**Important Contacts**

**Family & Graduate Housing Office**
Email: apartments@illinois.edu  
Phone: (217) 333-5656  
Hours: Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed on University Holidays)

**University Apartments Complex Coordinator**
Whitney Welsh  
Email: wwelsh2@illinois.edu  
Phone: (217) 300-7157

**After-Hours On-Call Staff**
(217) 649-7705

**FHC Monthly Public Meeting**
Join the Family Housing Council for our monthly meeting on April 13 at 5:45 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center.

**Pest Control:** Pest Management will be performing inspections and monitoring for Orchard Downs apartments 2027–2087, 2101, 2103, and 2105 between April 2–27. Treatment (e.g., exclusion, baiting) performed only as needed. To request treatment, please visit go.illinois.edu/maintenance.

**Submit Maintenance Requests to:**
go.illinois.edu/maintenance

**Study Room**
Apartment 2102-104

**Orchard Downs Computer Lab**
Apartment 2030-A

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**ONLINE LEASE RENEWAL OPENS APRIL 1**

All current Family & Graduate Housing standard and extended leases end at noon on July 31. If you would like to return to your apartment next year, online lease renewal for 2018–2019 begins April 1 at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/RENEW.

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 can also visit the site to decline your lease renewal. The lease renewal site will be available through April 30.

Residents who wish to renew their lease may not have a delinquent university account balance and must provide proof of university affiliation for the 2018–2019 academic year (beginning August 27). You will need to meet one of the following criteria to be eligible to renew your lease for next year:

- enrolled for the 2018–2019 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 2018–2019 academic year.
- enrolled for the 2018–2019 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 2018–2019 academic year.

Please contact the Family & Graduate Housing office if you have any questions regarding lease renewal.

**SOLICITATION IS 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 alternate energy companies 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.

**ORCHARD DOWNS AIR-CONDITIONING PROJECT**

The window air-conditioning project for Orchard Downs and Orchard South will continue this spring and summer. By the end of June, all apartments in Orchard Downs and Orchard South will have a university window air conditioner installed. Electrical work and air conditioner installations began last month and will continue until completed. Residents who will be receiving a new air conditioner are asked to follow all instructions sent to them by email and/or posted on their apartment door. Residents who currently have a personal air conditioner in their living room will have it replaced by a new university-owned air conditioner. The disposal or storage of personal air conditioners will be the responsibility of the resident. The university will no longer be installing air conditioners in apartment bedrooms.
Family Housing Council
Social Night
Saturday, April 7 from 6–7 p.m.
Saturday, April 21 from 5–6 p.m.
Please join the Family Housing Council (FHC) for our monthly resident social.

Birthday Bingo
Tuesday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate all April birthdays with cake, prizes, and bingo. Everyone is welcome to come, and children must be supervised. Contact Alexis Gatses at agatses2@illinois.edu if you have any questions.

International Trivia Night
Wednesday, April 4 at 6 p.m.
Questions will highlight different countries and various cultures around the world. Residents will play on teams, and the winning team will be awarded a prize! Supervision will be provided for children of participants. Snacks will be served. Contact Alexis Gatses at agatses2@illinois.edu if you have any questions.

International Children’s Celebration
Thursday, April 5 at 6:30 p.m.
We will celebrate our community’s diversity with fun activities, snacks, and crafts. Children must be supervised and all families are welcome to attend this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Safety Week: Adult R.A.D. Self-Defense Class
Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.
Learn adult self-defense moves to protect ourselves from danger. Child care will be provided for children age 2 and older.

Safety Week: Bike Safety
Saturday, April 14 from noon to 1 p.m. (Bike Clinic runs until 2 p.m.)
Join us and the wonderful team from Neutral Cycles in learning more about bike safety. We’ll also set up a free bike clinic so you can get back to cycling this spring! And of course, munch on pizza while you learn.

Spring Flower Planting
Saturday, April 21 from 5–7 p.m.
Learn how to plant vegetables and flowers for your home. You will learn how to care for your plant and transfer it to a bigger pot outside your building. Pizza and drinks will be available for participants. Please bring a small cup to plant your vegetable or flower if you have one. Cups will also be provided. We advise that you wear old clothes. For more information, please email a Community Aide: Emily and Mark at floessharmon@gmail.com or Adrian and Sedna at adrianysedna@gmail.com.

Spring Story Hour
Wednesday, April 18 at 6 p.m.
A night of stories and fun! A volunteer will be reading spring-themed stories and we will also be making a craft. All children and parents are welcome to attend and snacks will be provided.

Spurlock Time Machine: Ancient China
Sunday, April 22 from 1–3 p.m.
Spurlock Museum
(600 S Gregory St, Urbana, IL 61801)
This FREE event will take us on a time machine through ancient China and have hands-on artifacts, crafts, and tours of the museum. Transportation is not provided, but there are bus lines close by and plenty of parking available on the street and in nearly parking lots. This is a wonderful event for the whole family and we hope to see you there!

Final Fling
Saturday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m.
Join us at the biggest event of the year! Final Fling is a party for all residents with food, games, and prizes! We will also have some local resources to explore and there will be vegetarian options available on the menu. This event is for all ages, and children must be supervised. Contact Alexis Gatses at agatses2@illinois.edu if you have any questions.
Community Programs

ORCHARD DOWNS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, April 26 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This will be while school is in session to give parents the opportunity to observe the teachers and students in action. Children will also be able to participate in some of the educational activities while visiting.

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

SEWING ROOM IN THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (ORCHARD DOWNS APT. 2044-A)

April 7 and 21 from 9–11 a.m.

Sewing Room Coordinator Balqees will be opening the sewing room these dates. Sewing machines and other equipment including scissors, pins, measuring tape, and thread are available for residents to use. Email Balqees at fnubalqees@gmail.com if you have questions.

COFFEE HOUSE IN THE LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (ORCHARD DOWNS APT. 2044-A)

April 14 and 28 from 10 a.m.–noon

The International Hospitality Committee sponsors a Coffee House at the Learning Resource Center. 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.

PARENT-CHILD PLAYGROUP IN THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (1834-A ORCHARD PLACE)

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 10–11:30 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. There will be no playgroup on Tuesday, April 3. Contact Daniela at dmvidal2@illinois.edu with any questions.

WOMEN’S TEA TIME SUPPORT GROUP IN THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (1834-A ORCHARD PLACE)

Every Wednesday from 10–11:30 a.m.

Come join us for tea and conversation. The Women’s Tea Time 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 many more. Contact Daniela at dmvidal2@illinois.edu for more information.

YOGA AND MEDITATION HAPPY HOUR AT THE ORCHARD DOWNS COMMUNITY CENTER

Mondays from 6:30–7:30 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!

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 2018–2019 academic year. This means residents who are graduating or losing their University affiliation for any reason (including loss of university employment or end of Visiting Scholar appointment) 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, 2019. Early Lease Termination Request Forms are available online at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/FORMS or from 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.

Current residents who will be affiliated with the university during the 2018–2019 academic year may vacate their apartment at any time, although they will be charged rent until July 31, 2018. If the Family & Graduate Housing office is able to fill the vacated apartment with a new leaseholder prior to July 31, then the former resident will not be charged rent past the start date of the new leaseholder.

RESIDENT HANDBOOK

The Family & Graduate Housing Handbook for apartment residents is located online at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/RESOURCES/POLICIES/HANDBOOK. The handbook contains important information regarding apartment services, programs, resources, and policies.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Keep up to date on what is happening at Orchard Downs through Facebook. It’s easy to do. Just open Facebook and search for “Orchard Downs” then click “Like” on the page. That’s it!
MultiCultural Health Center

The MultiCultural Health Center (2040-A) serves as a one-stop shop for resources and guidance about residents’ health and wellness needs. Visit the Center to find useful information and contacts about health, medical facilities, fitness, nutrition, and wellness available on campus and in the community. We will also maintain a running calendar for related programming for Family and Graduate Housing residents.

Center Hours: Wednesday from 3–5 p.m. and Thursday from 6–8 p.m.
This is alongside the free weekly clinic operated in collaboration with HeRMES.

About HeRMES Clinic
The HeRMES free medical clinic 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.

HeRMES Clinic Hours: Thursday from 6–8 p.m. (walk-ins only)
Contact us at mchc@illinois.edu for more information.

Sign up for our Mailing List!
The Multicultural Health Center has a mailing list for all FGH residents, including students, staff, and their family members. Sign up today to receive weekly news, updates, and helpful health and wellness tips at GO.ILLINOIS.EDU/MCHC-SIGNUP.

Spring is here!
As with other seasonal changes, spring can bring specific health concerns for many people. Watch out for pollen counts, available on most weather apps (e.g. AccuWeather) and use safety precautions for allergies! Email mchc@illinois.edu for more tips and resources.

FROM THE FAMILY HOUSING COUNCIL
All programs are in the Orchard Downs Community Center, 510 George Huff Drive unless noted.

FHC MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING
April 13 at 5:45 p.m.

FAMILY HOUSING COUNCIL SOCIAL NIGHT
Saturday, April 7 from 6–7 p.m.
Saturday, April 21 from 5–6 p.m.

GARDEN PLOTS
Registration for the garden plots, sponsored by the FHC, will begin at the meeting on April 13. Interested gardeners should consider attending the meeting to book your plot. Registration fees are $50 for residents who have renewed their lease for 2018–2019 and $90 for non-residents. A limited number of seeds for popular crops are available for free.

BOARD ELECTIONS
The Family Housing Council will be electing new board members during the meeting on June 8. Available positions are president, vice president, executive/recording secretary, treasurer, and committee chairperson. Please review all the details about board member duties and eligibility in the FHC constitution available online at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/FHC. Interested candidates should contact FHC vice president Mohammad Sohail Khan at mskhan3@illinois.edu and be prepared to talk about your vision to serve our community. You must show proof of residency for the 2018–2019 academic year to vote or run for an office.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNITY AIDE POSITION AVAILABLE
Family & Graduate Housing (FGH) is looking for a new Administrative Community Aide (ACA). The ACA shares on-call responsibilities and provides after-hours services to residents. The position begins June 1. All FGH residents are eligible. View the application and job description at HOUSING.ILLINOIS.EDU/ACA. Physical copies of the application and job description are also available at the FGH office (1841 Orchard Pl., Urbana). Deadline for submission is April 13 by 5 p.m. Email application to wwelsh2@illinois.edu or drop off at the FGH office.