



Open House

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



This time of year causes one to reflect upon what has been achieved and look forward to a new year and the opportunities it brings. The Housing Authority continues to strive to create quality affordable housing in San Joaquin County, with a goal of decreasing the concentration of poverty and empowering residents to succeed. In November 2010, the

Housing Authority will be submitting a \$22,000,000 HOPE VI Grant

As this year comes to a close, the Housing Authority would like to extend an enthusiastic appreciation to our dedicated community partners, residents and employees



Administration Highlight

A New HOPE for Sierra Vista Homes – 2010 HOPE VI Grant Application

The Housing Authority will be submitting a \$22,000,000 HOPE VI Grant Application to HUD in November 2010. The grant funds will be used towards the cost to rehabilitate Sierra Vista Homes. The Housing Authority's strategy to rebuild Sierra Vista Homes, known as the Mountain View Revitalization Plan is underway and funding is the last component. The ability to secure grant funding will greatly improve the sustainability of the community and the renaissance of the neighborhood. The announcement of grant award recipients will be in the Fall 2011.



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San Joaquin County Weatherization Program
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Community Corner



Neighborhood Spotlight –

The Mountain View Revitalization Plan for Sierra Vista Homes

The Housing Authority has a clear vision to preserve affordable housing at Sierra Vista Homes and the surrounding neighborhood. This community renaissance plan is known as the “**Mountain View Revitalization Plan**” which includes the following:

- Demolish 330 out of 394 units at Sierra Vista. Sierra Vista consists of Phase I and Phase II when the property was built. The Authority is proposing to demolish all 330 units in Phase I of Sierra Vista, but leave in place the 64 viable units in Phase II of Sierra Vista, (The Annex).
- Replace on a one-for-one basis all demolished 330 units. Of the 330 units, 290 will remain on site and 40 will be built off-site, approximately 1.5 miles from the current public housing site.
- Use state of the art prefabricated and green construction methods to build the units in modular components to be assembled at the site. This will significantly cut down the construction time period.
- Phase all construction to avoid long-term displacement of residents.
- Partner with the local Habitat for Humanity, who will build seven accessible homeownership units adjacent to the 40 public housing units to be built off site.
- Partner with the City of Stockton who will fund rehabilitation loans for homes surrounding the Mountain

Community Connections – Public Housing No Smoking Policy



The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin has implemented a No Smoking Policy for its public housing communities. In order to assist residents with the transition to this policy, the Housing Authority has coordinated with the San Joaquin County Public Health Services Department to present information regarding the health and safety benefits of the No Smoking Policy and for those interested, referrals to free or low-cost resources to quit smoking. Refreshments and free prizes will be available to all participants. See Page 4 of this Newsletter for the Calendar of Events for date and time of presentations.

For more information regarding the No Smoking Policy, please contact staff at the Management Office.

Residents' Corner

Resident Recipe Round-Up

Ingredients:

Green Chile Enchiladas - (6 servings)

- 8 Green Chiles (jalapeños)
- 1 onion (chopped)
- 2 lbs. chicken breasts
- 2 cans Condensed Cream of Chicken Soup
- Oil
- 12 corn tortillas
- 1 bag of mixed shredded cheese (Monterey & cheddar)



1. Place green chilies and half of onion in pot, bring to a boil.
2. Place chicken breast in another pot, cover with water. Add salt to taste and other half of onion. Cook for approximately 20 minutes. When done, removed chicken (save water) and shred chicken with a fork, set aside.
3. Heat oil in a pan and add tortillas for approximately 5 seconds on each side. Do not let the tortillas get a hard shell; keep soft.
4. In blender, blend green chilies (including onion) and 2 cans of soup. Add a little of the water that remained from the chicken to thin sauce and for taste.
5. In an oven safe dish, put six tortillas on the bottom layer. Add the shredded chicken. Add the blended Cream of Chicken with the chilies mix. Add the shredded cheese on top. Repeat once.
6. Bake in oven at 350 degrees for approximately 1 hour.



Ms. Karla Mora resides at Mokelumne Manor in Thornton. Ms. Mora's Aunt taught her this recipe and it is a family favorite. ENJOY!



Resident Council News

The Sierra Vista Homes Resident Council will be holding elections in January 2011.

If interested in more information regarding the Resident Council, please contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 209-460-5051.



From the Beat

Personal safety is important, year-round, but during the holidays, it is important to be safe and alert. The following steps can minimize the chance of becoming a victim of crime:

1. Keep car doors locked and windows rolled-up.
2. Don't leave cell phones visible in the car.
3. Try to avoid parking in remote, dark, or difficult to see areas.
4. Leave porch light on at night.
5. Always lock your front door and windows. **ENHANCED WINDOW LOCKING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OFFICE – FREE OF CHARGE.**

BE SAFE AND HAVE A HAPPY HOLIDAY!

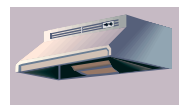


Maintenance Moment

Range Hood Cleaning Tips to Avoid Maintenance Charges

At least on a monthly basis, residents should clean their range hood to remove excessive grease build-up. When cleaning the hood, fill the kitchen sink up with 4 inches of scolding hot water and liquid dish soap. Then, place the filter screen in the soapy water and allow it to soak in the soapy water while cleaning the rest of the exhaust hood. Next, thoroughly scrub and scour the filter screen that is soaking in hot soapy water and rinse the filter screen with hot tap water to remove any leftover grease buildup in the filter screen.

Dry the filter with a clean towel. Then insert the filter screen back over the fan blades on the underside of the exhaust hood and rotate the filter latches to hold the filter screen firmly back in place.



Lend Your Voice - Have a Say - Take Action



All Neighborhood Watches share one foundational idea: that bringing community members together promotes an increased quality of life and reduces the crime rate in that area.

If interested in more information regarding a Neighborhood Watch Program, please contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 460-5051.

Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin Board of Commissioners Elderly Tenant Commissioner Vacancy

The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners has an opening for the Elderly Tenant (62+ years old) Commissioner Representative.

The Board of Commissioners is the policymaking and executive body of the Housing Authority. The Board meets at least once a month and Commissioners receive a stipend for attending the meeting.

Interested tenants of public housing (62 years old or older), may contact the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board at 468-2350 for further information.



The Community Partnership for Families is seeking volunteers for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) to help families and the businesses in San Joaquin County receive a greater share of the earned income tax credit that is available to San Joaquin County.

Businesses and individuals can help the Partnership in a variety of ways. The VITA program is not a government-funded program.

For further information, please contact Kerry Moquett at kmoquett@cpfsj.org or at 471-5385.

Calendar of Events

December 2010

1	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
8	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
15	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
15	No Smoking Presentation – Conway Homes (10:30 a.m. & Mokelumne Manor (1:30 p.m.))
16	Board of Commissioners' Meeting (4:00 p.m.)
16	Financial Planning Meeting – Sierra Vista Homes (10:00 a.m.) Conway Homes (2:00 p.m.)
21	No Smoking Presentation – Sierra Vista Homes (10:30 a.m.)
22	No Smoking Presentation – Tracy Homes (1:30 p.m.)
22	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
29	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes

Holiday Office Schedule

The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin will be closed on the following days:

*Friday, December 24th close at Noon
Monday, December 27th
Friday, December 31st*