E-NEWSLETTER RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER
Welcome to Ashton Woods! Please note that your September newsletter will be arriving by email. Leaseholders automatically receive the Access newsletter each month. Are you a resident but not a leaseholder? You can sign up to receive your own e-newsletter at GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/APARTMENTNEWS. You can also view current and back issues at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/ACCESS.

MEET THE NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANTS
Welcome the new Graduate Assistants for the 2017-2018 academic school year. The new GA’s will begin assisting and coordinating events and programs for University Apartments later in August.

Alexis Gatses: apatses2@illinois.edu – Special Events
Daniela Vidal: dmvidal2@illinois.edu – Family Relations
Morgan Baker: mmbaker4@illinois.edu – Children’s Outreach

ASHTON WOODS WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL COOKOUT
Thursday, August 24 starting at 6:30 p.m. (Courtyard near 2305) Raffle drawings and prizes will conclude the event. Please join us for food and fun!

URBANA SWEET CORN FESTIVAL
Friday, August 25 | 5:00 to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday, August, 26 | 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mark your calendars for the 2017 Sweetcorn Festival. Each year, more than 50,000 people attend. The weekend is filled with live music, fun, and you guessed it, sweet corn! Learn more at URBANASWEETCORNFESTIVAL.COM/ENTERTAINMENT.

FALL FESTIVAL AT THE ORCHARD DOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER
Saturday, August 26 starting at noon at the Orchard Downs Community Center
The fall picnic is a great way to meet your neighbors, community aides, graduate assistants, and celebrate the start of the school year! University and community organizations will be there to answer questions and provide information. Raffle drawings and prizes will conclude the event. For more information, please contact your Community Aide or Family & Graduate Housing at apartments@illinois.edu.

WELCOME WEEK ACTIVITIES AT THE ILLINI UNION
You are invited to join in the festivities during the Illini Union’s Welcome Week!
Visit UNION.ILLINOIS.EDU/SEE-AND-DO/EVENTS/WELCOMEWEEK for more information about Welcome Week, Quad Day, and lots of other fun activities throughout the first week of classes.

TUSCOLA BUS TRIP – SEPTEMBER 9
Our trip to the Outlet Mall in Tuscola, Illinois will be on September 9, 2017. The cost of this trip will be $5 per seat for both adults and children. The online registration for the Tuscola bus trip will begin at 9:00 a.m. on August 21, 2017. The link to register is GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/TUSCOLABUSTRIP. This trip is for FGH residents only. For more information or questions please contact Debbie Collins at dcollns@illinois.edu.
Programs at Orchard Downs

All University Apartment residents are invited to participate in programs at Orchard Downs. All programs are in the Orchard Downs Community Center, 510 George Huff Drive unless noted. See below for more information.

FAMILY HOUSING COUNCIL SOCIAL NIGHTS
Saturday, August 5 | 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 19 | 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Family Housing Council (FHC) for our monthly resident socials. Suggestions for future social themes are appreciated!

JOURNEY TO INDONESIA
Sunday, August 20 | 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Join an event featuring food tasting, traditional dance performances, and music from Indonesia! Food, beverage, and door prizes are provided for free on a first-come first-served basis. For more information, please contact Dorothea at ca6sudibyo@gmail.com.

DENTAL FAIR
Wednesday, August 23 | 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (1 hour break from noon to 1:00 p.m.)
The MultiCultural Health Center will be conducting a dental fair in the Orchard Downs community for Family and Graduate Housing residents in conjunction with Frances Nelson Health Clinic, Parkland College and Healthy Smiles. The event will provide dental screenings, dental care referrals, and dental education resources for hygiene and disease prevention. Residents who attend this event will sign up to be examined by the dental hygienist who will check for any signs of oral ailments. If there is a need for further services, the residents will be referred for an affordable follow-up examination and treatment at the Smile Healthy Dental Clinic in Champaign, IL or the future Dental Event in Urbana during the spring. There are Pre-Screening Forms available in the FGH office.

BACK TO SCHOOL BINGO PARTY
Wednesday, August 23 | 6:30 p.m.
Enjoy delicious apple snacks while you try to win school supplies and prizes! Raffle drawings will conclude the program.

LENDING ROOM
In August, the Lending Storeroom will be open on Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and also on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The Lending Storeroom is located at 2044-A Orchard Street (entrance to Lending Room is located on the West side of the building/street side).

SEWING ROOM IN THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
(Orchard Downs apt. 2044-A)
August 5 and August 19 | 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Sewing Room Coordinator Balgees will be opening the sewing room on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month 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. Email Balgees at fnubalqees@gmail.com or call (217) 419-9329.

COFFEE HOUSE IN THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
(Orchard Downs apt. 2044-A)
August 12 and August 26 | 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
The purpose of this program is to have morning coffee and get to know your neighbors. It is an opportunity for international discussion and casual conversation, and a way to share your culture and make friends. The Coffee House will be held on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

PARENT-CHILD PLAYGROUP
Caregivers and children ages five and under participate in fun and educational activities such as crafts, music, story time, and snacks. Parent-Child Playgroups will resume at the Family Resource Center in late August. More information will be shared at the Fall Festival on August 26, 2017.

WOMEN’S SUPPORT GROUP IN THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER
(Orchard Downs apt. 1834-A)
Women’s Support Group will restart the end of August after the new graduate assistants are on board. 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. More information will be provided at the Fall Festival on August 26, 2017.

YOGA AND MEDITATION HAPPY HOUR AT THE ORCHARD DOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER
Mondays | 6:30 to 7:30 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.

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 Daniela Vidal at dmvidal2@illinois.edu or the Family & Graduate Housing office at (217) 333-5656.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for October 14, 2017! Consider being a cook for the event. Share food and music while learning about other cultures who live in our community. More details and information about the festival will be in our September issue of the Neighborly News.

PRE-SCHOOL ACCEPTING STUDENTS FOR FALL

The Orchard Downs Pre-School is still accepting registrations for the 2017-2018 school year. For questions and information please email Debbie Collins at dcollns@illinois.edu or call (217) 333-5659. You may also contact the FGH office at (217) 333-5656.

FRIENDS + FUN=KIDS’ CLUB: KIDS’ CLUB FALL REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2017-2018 Kids’ Club will be Monday, August 21 | 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. The fall session will begin Monday, August 28.

Orchard Downs Kids’ Club is a tuition free after school program for children ages 5 to 12. A $25 per child registration fee is due at application. Children must be 5 years of age and entering kindergarten this fall. Families must also be residents of University Apartments. The program is held Monday through Friday from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center. Kids’ Club offers social, recreational and educational for the children. Come join the fun!

New families are encouraged to register. For questions or additional information please contact Sara Jenkins the Children’s Programming Director at (217) 333-5656 or jenkins@illinois.edu.

ORCHARD DOWNS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, August 9 | 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Orchard Downs Community Center. Preschool teacher Jessica Hays and Children’s Program Director Sara Jenkins will be at the center to give tours and answer questions about the Orchard Downs Preschool program. ODPS enrolls children ages 3 to 5 who are potty trained. The Preschool offers a half day class from 9:00 a.m. to noon and a full day class from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information or questions please contact Sara Jenkins at jenkins@illinois.edu.

Daniels Hall Desk

The Daniels Hall Desk, located at 1010 West Green Street, has various equipment available for residents to use free of charge. Need a vacuum cleaner to tidy up your room? Need a bicycle pump to fill up your tires? Then stop by the Daniels Hall Desk, open 24 hours a day to check out any of the following equipment: vacuums, bicycle pumps, a battery charger, a tool box and snow shovels.
### August 2017

**Family & Graduate Housing**  
**Ashton Woods**

**Lending Room Hours:** Saturdays, 9-11am @ LRC 2044-A Orchard Street  
(entrance to Lending Room is located on the West side of the building/ street side)  
AUGUST ONLY Wednesdays 5-7pm

**Sewing Room Hours:** 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 9-11am @ LRC

**IHC Coffee House Hours:** 2nd, 4th and 5th Saturdays, 9-11:30 am @ LRC

**MCHC Office Hours:** Currently there are no office hours

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*Everyone is welcome to attend these events!*

**Location Codes:**  
FGH: Family & Graduate Housing (1841 Orchard Pl)  
FRC: Family Resource Center (1834-A)  
LRC: Learning Resource Center (2044 Orchard St. Apt. A)  
ODCC: Community Center (510 George Huff G.)  
MCHC: MultiCultural Health Center (2040-A)