

Resident Empowerment Highlights

FRESNO VIBRANT QUALITY HOUSING ENGAGED HOUSING RESIDENTS

OCTOBER 2021



Resident-Board Member featured in a magazine

Focus Forward's Stories of Hope is an annual magazine that threads together stories of perseverance in the face of adversity. On October 20, the magazine launched its sixth issue, which featured our very own Commissioner Sharon Williams as one of the inspiring storytellers sharing her powerful messages of hope.

Sharon Williams had her first child at the tender age of twelve. By 16, she had three young children, and her mom insisted that she quit high school to raise them. After a turbulent transition to adulthood, she found hope, received her GED, and enrolled in college, eventually landing her dream job as a group counselor at Fresno Juvenile Hall. The youth affectionately called her

Mama Sharon. Her message to them was unwavering, "This is not your life. This is just a chapter. Turn the page, baby. It's your choice. If it's not the best choice, choose again. You don't need to get stuck here."

Sharon, a resident of Legacy Commons, is the mother of five, grandmother of 23, and great-grandmother of another dozen. She retired in 1996 and continues to serve the community through her work with Bringing Broken Neighborhoods Back to Life program, as a local youth minister, and on our Fresno Housing board.

Read the current sixth issue as well as past issues of Stories of Hope at www.focusforward.org/read-me

Sherwin Williams Paint Program

Sherwin Williams continues to provide residents with training skills for the basics of painting. Residents will have the opportunity to register for a five-day course beginning November 1, 2021. This training includes two-day classroom instruction and two-day hands-on training. Residents will earn a certification of completion and resource materials for employment at the end of the course.

To register, contact:
Irma Garcia
Resident Services Coordinator,
559-513-5411
residentempowerment@fresnohousing.org

Meet the Employer Workshop: Quality Biomedical

Continuing our focus on workforce development for residents and their families, we will be collaborating with Quality Biomedical on a virtual Meet the Employer Workshop. Quality Biomedical provides health care companies with medical equipment management services. Participating

residents will have the opportunity to talk with representatives from Quality Biomedical. The firm currently has several open positions for people eager to learn a new skill. Those hired will be trained to troubleshoot, repair, and maintain medical equipment for hospitals.

Virtual Meet the Employer Workshop Thursday, October 28, 2021 2 PM

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Trunk or Treat with Boys & Girls Club

This year, Fresno Housing will be partnering with Boys & Girls Club East and West Fresno Boys & Girls Club to host their annual Trunk or Treat event. As a safe alternative to Trick or Treating, Trunk or Treat provides a safe family environment for the children of our community to dress up and participate in traditional Halloween festivities. Instead of going door-to-door, the youth go car to car to collect candy and treats. Local agencies will also provide information on services offered in the community.

Boys & Girls Club East

For FH Residents and B&G Club members only

Cedar Courts Parking Lot 4430 E. Hamilton Avenue Fresno, CA 93702

Friday, October 29, 2021 5-7 PM

West Fresno Boys & Girls Club Open to the public 930 Tulare Street Fresno, CA 93706 Friday, October 29, 2021

4-6 PM

Virtual After-School Program Halloween Activities

The Virtual After-School Program celebrated Halloween spirit this month with virtual movie presentations. Before each movie, the participants received an educational presentation on how to be safe during Halloween. Participants also received a goody bag with crafts and books.

Trunk or Treat & Vaccine Clinic

Granada Commons in Kerman will be hosting a Vaccine Clinic and Trunk or Treat event in partnership with Centro La Familia and Valley Health Team. Gift cards will be given to



QPR: Question, Persuade, Refer

Suicide Prevention Training with Hinds Hospice

In partnership with Candice Wilkins from Hinds Hospice, the Resident Empowerment Department offered a Suicide Prevention Training Workshop on October 22. The training taught participants to recognize and respond to the warning signs of suicide by using the question, persuade, and refer system (QPR). The QPR is an emergency mental health intervention that interrupts the crisis and directs the person in need to proper care. All attendees who participated in the virtual, one-time, two-hour training received a certificate of completion.



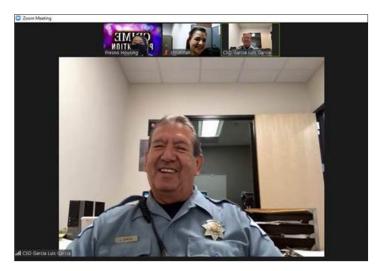
In 2007, NAHRO created the Housing America campaign and designated October as Housing America Month: a time for the organization and its members to collectively raise awareness of the need for, and the importance of, safe, decent, and affordable housing in quality communities.



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HOUSING AMERICA MONTH

Fresno Housing is proud to recognize October as Housing America Month. We are honored to develop well-designed, quality affordable housing that supports families, empowers residents, strengthens neighborhoods and builds vibrant communities throughout Fresno County.



October is National Crime Prevention Month

Local law enforcement observes National Crime Prevention Month by working with residents to prevent crime. On Thursday, October 21, Officer Luis Garcia, Community Service Officer with Southeast Police District Crime Prevention Unit, presented a workshop on improving residents' safety at home and in their community. Topics included recognizing and reporting suspicious activity, personal safety, and burglary and theft prevention. The presentation was followed by Q&A session and discussion.

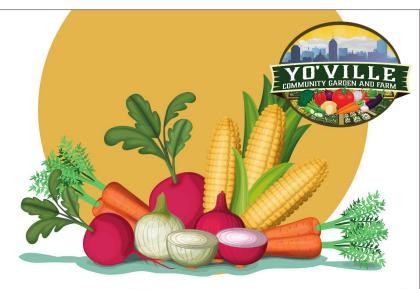


The Yo'Ville Farm Stand is open

The Yosemite Village Community Garden and Urban Farm Incubator (Yo'Ville) is a collaborative 7.5-acre fresh food production space planned and designed to enlist and serve the residents of Southwest Fresno.

Yo'Ville aims to create a just and local food system by providing residents and community members with tools, knowledge, and access to land by utilizing vacant lots for residents to grow their own food, creating opportunities to share knowledge on growing and eating healthy food, and organizing residents to improve access to fresh produce and green spaces.

First & Third Saturdays 8–11 AM 872 W Atchison Court Fresno CA 93706



YoVille Farm Stand NOW OPEN

EVERY 1ST AND 3RDSATURDAY OF THE MONTH

8AM - 11AM YoVille Community Garden and Farm 872 W Atchison Court, Fresno CA 93706

For more info, contact 559-485-1416 or chris@fresnometmin.org



















The YoVille Community Garden and Farm is supported by California Strategic Growth Council's Transformative Climate Communities Program with funds from California Climate Investments – Cap-and-Trade Dollars at Work."

PG&E COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan

The New COVID-19 Relief Payment Plan provides financial assistance programs offering solutions for paying past-due energy bills and additional support programs that provide guidance to reduce future household expenses. Customers may qualify for several programs and can begin applying or enrolling now.

Contact PG&E: (800) 743-5000 Learn more: pge.com/covid19





PAST EVENT



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