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# Open House

OFFICIAL RESIDENT NEWSLETTER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

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



The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin announced to its Board of Commissioners that a three (3) year grant in the amount of \$412,470.00 was awarded to the Housing Authority. The Authority will partner with its non-profit subsidiary, Villa Real, Inc., to provide services to Public Housing residents living in the county. Gillian Murphy, Chairperson for Villa Real, Inc., and Director for Northeastern California Small Business Development Center of San Joaquin Delta College, was very happy with the grant awarded. and stated, "This grant will allow Villa Real to continue its important work of home ownership and economic self sufficiency in our community resulting in job creation and retention."

The Resident Opportunity & Supportive Services ("ROSS") Public Housing Service Coordinator Program, which awarded only \$1.4 million to the State of California, provides funds to hire local coordinators who will assess and then provide supportive services, including training and mentoring programs, to enable persons with disabilities and senior residents in San Joaquin County to live independently. The services offered through this grant will assist public housing residents in their endeavor to find jobs, start small businesses and survive in a difficult economic climate. This program is consistent with the Housing Authority's long-term strategic plan to bolster supportive services, jobs, and economic development in the community. The Authority's Plan currently has the following supportive services already in place: Family Self-Sufficiency program; a home-ownership program; a Senior Service Coordinator program; the agency's community liaison; and a myriad of community partnerships including a Scholarship Foundation, Youth Programming, and an employment internship program. Rudy Willey, Chairperson of the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin Board of Commissioners, added that, "In this economy, no matter which way we turn, we find people in need of help. This grant will allow us to better serve the community."



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## Agency Highlight

### Housing Authority Wins a National Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development



The Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin established a Business Office to address the needs of the Authority's business customers, such as job applicants, vendors and contractors. As a result of implementing this innovative strategy, the volume of businesses and the quality of applicants interested in working with the Housing Authority has increased significantly and cost savings have been realized due to strategically aligning staff and departments. This innovative strategy was recognized and was awarded a 2011 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development from the Pacific South West Regional Council of NAHRO.



# Community Corner

## National Night Out August 2<sup>nd</sup>

The Housing Authority will be hosting National Night Out events at both Sierra Vista and Conway Homes Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Thornton Homes residents will be celebrating National Night Out with the Thornton Community Center. The National Night Out Campaign involves citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations, and local officials in a fun filled evening celebrating safe neighborhoods.



In addition to police and fire organizations, the Housing Authority will host a BBQ, provide music, bounce houses and even a special visit from Splash the Stockton Port's Baseball team. Join in on the celebration and recognition of the great community event. The event is free of charge and full of fun. If any resident is interested in volunteering to help with the event, or for more information, contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 209-460-5051. Do not miss this exciting evening!



### Credit Counseling Services Presentation at Sierra Vista Homes on July 21<sup>st</sup>



Representatives from Clearpoint Services will be at the Sierra Vista Homes Community July 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 p.m. (2436 Bellevue Street) for a FREE information session on their credit counseling programs. At the end of the session, there will be a drawing for a \$25 dollar gift card to Rancho San Miguel. So don't miss this opportunity to attend this valuable informational meeting.

### Health Fair for Medicare Beneficiaries at Sierra Vista Homes on October 25<sup>th</sup>

The Housing Authority will be hosting a Medicare Beneficiary outreach event at Sierra Vista Homes (2436 Bellevue Street) on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Student pharmacists and pharmacist

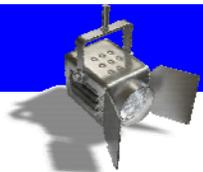


If attending the event, **please bring the following:**

- All of your prescription medications
- Your Red/White/Blue Medicare card
- Your Blue/White Medi-Cal Card

instructors from the University of the Pacific School of Pharmacy will providing valuable information at the event. All public housing residents interested in attending, please come and take advantage of the following **FREE** services: Medicare Part D Plan Review; Comprehensive evaluation of all of your prescription medications; Flu shots; Bone density testing; Diabetes screening; Blood pressure checks; and much, much more!

## City Spotlight - Stockton



*Looking for things to do in Stockton that are free? Below are*

**The Haggin Museum** - First Saturday of the Month is Enjoy classic art and local history and what has been called the "gem" of Stockton! Victory Park, where the museum is located is also a great place for walking and a picnic! When its not free the museum is still a bargain at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for youth and seniors.

**Wat Dharmararam -Stockton Cambodian Buddhist Temple** - You will be amazed at the larger than life statues that were hand made by members of the temple. Be sure to bring your camera!

**Weber Point** - Downtown Stockton - This park like setting on the waterfront is the well known home to many of Stockton's favorite events. Enjoy the facility's interactive water feature, colorful children's play area, a shady picnic or simply stroll the promenade and enjoy the panoramic Delta view.

# Residents' Corner

## Resident Recipe

The following recipe is a family favorite of Ms. Calderon's. Enjoy!!

### Chicken Mole



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| 1 whole chicken, cut up          | 2 fried corn tortillas           |
| 1 can chicken broth              | 3 pieces of garlic (medium size) |
| ½ lb. of chilies el negro        | ½ of onion, chopped              |
| ½ lb of chile pasilla            | Clavos (whole cloves, optional)  |
| ¼ cup of ajonjoli (sesame seeds) | Pepper to taste                  |
| ¼ cup of pumpkin seeds           |                                  |
| 6 almonds                        |                                  |



Ms. Lidia Calderon resides in Mokolunne Manor.

Boil chicken first. Clean the chilies and take all the seeds out, then fry the chilies in oil and use the chicken broth (1 1/2 cups) to soak the chilies until they get soft. Use ¼ cup of ajonjoli and ¼ cup of pumpkin seeds and fry them. Make sure to fry pumpkin seeds and ajonjoli separately. Then, get the onion and fry it in a pan with oil or lard/your choice. After everything is fried you will blend: pumpkin seeds, almonds, tortillas, garlic, onion, clavos (not chilies) pepper, ajonjoli – everything gets blended (including chicken broth). Get a pan and put oil in it and fry a half onion on both sides then put spices into the pan, leave for 15 mins. During the 15 mins. make sure you are moving the onion and spices. As soon as it starts boiling add the chilies with chicken broth. Make sure to constantly stir around and in, 30 mins. it will be done. Serve mole over chicken with rice, or combine chicken with mole.



## Public Housing Resident Councils

### Sierra Vista Resident Council Election August 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>

Sierra Vista Homes will be holding its Resident Council election in August. Ballots can be picked up at the Sierra Vista Management Office from August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 5<sup>th</sup> during normal office hours (7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.). Ballots must be turned into the ballot box at the Sierra Vista Management Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday August 8<sup>th</sup>. All Sierra Vista Homes residents 18 years or older are eligible to vote. Results of the vote will occur by August 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 460-5051 with questions, or if further information is needed.

## Maintenance Moment

### Summer Yard Care

Residents living in a unit that includes a front yard must maintain the yard. Residents are encouraged to mow their lawn at least once a week during the summertime. Residents are also responsible for watering the lawn. THANK YOU!



## some activities available in Stockton!

**Downtown Art Walk** - One Friday a month through the Summer, downtown turns into an outdoor art gallery as local artists share their work at a variety of downtown venues.

**Concerts in the Park** - This summer music concert series takes place at Victory Park in Stockton. Spend an evening in the park with your favorite person, a picnic supper, and some great music as the series continues for the 56th year! Concerts each Wednesday evening through August.

**Farmer's Markets** - Local farmers display and sell a mouth watering and eye-pleasing selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, herbs and floral plants at one of the many Stockton Farmers Markets. Enjoy these open-air markets to leisurely stroll, take in the colorful, glorious sights.

# Lend Your Voice - Have a Say - Take Action

## Resident Councils Needed in Conway Homes and Tracy Homes

Resident Councils serve as the voice of the residents at each public housing community. Conway and Tracy Homes are in the process of creating Resident Councils.

Information identifying the steps needed to hold elections will be provided at upcoming Resident Meetings. If anyone is interested, or has questions regarding Resident Councils, please contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 209-460-5051.



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

The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners has an opening for the Senior 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 residents of public housing (62 years old or older), may contact the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Clerk of the Board at 468-2350 or the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners' Clerk of the Board at 460-5069 for further information.



## Upcoming Events



July 13 - Mothers' support meeting at Sierra Vista Homes  
July 15 - St. Joseph's Medical Center CareVan at Conway Homes  
July 21 - Clearpoint Credit Counseling Solutions at Sierra Vista Homes  
July 21 - Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin's Board of Commissioners' Meeting\*

August 1-5 - Sierra Vista Homes Resident Council Election  
August 2 - National Night Out  
August 4 - Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin's Board of Commissioners' Meeting\*  
August 8 - Sierra Vista Homes Resident Council Election Ballot Due Date  
August 17 - Mothers' Support meeting at Sierra Vista Homes  
August 18 - Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin's Board of Commissioners' Meeting\*

September 1 - Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin's Board of Commissioners' Meeting\*  
September 14 - Mothers' Support meeting at Sierra Vista Homes  
September 15 - Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin's Board of Commissioners' Meeting\*

October 25 - Health Fair for Medicare Beneficiaries at Sierra Vista Homes

*\*Meeting date subject to change.*

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