### Holiday Office Hours
The Family & Graduate Housing office will be closed on Friday, December 23, Monday, December 26, Tuesday, December 27, 2016 and Monday, January 2, 2017 for Winter Break. Office hours will be adjusted for Wednesday, December 28 through Friday, December 30, 2016.

### Orchard Downs Pre-School and After School Programs Winter Break Closings
The Orchard Downs Pre-School and after school programs Jr. Club and Kids’ Club will be closed for the Winter Break. The last day for the semester will be Friday, December 16, 2016. The Pre-School, Jr. Club, and Kids’ Club will reopen Tuesday, January 17, 2017. For questions or additional information, contact Sara Jenkins at jenkins@illinois.edu.

### Orchard Downs Pre-School Openings for Spring
The Orchard Downs Pre-School has a few openings for the spring semester. The Pre-School maintains a high-quality, low-cost education for 3 to 5 year olds. Children must be toilet trained. The Pre-School is a diverse and stimulating environment providing many activities to enhance the social, physical, and emotional growth of each child. Located in the Orchard Downs Community Center, the Pre-School offers a half day program from 9:00–12:00 p.m. and full day program from 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m. The Jr. Club after-school program extends child care hours until 5:30 p.m. For further information, please contact the Family & Graduate Housing office at (217) 333-5656 or the Pre-School office at (217) 333-3497.

### December Graduates: Early Lease Termination Forms Are Due!
Residents who are graduating or losing their University affiliation for any other reason must submit an Early Lease Termination form to the Family & Graduate office immediately. 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 Lease Termination form is returned to the Family & Graduate Housing office.

### Tuscola Bus Trip
We will be going to Tuscola again for winter shopping on Saturday, January 14. Registration will begin on Monday, December 19 at 9:00 a.m. Adults and Children pay $5. Please register at http://go.illinois.edu/TuscolaBusTrip.
Community 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.

Family Housing Council Social Nights

The Family Housing Council (FHC) invites all Orchard Downs residents to join us on Saturday, December 3 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for socializing and fun. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Family Game Night

Join us at the Orchard Downs Community Center on Friday, December 2 from 6:00–7:30 p.m. for a family game night. All families are welcome to join in the interactive fun and stay out of the cold weather! If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Winter Clothing & Toy Exchange

In need of some winter clothes or new toys for your family? Please join us at the Orchard Downs Community Center on Saturday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m. for a winter clothing and toy exchange. All residents are welcome to participate; please bring a minimum of one toy or one article of winter clothing (such as a sweater or coat) to exchange. Clothing and toys must be washed prior to event. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Santa Skate

Ice Skating is so much fun! Come skate with us at the Ice Arena (406 E Armory Ave, Champaign – take the 8W Bronze from the Orchard Downs South Shelter and get off at Fourth & Armory) on Saturday, December 17 from 4:30–6:30 p.m. We will have hot cocoa and candy canes, and Santa will be there!

Birthday Bingo

Were you born in December? If yes, please come celebrate your birthday at the December Birthday Bingo on Wednesday, December 21 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center! We will have cake and prizes for the winners! HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you December Babies!

Parents’ Night Out

Bring your kiddos to the Orchard Downs Community Center on Monday, December 19 from 6:00–8:00 p.m. for Parents’ Night Out! Qualified volunteers will host kid-friendly activities and a story time; this is the perfect time for parents to get out and do some holiday shopping. In order to participate, children MUST be registered for this event. Children not registered will not be allowed to attend. Please use this link to sign your kids up by Wednesday, December 14: https://illinois.edu/fb/sec/8373574. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Gingerbread House & Cookie Decorating Extravaganza

Join us at the Orchard Downs Community Center on Thursday, December 22 at 2:00 p.m. for a sweets extravaganza. We will be decorating gingerbread houses and cookies to celebrate the upcoming holidays. All residents are welcome to participate in the fun and stay warm and dry during the winter weather. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Karaoke Night – All apartments

Do you enjoy singing? Please come share your voice at Karaoke night at the Orchard Downs Community Center. The event will be on Tuesday, December 27 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. This event is free and open to residents, so please come take advantage of this opportunity to share your favorite songs with us. For questions, contact bcc2@illinois.edu.

Family Housing Council Public Meeting

The FHC Public meeting will be Friday, December 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Orchard Downs Community Center. All residents are warmly invited to discuss issues of interest in our community. Food and drinks will be provided.

Zipcars Available at Orchard Downs

Grab a Zipcar for a few hours to run errands, the whole day for a local shopping or sightseeing trip, or a few days for a vacation getaway. Every trip includes gas, insurance, and 180 free miles per day. One Zipcar is parked at the North Laundry Parking Lot and the second is parked at the South Laundry Parking Lot. Join Zipcar for $15.00 at https://members.zipcar.com/apply/
Winter Tips

Safety Reminder: Live Trees Prohibited Indoors
If you wish to decorate a tree in your apartment this holiday season, please purchase an artificial tree. It is against University Housing policy to have a live tree inside your apartment. Live trees can be a safety hazard and are not permitted in any of the apartment buildings. Let’s celebrate safely!

Preparing Your Apartment for Cold Weather
December brings the start of colder temperatures. Review these tips to ensure a safe and comfortable heating season:

• The maintenance department does not perform seasonal air conditioner removals. If you have a personally owned air conditioner installed in your apartment and request to have it removed for the winter, you will be charged $50.00 to have it re-installed this spring/summer. If the air conditioner in your living room was provided by University Housing, it cannot be removed under any circumstances.

• Do not use the area around your furnace as a storage area – keep items at least 18 inches away. Items stored too close to a furnace can ignite.

• The grille/grate on the wall adjacent to the furnace room is your apartment’s cold air return. Please leave a minimum of 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 centimeters) in front of it for best functionality – and it will help reduce your utility bill.

• Set your thermostat at a temperature that is comfortable for you, and then leave it there. A setting of 68 to 72 degrees is most common during colder months. You may wish to lower the temperature a 3-4 degrees when you are sleeping or out of your apartment for several hours. Never lower your thermostat temperature below 60 degrees. This damage water pipes during extreme weather conditions causing flooding in your apartment and your neighbor’s apartments.

• If you decide to put plastic over your windows to keep out the cold, do not use duct tape, packing tape or standard masking tape. These tapes will peel paint off of the wall or window if left on for more than a couple of days. Winter window kits are available from the Family & Graduate Housing office first come, first served. These kits come with plastic and tape that can be removed more easily.

If you follow all of the above tips and experience problems with your heat, submit an online Maintenance Request. If your furnace stops working during cold weather, please call the emergency maintenance telephone number (217) 333-2779 immediately.

Winter Health & Safety Tips
1. Dress in multiple layers of clothing to keep you warm.

2. Carry a shovel and a good ice scraper in your car. Be sure to have extra blankets and extra clothing in your car in case the car breaks down.

3. Check the weather before you leave the house to make sure you are prepared for the forecasted weather conditions.

4. Do not sled near roads, vehicles or other crowded areas. Adults should always supervise children when they are sledding.

5. Set time limits on outdoor activities to prevent the opportunity for frostbite. Children should come inside occasionally to warm up before returning to the outdoors.

IHC Lending Room – Please Donate
Graduating? Leaving University Apartments? Cleaning out your kitchen cabinets? Donate unwanted items to the Lending Room. Items needed include microwaves, rice cookers, pots/pans for cooking, eating utensils/silverware, coffee makers, dishes, and cups. The Lending Room does NOT accept TVs, computer monitors, window air conditioners, furniture, couches, or anything made of cloth. Drop items off at the Lending Room (located at Orchard Downs 2044-A) on any Saturday between 9:00–11:00 a.m. You can also email apartments@illinois.edu to coordinate a drop-off in the Family & Graduate Housing office. The Lending Room will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2016 and Saturday, December 31, 2016 for Winter Break. Questions? Contact Keach at keachs@yahoo.com.
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. Please call (217) 265-6267 to make an appointment during the scheduled hours listed below. Walk-ins are also welcome.

**Clinic Hours**

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

**Monday**  2–4 p.m.
**Tuesday**  12–1:45 p.m.
**Wednesday**  2–4 p.m.
**Thursday**  12–1:45 p.m. and 5–8 p.m.
**Friday**  11a.m.–2 p.m.

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

**HeRMES:** HeRMES: Every Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30. The clinic will be closed on December 22 and December 29.

**WIC Hours:** Friday, December 2 & Friday, December 16 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Clients who are receiving coupons can only pick up their coupons from the MCHC office on the 6th and 12th months. The coupons sent during the first 3 months and the 9th month must be picked up at the C-UHD office. Clients must also make sure to register on the WIC website in order to make themselves eligible to pick up WIC coupons at the MCHC. This will allow each resident’s coupons to be delivered to the MCHC for pick up.

**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. (Note: Clients who are receiving coupons can only pick up their coupons from the MCHC office on the 6th and 12th months. The coupons sent on the first 3 months and the 9th month must be picked up at the C-Uphd office. Clients must also make sure to register on the WIC website in order to make themselves eligible to pick up WIC coupons when available at the MCHC prior to pick up so it can be delivered to the MCHC for pick up).