



Neighborly News

Family Housing Council

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Weekly Reminders

Saturday, December 15

Sewing Room 10am at LRC
Tae Bo 10am at CC
Spurlock Museum Trip 1pm at FGH
Last Day of Finals

Monday, December 17

Bean Soup Project 1pm at LRC

Tuesday, December 18

Parent/Child Playgroup 10am at FRC
Cooking Club 2pm at CC
Meijer Trip 5:45pm at FGH

Thursday, December 20

Winter Crafts Workshop 1pm at CC

Pest Control:

On Monday, December 17, apartments 2111: 101-104, 201-204, and 301-304; and 2113: 301-304 will be treated. On Friday, December 21, apartments 2113:101-104 and 201-204; and 2201: 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

There will be no FHC meeting during December because of the holiday break. The next FHC meeting will be held on Friday, January 25 at 5:45pm at the CC.

Housing Facilities: Responding to Winter Weather Concerns

The Housing Facilities staff continually reviews weather conditions as they develop in the winter, and we plan behind the scenes to provide service. This planning occurs at the area level and with the central Facilities Operations Office.

We ask that you any submit concerns (snowy streets, parking lots, sidewalks, etc.) to us with an iService Desk request. There may be something we or our colleagues from Facilities & Services may have missed, or there may be an event or need in the area of which we are not aware.

The most expedient way for us to address your needs is to respond to an iService request. We also encourage you to call or contact our staff for assistance at any time. After business hours please contact 333-2779—this number will connect you with the Maintenance Inspector who is on duty until midnight daily, or to the Facilities After Hours on-call staff member.

Meeting in Spanish (Reunión en Español)

If you are a Spanish speaker, join us on **Sunday, December 16** in the **Community Center**. We will be there starting at 6pm with music, drinks, some dancing, and also a Christmas toast. It will be a potluck, so please bring your favorite dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Julieta Frank at jfrank1@uiuc.edu.

Leaving Apartment over Winter Break?

Will you be going away for winter break? Before you leave, please note the following tips:

- Have a neighbor check your apartment daily while you are gone. If there is any damage, please have them report it to the Family & Graduate Housing Office as soon as possible.
- Notify the paper carrier to stop delivery of your newspaper while you are away.
- Contact the Post Office to have the delivery of your mail stopped until you return.
- Do not turn off your heat. Leave your thermostat set at 60 degrees so your pipes will not freeze. You will be charged for any damages if the pipes do freeze.
- Turn down your telephone volume so that it cannot be heard outside.
- Lock your doors and close and lock all your windows. Close your blinds or drapes.

Knowing that your apartment is secure may help you to enjoy your vacation while you are away. Have a safe trip and enjoy the break!



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.

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.

Cooking Club: Gingerbread Cookie Workshop

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**. Join us on **Tuesday, December 18, 2–4pm** at the **CC** for a special two-hour Cooking Club workshop, when we will bake and decorate gingerbread cookies for everyone to eat and take home! 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 Trip

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

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.

Bean Soup Project

For the winter holiday season, as a goodwill gesture, we will host a “bean soup project” on **Monday, December 17** at the **Community Center** from **1 to 4pm** instead of the usual International Friendship Group. We need volunteers to package ingredients and recipes for different types of bean soup. These packages will later be delivered to a food bank for those in need. All we need is your time. Feel free to bring your friends and neighbors along. Please contact Amanda at amandaj@uiuc.edu or 333-5665.

Pajama Party

All kids are invited to join us on **Friday, December 14** from **6:30–8:30pm** at the **Community Center** for a Pajama Party! This will be a great opportunity for parents to get a couple of hours to themselves while the kids hang out, play games, and watch movies. This event is free of charge and food will be provided. Questions? Contact Carie at cbiresc2@uiuc.edu or Samantha at kunze@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 to 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 by **Friday, December 21, 2007**.

Spurlock Museum Trip

The Spurlock Museum, located on campus, has over 43,000 objects in its artifact collection that come from all over the world. Join us as we travel to the museum from **1–4pm on Saturday, December 15**. The museum's Learning Center and permanent galleries will be open for children to explore. We will leave from the **FGH Office** at **1pm** and will return by 4pm. Registration is required for this event. If you would like to register or have any questions, please contact Carie at cbiresc2@uiuc.edu.

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.

Winter Crafts & Peppermint Bark Workshop

During this snowy time when school is out, would you like to enjoy a fun afternoon for both parents and children? Stop by the **Community Center** on **Thursday, December 20** from **1–4pm!** Adults will have the chance to learn to make a traditional wintertime candy called peppermint bark, while the children can make a variety of winter crafts. For details, please contact Amanda (amandaj@uiuc.edu), Samantha (kunze@uiuc.edu), or Carie (cbiresc2@uiuc.edu) or call 333-5665.



Play it Safe around the Ponds

As you have probably noticed, there are lovely ponds at the Arboretum, which is located along Lincoln Avenue. Although this is a beautiful and convenient area for walks, these areas are dangerous for children to play around. During the winter months, the surface of the ponds often freezes. Since it can be difficult to tell whether ice on a pond is completely frozen over, please don't venture out onto the ponds! It can be very dangerous to attempt to walk or ice skate on these ponds. If you have children, please instruct them not to play close to the ponds. We thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe.

Ideas for Kids Playing Indoors

Winter weather is here, and so are short and gray days. Now is the time to take advantage of indoor activities and have fun enjoying this special season. Below you will find ideas about what to do. Cold days are with us, but we can still be creative!

- Read a good book
 - Have an indoor picnic
 - Learn some magic tricks
 - Start making holiday ornaments, cards, and gifts
 - Learn to play a musical instrument
 - Play dress-up
 - Make a scrapbook of summer activities
 - Memorize a poem
 - Clean under your bed
 - Write letters to your family and friends in your home city, state, or country
 - Sort out your toy box
 - Invite friends to play at home
 - Bake cookies (with your parents' help)
 - Do a puzzle
 - Make glitter snowflakes
 - Make collages
 - Play board games
 - Make a treasure hunt
 - Learn where countries are on the globe or map
 - Start a collection, such as coins or postcards from different countries
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Goodwill: Inexpensive Clothing and Household Items

Goodwill Industries sells quality donated used clothing for adults and children at a reasonable price. Household items are also available to purchase here. Located at 1102 North Prospect in Champaign, Goodwill is open **Monday through Saturday from 9am-7pm**, and on **Sundays from noon-6pm**. For more information, call the store at 356-4021.

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.



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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 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.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

This program will be offered **every other Friday afternoon** from 1 to 4pm at the **MultiCultural Health Center**. The next service will be provided on **Friday, December 14**. 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 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.

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