shopping. **Thursday, December 6** and **Tuesday, December 18** are the upcoming scheduled Meijer shopping trip dates. Shopping trips and other program information is available for easy viewing through our web calendar at <http://webtools.uiuc.edu/calendar/Calendar?callId=954>.

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.

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 borrow a Baby Einstein video from the Family & Graduate Housing Office.



People from Taiwan Needed for Language Experiments

Native speakers of Chinese from Taiwan are needed for a language experiment. If you are interested, please contact Kent Lee at kentlee7@gmail.com.

The Chinese Character Reading Study is a 50–60 minute computer experiment at Kent Lee’s lab, in which you name aloud Chinese characters or answer questions about characters. Participants will receive \$8. There is also a 15-20 minute paper survey about Chinese characters for another \$3, and possibly an opportunity for a second computer experiment. The experiments are done at 1424 Beckman (Wright & University, north of the Union). The results are for dissertation research, and will contribute to a scientific understanding of reading processes and Chinese script.

Qualifications: Must be a Native Mandarin speaker from Taiwan (who uses traditional characters), ages 1--40 years old, with a valid ID (UIUC ID or other legal ID), and who lived in Taiwan until at least age 15 or later. (Participants must have no reading impairments or other impairments.)

Location: Educational Psychology Psycholinguistics Lab, 1424 Beckman Institute

Available times: weekday daytime hours, weekday evenings, Saturdays, and Sunday afternoons, including winter break. Email Kent Lee at kentlee7@gmail.com and let him know what times are convenient for you.

Share Your Custom in the NN

Would you like to share your culture with other residents? The Neighborly News is interested in hearing about a special custom from your hometown or home country (such as a festival, holiday, or food-related or musical tradition). We will print submissions in future newsletters as space allows. Submissions should be no longer than 100 words, and can be sent to elukehar@uiuc.edu. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity.

Around Campus

Cosmopolitan Club Coffee Hours

Are you interested in meeting people from different cultures? The Cosmopolitan Club holds international coffee hours throughout the fall and spring semester. At these events, coffee, tea, and homemade ethnic desserts are served. International and American students, both club members and non-members, are all welcome. Coffee hours are good opportunities to meet people from around the world and to learn about other cultures. The club is located at 307 East John Street in Champaign. You can learn more about Cosmopolitan Club and check out the spring coffee hour schedule at www.prairienet.org/cosmo. The next event will celebrate St. Nicholas Day, and will be held on **Thursday, December 6** from 7:30–9:30pm.

Around the World Wednesdays at Spurlock Museum

Around the World Wednesdays are back at the Spurlock Museum! The last session before winter break will be held on **Wednesday, December 5**, between **9:30am and noon**. Children and their parents are invited to drop in for a wide variety of culture-based crafts and activities. The Spurlock Museum is located at 600 South Gregory in Urbana. For more information, visit www.spurlock.uiuc.edu.



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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

2040-A Orchard Street

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 Programs & Services

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**. The next program will be held on **Thursday, December 20**. Some of the services that will be offered include Illinois Diabetes Control Program, Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Programs, HIV/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.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

This program will be offered every other Friday afternoon from 1-4pm 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.

Thursday Clinic Services

The Champaign County Christian Health Center (CCCHC) offers clinic services on the **second and fourth Thursday evenings of the month** from 6-9pm. The clinic will be staffed with a physician and/or a nurse practitioner. The HeRMES group provides services on the **first and third Thursday evenings of the month** from 6-9pm. Nurses, nutritionists, and other health care professionals are also available during this time. For more information, contact Lin Yang at linyang3@uiuc.edu.

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