



The Costa Valencia Sun

October 2011

Costa Valencia Apartment Homes
6309 Highway 90W, San Antonio, TX 78227

Dear Residents,

One of the biggest events of the year is scheduled for October 4, 2011- National Night Out! The event allows all the residents (and their families!) to gather together as a community. With food, fun and game, and we're excited to see everyone attend!

Halloween will certainly be an exciting time for you as a resident at Costa Valencia. We had a great turn out last year for the first annual Trick or Treating event. We look forward to having even more participation as we moved the time back one hour to 6pm. I can't wait to see you there!

Costa Valencia is also happy to announce the addition of a Recycling program! Recycling Bins will be added to the enclosed trash areas for you to place all qualifying recyclable items. Management will be providing you with a list of those qualifying items by the middle of the month.

--Ashley Shute, Resident Service Coordinator

National Night Out

Date: Tuesday, October 4
Time: 5PM – 7PM
Where: Community Pool

Come join the Costa Valencia community for a night of games, food and fun! The annual event will feature corn dogs, door prizes and exciting times with your neighbors! Bring your friends and family to enjoy the fun! Everyone is welcome.

Nutrition Class

Date: Friday, October 21
Time: 3:30pm – 5PM
Where: Community Room

Tracey West from the Foodbank will join us again to discuss the benefits of eating healthy. Everyone is encouraged to come out to listen, learn and eat delicious healthy snacks!

Trick or Treating

Date: Monday, October 31
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Where: Meet in the Children's Activity Room

Put on your best scary costume to trick or treat with your neighbors! Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come out to the event.

Costa Valencia Brunch

Date: Wednesday, October 19
Time: 10:30AM – 11:30AM
Where: Community Room

Join your neighbors as they come together to eat, chat and play bingo! The theme this month is Halloween fun! Come by the Children's Activity Center for more details and/or to sign up to bring a dish. All are welcome!

After School Program

Time: 3PM – 4:30PM
Days: Tuesday – Thursday
Where: Children's Activity Room

Children of Costa Valencia ages 6 and up are welcome to join the After School program. The program will provide a healthy snack, homework help and enrichment activities. Come by the Children's Activity Center for a registration form. All children must be registered to participate.

Halloween Door and Porch Decorating Contest

Date: Friday, October 28
Time: TBA
Where: Your apartment!

Show us your Halloween spirit! Decorate your porch and door with scary goblins and ghosts showing the Costa Valencia staff what you've got! Small prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

Neighborhood Buddies

Date: Wednesday, October 19
Time: 12PM – 1PM
Where: Community Room

After finishing your delicious brunch stay and chat with your neighbors about safety, health and general community concerns. If you're unable to attend but have concerns, please come by the Children's Activity Center to submit an anonymous note about any issues you feel need to be drawn to the attention of property management.

Resident Services Coordinator: Ms. Ashley Shute
Schedule: Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Phone: 210/645-4544
Email: ashley@mercedhousingtexas.org
Location: Costa Valencia Front Office, Children's Room

Resident Services at this property are provided by:

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San Antonio, TX, 78212
Ph: 210/281-0234
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www.mercedhousingtexas.org



Merced's Military Minute



This section of our newsletter provides information about services especially available to our military residents and their families. For more information on these and other resources, please contact Ashley Shute, Resident Services Coordinator for Merced Housing Texas at Costa Valencia Apartments 210/281-0234.

Operation Homefront

Assistance is available to military families in coping with deployment and injury recovery as they struggle with devastating budget issues. We provide emergency financial assistance to service members and their families as they take corrective action to resolve their financial situations.

For more information, call 210/659-8039.

Operation Homefront may help with:

- Shelter, rent, mortgage, utilities, temporary lodging
- Vehicle expenses, car payments, car insurance, registration (only when it is the family's only means of transportation)
- Airfare to transport a family member to assist a military family during illness or for childbirth
- Childcare during illness or surgery
- Personal Property Taxes
- Emergency dental expenses
- Critical baby items
- Other emergency financial needs

Poetry Slam: Stand. Speak. Listen.

Date: Saturday, November 5

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Where: Fort Sam Houston, Stanley Road, Building 2797

Cost: FREE

Share your poetry or listen to your fellow servicemen and women. There will be free food and a DJ. The poetry competition prizes are: \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Adults only, no children under 18. Call 210/221-2055 to register or for more information.

Free Child Car Seats for Qualifying Military Families

Call 210/221-0349 to schedule an appointment at the Children's Clinic. At the appointment, your child's measurements will be taken to help provide you with the most appropriate car seat for your child.

Veteran Justice Outreach Program

Veterans who are self medicating may become legally compromised. If you are a veteran and have a misdemeanor pending, call 210/533-2577. Ask about the special support you can receive to help access treatment.