Apartment Lease Renewal Begins April 1

All current Family & Graduate Housing standard leases end at 12:00 noon on July 31, 2017. If you would like to return to your Family & Graduate Housing Apartment next year, online Lease Renewal for 2017-2018 begins April 1. The online Lease Renewal site will allow you to request to return to your current apartment or transfer to another apartment within the Family & Graduate Housing community. If you do not want to renew your lease for next year, you must also visit the online Lease Renewal site to decline your lease renewal. Lease Renewal will be available through April 30.

Your University account must not have an overdue balance and you must provide proof of University affiliation for the 2017-2018 academic year to renew your lease. You will need to meet one of the following criteria to be eligible to renew your lease for next year:

- Enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic year as an upper-division undergraduate or graduate student.
- Employed by the University of Illinois as a full-time faculty/staff member or a post-doc for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Enrolled for the 2017-2018 academic year as an undergraduate student and will have immediate family members (spouse, child, or parent) living with you in your apartment.
- Classified as a University Visiting Scholar for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Further information about Lease Renewal will be delivered to your apartment and sent to your email address this month. Please contact the Family & Graduate Housing office if you have any questions regarding the Apartment Lease Renewal process.

Announcing NO Rent Increase for 2017-2018

We have great news! To continue providing affordable housing for all students, faculty, staff, and Visiting Scholars, we are happy to announce there will be no rent increases for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Graduating This Semester?

Residents who are graduating or losing their University affiliation for any reason must submit an Early Termination of Lease Request form to the Family & Graduate office if vacating their apartment prior to July 31, 2017. Forms are available online at the University Housing website (http://www.housing.illinois.edu/tools/forms-documents) or at the Family & Graduate Housing office. Residents are billed for rent a minimum of 45 days from the day their completed Early Termination of Lease Request form is returned to the Family & Graduate Housing office. We strongly encourage residents to complete this form as soon as they know their preferred apartment vacate date.
March 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 apartments@illinois.edu or 333-5656.

Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party
Come out to the Orchard Downs Community Center on Thursday, March 2 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for Dr. Seuss’ Birthday Party! We will have Dr. Seuss themed food, crafts, and activities. All residents are welcome to join.

Family Housing Council Social Night: Movie Night & Game Night
Please join the Family Housing Council (FHC) for resident socials on Saturday, March 4 (movie night) and Saturday, March 18 (game night) starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. Bring your favorite game and a friend!

The Relationship Workshop
Are you seeking advice for building relationships that are happy and satisfying? Join us at the Orchards Down Community Center on Tuesday, March 7 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Knowing the basic principles of healthy relationships gives us meaning, fulfillment, and excitement in both happy and sad times. Join us for tips on strengthening your relationships presented by Jungeun Kim from The Counseling Center. Small snack included; childcare will not be provided for this event, but coloring sheets will be provided for small children who attend.

ECO-Family Fest
In honor of the 7th Annual Campus Ecofeminism Summit on campus, Orchard Downs and the Women’s Resources Center invites you to the Eco-Family Fest for an afternoon of activities for the whole family. These activities are designed to celebrate our planet and connect students and their families to green living! The Eco-Family Fest will be held at the Orchard Downs Community Center on Sunday, March 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Resident Appreciation Raffle at Orchard Downs
Come join Family and Graduate Housing on Monday, March 13 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center as we celebrate all our residents. Prizes include rent credit, blenders, movie night, fit bits, and Illini gear. Raffle will begin at 6:15 p.m. so don’t be late. Contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu with any questions.

Sleepy Story Time
Join us on Wednesday, March 15 at the Orchard Downs Community Center from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for our Sleepy Story Time. Families with young children are welcome to attend, and we will read a series of bedtime stories and serve hot cocoa!

Birthday Bingo
March Birthday Bingo will be on Thursday, March 16 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. Please come enjoy bingo games and prizes. Also, do not forget about birthday cake! Happy Birthday to you March babies!

Trip to St. Louis, MO
The St. Louis bus trip will be on Saturday, April 8. We will be going to the Gateway Arch and the Saint Louis Zoo. Adults are $15. Children are $10. Registration will begin on Monday, March 20 at 9:00 a.m. Follow this link to register: http://go.illinois.edu/StLouisBusTrip.

Daylight Savings Time
Daylight Saving Time is the practice of changing the clocks forward one hour from standard time during the summer months and changing them back again in the fall. Remember to “spring ahead” and set your clocks forward 1 hour on Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m. Credit for Daylight Saving Time belongs to Benjamin Franklin, who first suggested the idea in 1784. The idea was revived in 1907, when William Willett, an Englishman, proposed a similar system in the pamphlet The Waste of Daylight.

Unofficial St. Patrick’s Day
On Friday, March 3, you may see some community members wearing green and drinking alcohol to celebrate Unofficial St. Patrick's Day. The University does not support these activities. If you see anyone that may need help, please contact the police at 911.
Free Nutrition Workshops for Families with Kids

Learn how to plan meals on a budget and prepare healthy meals for you and your family. Come for free food, incentives, recipes, and to earn a certificate from the U of I Extension Office. This 9-week course will occur on Mondays from March 6 through May 8 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. at the Learning Resource Center (2044-A Orchard Street). Please sign up to participate at http://tinyurl.com/FGHNutritionclass (space is limited and registration is required). Contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu with questions.

Sewing Room (Changed to 1st and 3rd Saturdays)

The Sewing Room is open on March 4 and 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Learning Resource Center (Orchard Downs apartment 2044-A). Sewing machines and other equipment including scissors, pins, measuring tape, and thread are available for residents to use. The Sewing Room monitor is Patricia León (email: paleonfotografia@gmail.com).

Parent-Child Playgroup

Come play and learn with us! Parent-Child Playgroup will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Resource Center (1834-A). Caregivers and children ages five and under participate in fun and educational activities, such as crafts, music, story time, and snacks. Contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu with any questions.

Welcome to the World

Babies are a sign of hope and bring much joy to our lives. At Family & Graduate Housing, we would like to welcome your newborn to our community with a small gift. This is our way of saying, “Welcome to the World!” If you have recently welcomed a new baby into your family, please contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu or the Family & Graduate Housing office at (217) 333-5656.

Women’s Support Group

Come join us for tea and conversation. The Women’s Support Group is a comfortable space for women to bond and learn new skills while supporting each other. There will be weekly workshops on a variety of topics such as art, cooking, stress-management, parenting, and more. This group will meet Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Family Resources Center (Orchard Downs 1834-A). Childcare will be provided. For more information, please contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu.

Yoga & Meditation Happy Hour

Join us for Yoga on Mondays from 6:00–7:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center, 510 George Huff Drive. The Art of Living - UIUC Chapter has been a registered student organization at UIUC since 2014. Its aim is to promote the mental, emotional and physical well-being of members of the campus community with the help of yoga, meditation and breathing techniques. This is based on the belief that a stress-free individual builds a stress-free and violence-free society. The Yoga and Meditation Happy Hour will be a fun-filled session where you will practice yoga, meditation and breathing techniques to help the overworked mind settle down and let your inner peace shine through. Come, be happy!

International Women’s Connection

The International Women’s Connection (IWC) is a friendship & cultural exchange group that was started in 1987. Since then, hundreds of women have had the opportunity to practice English, make friends and learn about American culture. The group meets every Wednesday from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for a free English class and from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. for various activities to help you adjust to American life. The location for the meetings is Twin City Bible Church, on the corner of Lincoln & Michigan Avenue, Urbana (approximately 6 blocks northwest of Orchard Downs). The IWC welcomes women of all nationalities or religious background and any level of English fluency. Childcare is also provided. For more information, visit www.iwc-tcbc.weebly.com or email Ruth at ruth.krehbiel@gmail.com.

The Krannert Center – Free Concert

The Krannert Center for Performing Arts is having a free concert on Sunday, March 5 at 3:00 p.m. The Ukrainian National Symphony Orchestra will be doing a show for students, friends, and family. Please call (217) 333-6280 or 800-KCPATIX (800-527-2849) for reservations.
The MultiCultural Health Center hosts a free medical clinic every Thursday from 6:00–8:00 p.m. This is a walk-in clinic staffed by volunteer medical students and supervised by a licensed medical professional. For several years, HeRMES has operated in partnership with area health clinics that serve the uninsured and underserved of Illinois.

**Clinic Hours**

Please call (217) 265-6267 to make an appointment during the scheduled hours listed below. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Wednesday**  4–6 p.m.  
**Thursday**  5–8 p.m.

For more information, please contact Robert King at rking10@illinois.edu.

**HeRMES:** Every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30.

**WIC Hours:** Friday, March 3 & Friday, March 17 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**CCCHC Services:** Champaign County Christian Health Center is a non-profit clinic in our community located at Presence Community Resources Center on Wright St. on the Presence Hospital Campus, with a satellite office at the MultiCultural Health Center by appointment only. Please contact CCCHC through the appointment line, (217) 402-LOVE (5683), if you need assistance with primary care. For more information, visit: http://ccchc2003.org.

**Woman, Infants and Children (WIC) Services:** WIC services are provided for women, infants and children and are offered by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. Services for WIC participants include supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, counseling, screenings and referrals to other health services, welfare and social services, and immunizations for children.