

SLO HOUSING NEWS



JANUARY 2012



San Luis Obispo Police Dept. Tobacco Citations

On January 1st, 2012 the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) will join more than twenty (20) Housing Authorities in different cities throughout California in going smoke free.

The City of San Luis Obispo restricts smoking everywhere where people can be exposed to secondhand smoke. The places you can still smoke are: in your car, or any outdoor area in which no non-smoker is present and it is not reasonable to expect another person to arrive who will encounter your tobacco smoke. You cannot smoke within 20 feet of the building either. Guests will not be allowed to smoke on the property at all.

For the month of October 2011 the City of San Luis Obispo's Police Department has made seventy-

five (75) citations for smoking in public places, places of employment, service areas, Multi-unit housing common areas, and enclosed places, as well as seventy-five (75) citations for smoking and tobacco products in outdoor recreational areas.

Tenant's in Public Housing units prior to the implementation will received a one (1) year exemption period for current smokers to be ready to comply with the smoke free policy. This exemption will be temporary and last from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

Free quit smoking classes are available in San Luis Obispo, Grover Beach and Paso Robles. Call 781-5564 for more information. If ten (10) or more HASLO tenants express interest, free quit smoking classes will be given at a HASLO site.



Free Tax Help



Let the San Luis Obispo County Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program Coalition provide you with free tax preparation services. From January through April 2012, Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc. (CAPSLO), in partnership with United Way, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will offer free tax help.

If you received yearly household earnings of \$50,000 or less you are eligible for this free service and you may qualify for an Earned Income Credit of up to \$5,751, providing you did not receive any rental income or self-employment income.

Taxes are prepared by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) certified volunteers who are trained in

basic tax return preparation. Refunds are available in 7-14 days with direct deposit. Spanish speaking volunteers will be available at each site.

For information on locations, days and times call "211" or visit www.taxhelp211.org.

Other San Luis Obispo County agencies that provide free tax preparation services are the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

To utilize Cal Poly, no appointment is necessary. It is on a first come, first serve basis. Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. through March 15th. Call 756-2667 for more information.

AARP is by appointment only, call 540-3802.



*Happy New Year
from the
HASLO Staff*

OFFICE HOURS FOR JANUARY 2012

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fridays Open: Jan. 13th & 27th

8 a.m. - 12 Noon & 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Holiday's Closed: Mon., Jan. 2nd - New Year's

Monday, Jan. 16th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day



Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy

Revision of the Public Housing Lease

Dear Residents:

Effective January 1, 2012, the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) will implement a No Smoking Policy and Revision to your Public Housing Lease. Tenants in Public Housing units prior to the implementation will receive a one (1) year exemption period for current smokers to be ready to comply with the smoke free policy. This exemption will be temporary and last from December 31, 2011 to December 31, 2012.

This revision will affect where residents may smoke. The No Smoking Policy and Lease Addendum prohibit smoking and use of tobacco products throughout the entire apartment complex, including but not limited to, all living units, hallways, stairways, foyers, common rooms and facilities, decks, patios, exterior landings, front steps, elevators, entrance ways, roof tops, fire escapes, basements, storage areas, parking areas, driveways, walkways, lawns, gardens, adjoining grounds, and building facilities. This policy applies to all residents, guests, visitors, service personnel and employees. All provisions of No Smoking Ordinance 1545 of the City of San Luis Obispo are already in effect.

A Fact Sheet is available which will help answer questions you may have about the new policy.

The new policy is intended to promote a healthier, safer and cleaner environment for all residents and guests. Free smoking cessation classes are available in San Luis Obispo. Please call 781-5564 for additional information.

EXHIBIT ONE (1)

HOUSE RULES (Continued from last month)

14. To immediately notify management when maintenance or repair work needs to be done in my unit. I am aware that this can be done by one of the following methods:
 - a. By going to the office during normal working hours, and having a "Work Order" completed. The resident has a right to receive a copy of the work order, and an estimated date of completion.
 - b. If resident cannot come to the office in person, work orders can be taken over the phone during regular business hours, Monday through Friday at 543-1026.
 - c. In EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, when the office is closed, resident must call the main office number at 543-4478 and leave a message with management's answering service.
 - d. All non-emergency requests for repairs will be handled during regular business hours. Resident is aware that NOT reporting to management repair work that needs to be performed in the unit may constitute a violation of this Lease, and resident may be charged for damage incurred as a result of this negligence.
15. To keep the premises free from cockroaches, vermin and pests.
16. Resident's personal property is not insured by the Housing Authority, and it is recommended that Resident(s) obtain personal Renters Insurance.
17. Resident shall not keep or allow to be kept, or maintain upon the premises, any item or undertake any hazardous acts or do any act which will cause an increase in the rate of insurance premium upon said premises.



MAINTENANCE CORNER



**Be sure to report repair work in a timely manner.
When calling Maintenance if you receive the recording please
leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.**

***Due to the Moylan Terrace construction project activity, access to the HASLO
Maintenance Office is restricted. Please call Nellie at 543-1026 for an appt.***

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Our Family Section

For **Learning Center** holiday hours or to make an appointment to use the computer lab call **594-5336**



Free Cessation Classes



The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Agency Tobacco Control Program is offering free Cessation Classes to help people quit smoking. The courses involve six weeks of classes and you need to begin with the first class. Call to register for a class at 781-5564. The Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo (HASLO) can also schedule a special class for our clients if we have enough of an interest, so if you are you can call Roz at the HASLO 594-5321.

San Luis Obispo Class

5:30-7:00 p.m. Tuesdays
Public Health Department
2180 Johnson Avenue

New Location:

WIC Annex Red Brick Bldg. (Back side)

Class begins: Jan. 3rd, 2012

Jan. 10th, 2012
Jan. 17th, 2012
Jan. 24th, 2012
Jan. 31st, 2012

Concludes: Feb. 7th, 2012

Grover Beach Class

5:30-7:00 p.m. Thursdays
Public Health Department
286 South 16th Street, Bldg. B (off Grand)

Class begins: Jan. 5th, 2012

Jan. 19th, 2012 (no class Jan. 12th)
Jan. 26th, 2012
Feb. 2nd, 2012
Feb. 9th, 2012

Concludes: Feb. 16th, 2012

Paso Robles Class

5:30-7:00 p.m. Wednesdays
Public Health Department

723 Walnut, Hwy. 101 East on 13th/Creston Rd.

Class begins: Jan. 4th, 2012

Jan. 11th, 2012
Jan. 18th, 2012
Jan. 25th, 2012
Feb. 1st, 2012

Concludes: Feb. 8th, 2012

Local Events

1st SATURDAY OF THE MONTH - ELFIN FOREST WORK PARTIES: Small Wilderness Area Preservation (SWAP) organizes "First Saturday Work Parties." Please dress for wind, fog, or sun. Layers work well. Long pants and long-sleeved shirts are best. Sturdy shoes are a must. Meet at the north end of 15th Street at the Elfin Forest entrance. Do not to park in front of driveways or mailboxes. 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. For information call 528-0392.

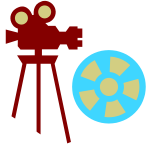
2nd SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH - SATURDAY AT THE GARDEN: Programs and activities on the second Saturday of the month. Details can be found on the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden's website. For more information call 541-1400.



Visit the Housing Authority
website at www.haslo.org
to see what's new!

Check out what the
Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is doing?

SENIOR SECTION



SENIOR CINEMA: Wednesday, January 4th, 2012 at 12:30 p.m. Film: *Midnight in Paris* with Owen Wilson and Rachel McAdams. Pack your lunch. Bring a friend! Enjoy the free movie and popcorn! Call 781-7306 for more information.

GENTLE RESTORATIVE YOGA: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. For more information call Brooke West, Instructor at 528-4044. Donations \$6-\$8.



BRAIN AEROBICS AT THE SENIOR CENTER: 1445 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo. Monday, January 23rd, 2012 at 10:25 a.m. Presented by Sonja S. Glassmeyer, Certified Gerontologist. Fun new ways to get smart; Six square Sudoku; Plus all new exciting brain teasers you will love to conquer. *To facilitate the continuity of the class doors will be closed promptly at 10:25 a.m.*

NEW VOLUNTEER SENIOR SHUTTLE PROGRAM: Passengers can be anyone 18+ who is disabled, or a senior. The only stipulation is that they must be able to transfer in and out of their wheelchairs independently. Volunteers drive their own vehicles for the program. To schedule a ride call the Wilshire Foundation at 547-7025.



PERSONAL MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEMS: At the Senior Center, 1445 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo. Monday, January 30th, 2012, there will be a special presentation by Marie Pounders. Valuable information about how personal medical alerts work, how much they cost, and what should you look for in a company. There will be a hands-on system set up to see and hear exactly how it works! For more information call 781-7306.

LUNCHEON AT THE SENIOR CENTER: 1445 Santa Rosa Street, San Luis Obispo. Luncheon is Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 at 12 Noon, \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. Please make reservations no later than Friday, January 6th, 2011 by calling 781-7306. The Program: Andi Bankson from the American Red Cross will show you how to put together a mobile emergency kit. It's the season of winter storms and possible power outages; every home needs to be prepared. The lunch menu: Fresh salad, ham, scalloped potatoes, peas, rolls with butter and a surprise dessert.

RESOURCES PHONE LIST

ADA Runabout Transportation 541-2544
Area Agency on Aging (800) 510-2020
Caring Callers 547-7025
Catholic Charities 544-1048
Community Health Centers 929-3211
Food Bank 238-4664
Meals on Wheels 541-1336

RTA (Bus) 781-4472
SLO Senior Shuttle 541-8747
Senior Center 781-7306
Senior Nutrition Program 541-3312
USDA Emergency Food Program 238-4664
SLO Dept. of Social Services 781-1790
Wilshire Foundation 547-7025



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