Holiday Office Hours

The Family & Graduate Housing office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2017 for Winter Break.

Orchard Downs Pre-School and After School 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 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.

Lease Renewal

Residents interested in returning to their apartment for the 2017-2018 academic year will be able to renew their lease during April 2017. More information about lease renewal will be coming in the February 2017 and March 2017 newsletters.

Apartment Survey

An email survey was recently sent to you asking questions about your experience living in the University apartment community. If you have not had a chance to complete this survey, we would greatly appreciate you taking 15 minutes to do so. The information you provide to the University apartments office is critical to maintaining and improving programs and services.

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.
January 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 Public Meeting
The FHC Public meeting will be Friday, January 13 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.

Day of Service at Urbana High School
In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, please join us for a day of service at the local high school on Monday, January 16. Email bcc2@illinois.edu for more information.

Family Story Hour
January story hour will be on Wednesday, January 18 at the Orchard Downs Community Center from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will have a snack and a short craft as we read about the joys of starting a new year! Let’s welcome 2017 together! If you have any questions, please email Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Family Movie Night
Join us on Friday, January 20 at the Orchard Downs Community Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for a Family Movie Night! We will serve popcorn and show a kid-friendly movie. Bring your comfy clothes, a blanket, and your family out to the ODCC for the night! If you have any questions, please email Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Family Housing Council Social Night
The Family Housing Council (FHC) invites all Orchard Downs residents to join us on Saturday, January 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center for socializing and fun. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Chili Night
January is one of the coldest months of the year. We will be hosting a Chili Night at the Orchard Downs Community Center on Wednesday, January 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please come enjoy a bowl of meaty chili or veggie chili!

Leap into the New Year
Come on out to the Orchard Downs Community Center on Saturday, January 28 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. as we celebrate the New Year and new semester! We especially welcome new residents to the Orchard Downs community to come meet the graduate assistants and community aides. Join us for pizza, decorating cupcakes, and music. If you have any questions, please email Jenna Hickey at jhick3@illinois.edu.

Birthday Bingo
Were you born in January? If yes, please come celebrate your birthday at the January Birthday Bingo on Monday, January 30 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 January Babies!

Tuscola Bus Trip
Join us for winter shopping at Tuscola on Saturday, January 14. There will be plenty of after Christmas sales on already discounted prices. The trip is from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Adults and Children pay $5. Please register at http://go.illinois.edu/Tuscola2017. If you have any questions, please contact Mel at bcc2@illinois.edu.

Winter Window Kits
If you would like to cover your apartment windows with plastic sheeting for the winter months, please come to the Family & Graduate Housing office to pick up a Winter Window Kit. Winter Window Kits are distributed on a first-come, first-served system.

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/
You don’t need to be an expert to be a volunteer in the Sewing Room!

The Sewing Room is a Family Housing Council and Family & Graduate Housing facility located in the Learning Resource Center (Orchard Downs 2044-A). We are looking for volunteers that enjoy helping others with their sewing skills. Volunteers will open and close the facilities, and monitor the use of the available materials. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ahmed Orabi at aorabi@illinois.edu.

Parent-Child Playgroup

Come play and learn with us! New days for the Spring semester will start January 18! New days are Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Family Resource Center (Orchard Downs 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 brahm2@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 brahm2@illinois.edu or the Family & Graduate Housing office at (217) 333-5656.

Women’s Support Group

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. This group will meet Thursdays from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center (Orchard Downs 1834-A). Childcare will be provided. For more information, please contact Candace Brahm at brahm2@illinois.edu.

Yoga

Join us for Yoga on Mondays starting January 16, 2017 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Orchard Downs Community Center, 510 George Huff Drive. If you have any questions, please contact Puja at goyalp@illinois.edu.

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.
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, January 6 & Friday, January 20 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. (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).