ONLINE LEASE RENEWAL SITE OPENS APRIL 1

All current Family & Graduate Housing standard leases end at 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.

Note that all residents who wish to renew their lease must not have a delinquent university account balance and must provide proof of university affiliation for the 2017-2018 academic year. 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

Please contact the Family & Graduate Housing office if you have any questions regarding the Apartment Lease Renewal process.

FLEXIBLE APARTMENT LEASES = YES
SUMMER TERMINATION = NO

Residents who are planning to renew their University apartment lease will continue to have a flexible lease for the 2017-2018 academic year. This means residents who are graduating or losing their University affiliation for any other reason (loss of university employment, Visiting Scholar appointment ends) will continue to be able to submit an Early Termination of Lease Request form to the Family & Graduate office if vacating their apartment prior to July 31, 2018. Early Lease Termination Request Forms are available online at the University Housing website www.housing.illinois.edu/tools/forms-documents or at the Family & Graduate Housing office. If the request is approved, residents will continue to be 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.

In the past, residents who wanted to end their lease between May 15 and July 31 were allowed to do so with the summer termination option. Summer termination will no longer be available beginning with the 2017-2018 standard and extended academic year leases. As a result, residents who will be affiliated with the University during the 2018-2019 academic year will not be eligible for early lease termination.

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 www.tcbl.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.
WHAT'S NEW IN UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS FOR 2017-2018?

Here are just a few of the many upcoming changes and projects for the Family & Graduate Housing community.

• There will be no rent increases for the 2017-2018 academic year!

• The window air-conditioning project for Orchard Place/Orchard Downs/Orchard South will continue this spring and summer. By the end of July, all of the second floor apartments in Orchard Place will have a window air-conditioner installed. Another 36 window air-conditioners will be added to Orchard South apartments and 160 window air-conditioners will be installed in Orchard Downs apartments. Family & Graduate Housing hopes to have a University-owned air-conditioner in every Orchard Place/Orchard Downs/Orchard South apartment by the end of summer 2018.

• The entire length of Orchard Street which runs through Orchard Downs will be replaced with a new road. The road project will begin in May and will be completed by the end of September 2017 (weather permitting). During the majority of the road project, residents will still be able to access their parking lot. Bus service will not be possible on Orchard Street during the project, so bus stops will be moved to Race Street. There will still be a bus stop located at the corner of Orchard Street and Florida Avenue. We are excited that our resident cars and bikes will no longer have to deal with large potholes!
SEWING ROOM
(Changed to 1st and 3rd Saturdays) The Sewing Room is open on April 1 and April 15 from 9:00 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 Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 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 brhm2@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 brhm2@illinois.edu or the Family & Graduate Housing office at (217) 333-5656.

GREAT LEADERS WANTED!
Do you know any residents who are great leaders in our community? Then nominate them to be a member of the International Honorary for Leaders in University Apartment Communities (IHLUAC). Every resident of Family and Graduate Housing is eligible to nominate another resident for this honorary. Residents who may be nominated are those who have lived in Family and Graduate Housing for at least one year, have actively participated in a variety of programs, and encouraged the strength and diversity of our community. Remember leaders come in all shapes and sizes and so do their contributions. Past recipients are not eligible for nomination.

Residents will be selected for IHLUAC on the basis of their leadership, service, volunteerism, participation, and positive attitude. Award recipients will be invited to a celebration where they will be honored for their contributions to our community and the recipient’s name will be added to a plaque that is displayed in the Family & Graduate Housing office.

Nominations are currently being accepted and will continue through April 28, 2017. The nomination form is also available at the Family & Graduate Housing office. Please complete the form and scan/email it to cjholt@illinois.edu or return the paper copy to the Family and Graduate Housing Office by Friday, April 28th by 5pm. For questions, please call the Family & Graduate Housing Office and ask to speak with CJ Holtermann.

SOLICITATION NOT ALLOWED IN UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS
The University of Illinois Police Department is asking that anyone who feels harassed by door-to-door solicitors contact the department immediately. Police and the Family & Graduate Housing office have received numerous calls about solicitors from Clearview Energy and PalmCo Energy using aggressive tactics to persuade residents to switch energy suppliers. Those salespeople have been banned from University property, and the police department continues to work on additional solutions.

If a salesperson persists after you have declined an offer, shut the door. Residents should not feel compelled to show anyone their energy bills. Residents should not allow salespeople into their homes — if anyone trespasses into your home without your invitation, call 911 immediately. The safety and comfort of everyone living on university property is a primary focus of the University of Illinois Police Department, and anyone who feels threatened or harassed is encouraged to contact police.

EXCURSIONS
We will be going to Indianapolis on 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 go.illinois.edu/IndyBusTrip.

We will be going to Chicago on 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 go.illinois.edu/ChicagoBusTrip
Family Housing Council
The Orchard Downs Family Housing Council (FHC) is an organization created to safeguard the interest of the residents of Orchard Downs Family & Graduate Housing. The FHC meets monthly at the Orchard Downs Community Center.

For FHC resources such as meeting minutes, constitution, job descriptions, and more at www.housing.illinois.edu/FHC.

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FLOWERS AND PLANTING

The time of year is upon us and in order to make sure everyone is aware of the policies related to flowers and planting. Please remember to talk to your neighbors before you plant to avoid any miscommunications about planting in your neighborhood. Note that residents may plant flowers or other ornamental plants in approved locations. Residents are responsible for following all policy regulations. Please refer to the information in the Resident Handbook on pages 7-9 for regulations and guidelines for planting.

Flowers planted in locations outside the flowerbeds will likely be mowed down by the grounds staff. Vegetables grown at apartment flowerbeds will be removed by grounds staff. Unapproved plants discovered in flowerbeds are considered a lease violation and will be handled accordingly. The approved locations for resident planting are listed on page 9 in the Resident Handbook.

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, April 7 & April 21 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.