



# 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



### HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant Opportunity – Revitalizing Sierra Vista

The Housing Authority will be submitting an application for HUD's Choice Neighborhoods Grant to assist with the revitalization of Sierra Vista. The purpose of the grant is to transform neighborhoods

and public housing developments into viable and sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods. This is achieved by linking housing improvements with services, schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs. In addition to the Housing Authority, the Choice Neighborhoods initiative will involve local governments, non-profits, and for-profit developers in undertaking comprehensive local planning with residents and the community.

The Housing Authority is excited about the opportunity to improve the quality of affordable housing in Sierra Vista, but also the surrounding neighborhood. The Choice Neighborhoods Grant is a resource that could help make the opportunity a reality.

### Administration Highlight

#### San Joaquin County Scholarship Foundation Wins Awards

The Housing Authority created the non-profit entity, San Joaquin Housing Authority Scholarship Foundation, in February 2009. The Foundation provides competitive scholarships for participants of Rental Assistance Programs. Last year, the Foundation hosted its inaugural Golf Tournament Fundraiser. The Foundation raised nearly \$7,000 (net). As a result, additional funds were available to provide more scholarships to the participants of subsidized housing.

The Foundation was recognized and awarded a National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development. The Foundation won two Awards of Merit: one from the Pacific South West Regional Council of NAHRO and the other from the national-level NAHRO.



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# Community Corner

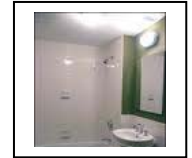


## Neighborhood Spotlight

### Bathroom and Kitchen Remodel at Tracy Homes



With the completion of the bathroom and kitchen remodels in Conway Homes, Tracy Homes will be next to benefit from the Housing Authority's Capital Improvement Projects. Starting July 2010, the bathroom and kitchens in all 195 public housing units in Tracy will be replaced with new features. The remodel includes the following:



**BATHROOM:** tub, shower, faucets, sinks, and flooring  
**KITCHEN:** cabinets, countertops, sinks, faucets, flooring

## Community Connections

### August 3<sup>rd</sup> is National Night Out



The Housing Authority will be hosting National Night Out events at the Conway Homes and Sierra Vista Developments.

National Night Out is a community building campaign designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. This family event will have games to play, great food to eat and opportunities to learn about your community.

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.

### US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Enterprise Income Verification (EIV) System

The EIV system is a national database that contains employment and income information of individuals who participate in HUD's rental assistance programs. All Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to use HUD's EIV system.

When completing applications and reexaminations, individuals must include all sources of income for all members of the household. In addition, when changes occur in the household income, contact the Management Office immediately. If a resident has any questions regarding EIV, please contact the Management Office. Resident may also pick-up the HUD Brochure *What You Should Know About EIV*, at the Management Office for additional information.

**Community Partners** - Thank you to the following Service Providers for helping to make the Public Housing Resident Fairs meaningful and appreciated by the residents of public housing!

- American Cancer Society
- California Department of Pesticide Regulation
- California Human Development Corporation
- California LifeLine Telephone Service
- California Rural Legal Assistance
- California Transplant - Kidney Care
- Cal-Works Employment Center
- Catholic Charities
- Charter House
- Clearpoint Financial Solutions
- CUFF Family Resource Center
- D.R.A.I.L.
- Delta Health Care
- Development and Immigration Legal Services
- El Concilio
- Family and Youth Services of San Joaquin County
- Family Resource and Referral Center
- Goodwill Industries
- Guitars Not Guns
- Health Plan of San Joaquin
- La Familia Clinica
- Mary Magdalene Community Center
- Mommy and Me Program
- New Covenant Christian Fellowship
- Public Health - Child and Adolescent Health
- S.E.E.D. Program
- S.T.A.N.D.
- San Joaquin AIDS Foundation
- San Joaquin County Department of Aging
- San Joaquin County Head Start Program
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services - Child and Adolescent Health
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services - Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services - Substance Abuse Prevention
- San Joaquin County Public Health Services - Tobacco Prevention Services
- San Joaquin Fair Housing
- Service First of Northern California
- SJC Council of Government Commute Connection
- State of California Child Health and Disability Prevention Program
- Stockton Arena
- Stockton Police Department
- Sutter Health
- The Golden 1 Credit Union
- The Mediation Center of San Joaquin
- The Wellness Center
- Three Rivers Indian Lodge
- Tracy Police Department
- Tracy Women's Shelter
- Vinewood Center for Children and Families
- Visionary Home Builders
- Waste Management
- Wells Fargo
- WorkStart YES
- YouthBuild San Joaquin

Thank you to the Housing Authority Staff, too!



# Residents' Corner

## Resident Recipe Round-Up



Ms. Sandra Spivey resides at Sierra Vista and works with the Boys and Girls Club.

### Sandra's Sweet Potato Pie

Recipe for Two 9-inch pies

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Large Yams or 6 Small             | 3 Cups Sugar         |
| 1 Tsp. Vanilla Flavor               | ½ Tsp. Lemon Extract |
| 1 Tblsp. Nutmeg                     | 2 Tblsp. Cinnamon    |
| 1 Cup Whole Milk or Evaporated Milk | 1 Egg                |
| 1 Stick of Butter                   |                      |



Preheat oven to 350.

Cut peeled yams into pieces, and place in a pot of water. Bring to a boil for approximately 45 minutes or until the yams are tender. Mash yams until smooth with no lumps. Mix all ingredients in a large bowl. Pour batter into a 9 inch Pie Crust (you can purchase ready made or make your own from scratch). Bake for one hour. Cool. Eat pies warm or cold. Pies must be refrigerated after they are completely cooled. Good with Cool Whip. **YUM!**

## Resident Council News

### Resident Council Election Results - Sierra Vista and Mokelumne Manor



### Resident Councils Still Needed in Conway Homes and Tracy Homes

#### Sierra Vista Resident Council Members:

Fred Minor – President

Mie Vang - Treasurer

Martha Moore - Sergeant at Arms

Selena Darrel – Secretary

Eva Garcia, Savarrah Kelly and Willie Gordley - Advisors

#### Mokelumne Manor Resident Council Members:

Monica Olvera – President

Lizette Felix – Vice President

Imelda Cortez – Treasurer

Raymond Hesla – Secretary

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

There will be another effort to establish Resident Councils in these communities. 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.

## From the Beat



### Fun-for-All Family Gatherings

The warm weather brings families together for parties, BBQ's and good times. When planning a get-together, residents are encouraged to hold functions in their unit or in their backyard. By doing so, residents will have more control as to who comes to the party and will be better prepared in keeping unwanted individuals from ruining their good time.

## Maintenance Moment



### Yard Care

Residents living in the public housing communities are required to maintain both the front and back yards of the units. Please remember to maintain your yards by mowing the lawn, removing trash, and keeping walkways and porches free of hazards and obstructions.

Thank you!

# 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 you are interested in more information regarding a Neighborhood Watch Program, contact Nancy Loucks, Community Services Liaison at 209-460-5051.

## Youth Build San Joaquin 2010-11 Program Year

YouthBuild San Joaquin (YBSJ) is a 10-month program assisting at-risk youth between the ages of 17-24 to earn a high school diploma/GED and learn job skills in the construction industry.

In collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of San Joaquin, YBSJ participants rehabilitated over 30 tenant vacancies since October 2009.

YBSJ is beginning its fifth year of operation and is currently accepting applications for the 2010-11 program year, which begins August 16, 2010.

For more information contact  
(209) 468-9228.



For information on how to register to vote, call the San Joaquin County Registrar of Voters at (209) 468-2885 or go to [www.sos.ca.gov](http://www.sos.ca.gov).

Register to Vote by October 18, 2010, to participate in the General Election on November 2, 2010.

## Calendar of Events

### July 2010

1	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
7	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
14	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
15	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
21	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
28	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes

### August 2010

3	National Night Out
4	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
5	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
11	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
18	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
20	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
25	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes

### September 2010

1	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
2	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
8	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
15	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
16	Board of Commissioners' Meeting
22	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes
29	WIC Program - Sierra Vista Homes

Sunny Day, Sweepin' the clouds away,  
On my way to where the air is sweet...  
Can you tell me how to get...  
How to get to Sesame Street?

Thank you Elmo and Cookie Monster  
for finding your way to  
Conway Homes!

