FINAL FLING 2017 – SATURDAY, MAY 13 AT NOON

Celebrate the end of the semester at the Orchard Downs Community Center and kick off summer and new adventures. Our space-themed event will have music, games, free lunch, prizes, and fun for everyone. We hope to see you there!

NO BUS SERVICE ON ORCHARD STREET FROM MAY 1 TO MID-SEPTEMBER, 2017

Construction crews will be repaving the entire length of Orchard Street from Florida Avenue to George Huff Drive this summer and early fall. Although we are excited to have this new road, there will be some temporary adjustments required to allow for this construction project. One big change is that there will be no bus service on Orchard during the road project.

Please review the following information regarding changes to MTD and school bus service:

- All bus stops on Orchard from Florida to George Huff will no longer be in service as of May 1, 2017. All three bus shelters currently located on Orchard will be removed by MTD the last weekend in April. The bus shelter currently located on George Huff (OD South Bus Shelter) will remain.

- MTD bus stops will be available to residents at the following locations: intersection of Florida and Orchard (SW & NW corners); intersection of Florida and Race (SW & SE corners); intersection of Race and Mumford (NW & SE corners); intersection of Race and George Huff (NW & SW corners); intersection of George Huff and Orchard (NE (OD South Bus Shelter) & SW corners). Please consult the MTD bus website (https://www.cumtd.com/) for a map and daily time schedule for each of these locations.

- The Race Street bus stops can be reached by using the sidewalks that run between Orchard Downs buildings #1962 and #1970; #2006 and #2010; and #2024 and #2030.

- Elementary school children will continue to be picked up in these current locations: the stop sign at George Huff and Hazelwood Drive, the Community Center, and the stop sign at George Huff and Orchard. Additional stops on Meadow and Mumford going south on Race are available during construction. Students using any other bus pick-up locations on Orchard will need to go to one of these five stops. Middle school and high school students will follow the directions to the MTD bus stops on Race. We apologize for the inconvenience and we encourage parents to walk your kids to the bus stops if possible.

ORCHARD STREET ROAD REPLACEMENT PROJECT BEGINS MAY 1

The entire Orchard Street road from Florida Avenue to George Huff Drive will be replaced between May and mid-September. In addition, two Orchard Downs parking lots (Lot D & G), the entire length of Hazelwood Drive and Orchard Street between parking Lot K and George Huff will be repaved.

Orchard will be repaved in phases and allow residents access to their parking lot for almost the entire project. There will be a few instances when parking lots will need to be closed and all cars relocated for a few weeks. Residents will be notified of these parking lot closures well in advance of the lot closure date.
May 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.

All programs are in the Orchard Downs Community Center, 510 George Huff Drive unless noted.

Birthday Bingo
Thursday, May 4 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Join us for a night of games and prizes. Also, do not forget about birthday cake! Happy Birthday to May babies!

Mother’s Day Luncheon
Saturday, May 6 from noon–2:00 p.m.
Join us in celebrating our mothers with food, crafts, and activities such as making Mother’s Day cards! All residents are welcome. Contact David and Meredith Riddle (david.and.meredith.riddle@gmail.com) with any questions.

Family Housing Council Social Night
Saturday, May 6 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Please join the Family Housing Council (FHC) for our monthly resident social. Suggestions for future social themes are appreciated!

Mother’s Day Tea
Tuesday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.
As a belated Mother’s Day celebration, everyone is welcome to celebrate the mothers in our community. There will be a variety of teas, bite-sized sandwiches, and snacks for everyone to enjoy along with crafts and activities. Please come out and appreciate all the mothers!

May Flowers Story Time
Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.
This month we will have a reader from the Center for Children’s Books, who will read about the magic of summer and show the kids various songs and rhymes about May. We will also do a small craft, and snacks will be provided. All families welcome; children must be supervised.

Throwback Movie Night
Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m.
The movie will be a classic, family-friendly favorite that children and adults can both enjoy. A popcorn bar will be provided, and the movie will be shown on the projector! We encourage residents to bring blankets and pillows to lay on, and come early to find a spot on the floor.

Family Soccer/Football Tournament
Saturday, May 20 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
The tournament will take place at the soccer field behind the Orchard South Apartments (near the gardens.) We will warm up and practice from 2:00-3:00 p.m., and play from 3:00-5:00 p.m. All ages and abilities welcome! Send any questions to floessharmon@gmail.com.

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Outdoor Fun and Games
Sunday, May 28 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
We will provide games, colored chalk and bubbles for resident children and their parents. All ages are welcome, and children should be accompanied by an adult. Please send any questions to floessharmon@gmail.com.

Chicago Bus Trip
Saturday, June 17
Registration will begin Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m.
Adults are $15. Children are $10. We have one drop off and pick up location at Museum Campus. The link to register is http://go.illinois.edu/ChicagoBusTrip.

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Residents will be able to access current road construction updates on the University Housing website: http://go.illinois.edu/Orchard_Street_Project. Orchard Downs residents will also receive email updates regarding the road project at the beginning and end of each phase. In addition, Family & Graduate Housing staff will be available to answer any questions about this project during normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday).

The first phase of the road project will close Orchard between Florida and Orchard Place. We expect that Phase One occur from May 1–26, 2017. If there are weather delays, we may have to extend the timeline. Parents are expected to monitor their children when they are outside and make sure that they stay clear of road construction sites.

Please review these important points related to Phase One (May 1 – 26, 2017) of the road project:

- From April 27 – 29, 2017 there will be some sidewalk construction at the bus stop located at the corner of Florida and Orchard. Access to the bus stop at this corner will remain available during the sidewalk construction project.

- Access to Orchard Place apartments and the Family & Graduate Housing office will be available on foot from anywhere in Orchard Downs or from the bus stop at the intersection of Florida and Orchard.

- Access to Orchard Place apartments, Lot A, or the Family & Graduate Housing office will be available by car from the south end of Orchard only. During Phase One, signs will be posted alerting drivers to this detour route to the Family & Graduate Housing office. If traveling by car, take Florida to Race, go south on Race to George Huff, go west on George Huff to Orchard, then north on Orchard to Orchard Place. At Orchard Place, turn right to access the office. Lot A, located just past the office at the end of Orchard Place, will be available for parking.
Sewing Room in the Learning Resource Center  
(Orchard Downs apt. 2044-A)  
May 6 and May 20 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
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 (paleonfotografia@gmail.com).

Parent-Child Playgroup in the Family Resource Center  
(Orchard Downs apt. 1834-A)  
Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.  
Come play and learn with us! 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 questions.

Welcome to the World  
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 in the Family Resource Center  
(Orchard Downs apt. 1834-A)  
Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.  
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. Childcare will be provided. Contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu with questions.

Yoga and Meditation Happy Hour at the Orchard Downs Community Center  
Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
The Art of Living - UIUC Chapter works 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.

FAMILY HOUSING COUNCIL (FHC) ELECTIONS  
The FHC invites all residents to run for and/or vote for the new board elections. Voting and positions are restricted to residents of the upcoming academic year 2017-2018. The elections will be organized during the FHC meeting on Friday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. Please check all the details about board member’s duties and eligibility in the FHC constitution available online at www.housing.illinois.edu/FHC. If you intend to run for any position, contact Dr. Changyi, FHC Vice President at cyz@illinois.edu and be prepared to talk about your vision to serve our community.

COMING SOON - SUMMER FUN FOR CHILDREN  
Children’s Summer Fun Day Camp – “Deep Sea Adventures” will take place July 10–14 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. every morning at the Orchard Downs Community Center. This free program is open to any child entering Kindergarten through 5th grade. The program will include Bible stories, fun games, interesting crafts, beautiful songs, delicious snacks, and special prizes! Also, a free celebration lunch for all the families will be held Friday, July 14. To register online go to tcbc.cc/daycamp. If you have questions you can email Ruth at ruth.krehbiel@gmail.com. This event is open to children of all nationalities and religious backgrounds.

INDIANAPOLIS BUS TRIP–SATURDAY, MAY 27  
Registration will begin Monday, May 8 at 9:00 a.m. Adults are $15. Children are $10. We will be going to Circle Centre Mall and the Children’s Museum. The link to register is http://go.illinois.edu/IndyBusTrip.

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COMMENCEMENT BRUNCH

Saturday, May 13 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. in SDRP Ikenberry Commons

If you are graduating this year, celebrate 2017 Commencement with a memorable gourmet brunch. Reserve a spot for you and your guests online by May 5 at www.go.illinois.edu/commencementbrunch. Tickets are $15 per person (tax included).

KIDS CLUB SUMMER PROGRAM

Registration takes place Monday, June 5 from 5:00–6:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. There is a $25.00 registration fee for new students.

The summer session will begin Monday, June 12 and continue until Friday, August 4.

Kids’ Club is a free program for children who are residents of University Apartments. Children must be at least 5 years of age and entering kindergarten in the fall. The program is held Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:30 PM at the Orchard Downs Community Center. The after school program offers social, recreational, and educational activities for the children. Children also participate in swimming field trips. The swimming fee is $3.00 per field trip. New families are encouraged to register. Kids’ Club is a great way to make new friends! For additional information please contact the Children’s Programming Coordinator Sara Jenkins at 333-5656 or jenkins@illinois.edu.

MultiCultural Health Center

2040-A Orchard Street

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, May 5 & May 19 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.