



Open House

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The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin is dedicated to providing and advocating for affordable, attractive, safe living environments and opportunities to become self-sufficient for individuals and families that are hard to house.



From the Desk of the Executive Director Barbara S. Kauss



As this year comes to a close, the staff at the Authority reflect upon what has been achieved and also look forward to a new year and the opportunities it brings. Over the last year, the Authority provided many programs and services for residents that addressed health, personal finance, and service providers for families.

Unfortunately, the Housing Authority has experienced and anticipates further funding cuts from the Federal government. As the Authority plans ahead for 2012 and beyond, it will aggressively pursue all opportunities to make a difference in the community and to provide affordable housing opportunities and services for the residents of San Joaquin County. The Housing Authority is committed to giving the highest quality service and will continue to work with all community partners to help provide a sustainable and healthy community.

Everyone at the Housing Authority extends warm wishes to all for the coming holiday season. May your holiday season be filled with happiness and joy, followed by a most wonderful New Year!



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Agency Highlight - Housing Authority Awarded Grant

The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin was just one of twelve housing authorities, nation wide, which was recently awarded a \$50,000 HUD grant to increase the hiring of low-, very-low income persons and public housing residents. Although eighty-five housing authorities and local and state governments nationwide applied for this competitive national grant, the grants were awarded to those Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in locations with high unemployment and a demonstrated commitment to partner with other local agencies. "I am pleased to congratulate the San Joaquin County Housing Authority for their successful tri-county regional effort to secure funding for a Section 3 Coordinator," said HUD Regional Administrator, Ophelia B. Basgal. "The Section 3 program grant is about investing in people and this is the first time in the program's 40 year history that funding has been provided to local jurisdictions to hire a coordinator. Look for more information about the program in 2012!



Community Corner

Prescription Drug Cards

The National Alliance of Resident Services in Affordable and Assisted Housing (NAR-SAAH) is a 501-C3 organization and was organized in 2002 to assist resident services employees and public housing residents. One program offered by NAR-SAAH is "Free Discount Prescription Drug Cards" which are distributed to public housing residents. The card is a partnership between NAR-SAAH and United Networks of America. Users of the card will receive an average savings of 30 percent on prescriptions filled at most major pharmacy chains nationwide. The card also can be used to supplement most health insurance plans including Health Savings Accounts (HAS) and High Deductible Plans. It can be used as a Medicare Part D supplement by providing discounts on non-covered drugs. The card is especially helpful to residents who are uninsured or underinsured. The cards are available in the Management Office of all public housing sites: Sierra Vista Homes, Conway Homes, Tracy Homes, and Thornton Homes. If you have any questions please call Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 460-5051.

Highlights of the Program:

- The free prescription drug card is available to everyone
- The card is accepted at over 50,000 pharmacies nationwide
- The card is pre-activated and can be used immediately
- The card can be used to get discounts of up to 75% off all brand name and generic medications, with the average savings around 30%
- All prescriptions processed through the program are confidential

Pumpkin Play Dough

This is a great fall activity for the kids, it's pumpkin play dough- smells and looks like pumpkin! Just keep an eye on the littlest ones, that they don't eat it...however, if they do, it is alright because it is actually edible!

What You'll Need:

2 cups of flour
1 cup salt
4 tsp. cream of tartar
1/4 cup cinnamon
2 Tbsp. cloves
2 Tbsp. nutmeg
2 tsp. ginger
2 cups water
2 Tbsp. oil
1-2 tsp orange food coloring



To Make:

1. Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar, and spices together in a large bowl.
2. Add the water and oil to the dry ingredients and mix together well.
3. Transfer mixture to a medium sized saucepan and heat over medium heat, stirring constantly.
4. The dough will begin to thicken and form. When it becomes difficult to stir and is more solid, remove from heat, let it cool enough so you can touch it and then knead the dough till smooth. Add in the food coloring while you are kneading to desired color.
5. Store in the fridge to help the dough last longer.

Residents' Corner

Resident Recipe

The following recipe is a family favorite of Conway Homes resident, Ms. Joella Nelson.

Baked Beans

3 26-ounce cans of beans (Pork n Beans)	1 cup dark brown sugar
1 green or red bell pepper, chopped	1 cup BBQ sauce
1 green onion, chopped	1 tablespoon mustard
1 pound ground beef	1 tablespoon hot sauce
½ cup ham or bacon, chopped	salt and pepper to taste



Brown ground beef in a saucepan. Add bell pepper, onions, ham or bacon. When beef is browned, pour mixture into a baking dish. Add beans, brown sugar, BBQ sauce, mustard, and hot sauce. Mix together. Cover and bake for 45 minutes at 250 degrees. ENJOY!

Public Housing Resident Council

Sierra Vista Resident Council Canned Food Drive

The Sierra Vista Resident Council is sponsoring a canned food drive for this year's holiday season for families in the Sierra Vista Development. The Council is seeking donations of canned food and dry goods such as beans, rice, pasta, flour, sugar, and cake mixes.

Families are in need of gently used coats and infant wear, as well. Contributions are greatly appreciated. Drop-off items to the Resident Council Office located at 1602 11th Street or the Sierra Vista Management Office. Please contact Georgia Brownlee, President, Sierra Vista Resident Council at 430-3505, if additional information is needed.



Maintenance Moment

Winter Yard Care and Holiday Decorations



Why is winter lawn care so important? By taking a few precautions during the Winter, you can ensure a healthy lawn come Springtime. The first, and perhaps easiest, step is to pick up any leaves that cover your lawn. If left sitting over grass, they will create dead spots. The same goes for clutter and debris, such as toys. You may think that grass is completely dormant during Winter months, however, grass still needs oxygen and sunlight to maintain life. If you have it covered, you have it smothered. Follow these simple steps and wake up to a beautiful Spring lawn.

According to the Lease House Rules, holiday decorations (i.e. Christmas lights, lawn ornaments, wreaths, etc.) can be displayed 30 days prior and 30 days after the date of the Holiday. Any decorations not removed at that time will be removed by the management at the tenant's expense utilizing the current approved maintenance hourly rate. Thank you!



*Season's Greetings from the
Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin*

Willie Abron	Enrique Lopez
Michael Aguirre	Carlos Lopez
Conrado Alcantar	Jesus Lopez
Edward Avila	Nancy Loucks
George Azevedo	Kara Maguire
Linda Black	Michelle Mah
Richard Bojorques	Monica Martinez
Vernette Brown	Andres Moreno
Maria Celis	Cheryl Morgan-Mitchell
Henry Cobbs	Quang Nguyen
Alan Coon	Cara Niblock
Abel Cortez	Monica Olivera
Fabiola Davis	Richard Ortiz
Bradford Diemer	Suzan Ossino
Nicolas Dinkins	Erica Perez
Doi Do	Oeun Prak
Yaminah Doyle	James Preston
Juan Estupinan	Jessica Quan
Lucia Fernandez	Antonia Quintero
Anna Fong-Morgan	Antoinette Reed
Danny Ford	Christie Reynolds
Daniel Garcia	Kristi Rhea
Ruben Garcia	David Riberal
Cesar Garza	Carlos Rico
Joe Gastello	Lorice Rigmaden
Thomas Gerber	Diane Rinaldi
Coral Gomez	Sean Robbins
Maria Gonzales	Flor Robles
Carolyn Graham	Bridget Salaices
Nancy Grams	Richard Serna
Fabiola Gutierrez	LeAnne Stewart
Melinda Hazard	Robin Strauther
Venetta Hempstead	Tanisha Thompson
Connie Henderson	Mao Tom
Va Her	Dorothy Trammull
Leonila Heredia	Linda Tran
Nicole Holloway	Hong Turcotte
Tracy Jackson	Vue Vang
Janice Johnson	Yeng Vang
Gerald Jones	Xheu Vang
Marion Jones	John Varela
Barbara Kauss	Christina Vasquez
James Kruse	Rosa Vazquez
Roeun Kuong	Alfonso Villalobos
Carena Lane	Brenda Ward
Heidi Lane	Michelle Williams
Long Lee	Bee Xiong
Sally Li	Mary Yang
Khamkeo Lo	

