



# The Whispering Willow

Artisan at Willow Springs Apartments  
535 Gembler Road; San Antonio, TX 78219

Dear Residents,

Go Green in Willow Springs! The Staff of Artisan at Willow Springs has introduced the official "Go Green Project!" There will be Green Recycle Bins located beside each dumpster location on the property. Rent is due on October 1, 2011 and late fees will be given out on October 4, 2011. You can also make payments online. If you are in need with rent assistance information please call me at 210/212-4116.

I would like to remind all the Willow Springs Residents that I am here to help you out if you need help to pay your electric bill, rent, or help with finding a job. I was happy that I was able to help out some families last month. I am here from 9:00AM to 5:00PM, Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays, and Wednesday & Thursdays 8:30AM - 4:30PM. I am with the children's After School Program from 3:15PM - 5:00P Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Thanks, -Ms. Monty

## October 2011

### Resident Council Meeting

**TIME:** 6:00PM-7:00PM

**DATE:** Tuesday, October 11

**WHERE:** Community Room

Resident Council is a self governing organization that helps develop or build new informative ideas, programs, and events on the property.

### Halloween Door Decorating Contest & Pot Luck

**TIME:** 3:30PM-5:30PM

**DATE:** Friday, October 28

**WHERE:** Artisan at Willow Springs

The home with the best Halloween decoration design will receive a gift card from Target. We will celebrate the winner at our Halloween Pot luck party in the Community Room at 3:30PM. Come by to show us your cooking skills!!

### National Night Out

**TIME:** 5:00PM - 8:00PM

**DATE:** Tuesday October 4

**WHERE:** Court Yard of Artisan at Willow Springs

Crime Prevention Awareness: Special guest speakers, free food, and music. Celebrating informative ways to keep our community safe.

### Dental Screening

**TIME:** October 18, 2011:

10:00AM-11:30PM/ October 19, 2011 3:30-4:30PM

**DATE:** October 18, 2011

(Adults ONLY) & October 19, 2011 (After school Program ONLY)

**WHERE:** Community Center & After School Program  
Educating residents on dental hygiene and exploring new ways to stay healthy.

### Medicare Advantage Plans

**TIME:** 1:30PM - 2:30PM

**DATE:** Tuesdays, October 18 & 25

**WHERE:** Community Room

Come learn about Medicare benefits. The staff of Medicare Advantage Plans will be here to answer questions.

### Food Distribution

**TIME:** 12:00PM - 1:30PM

**DATE:** Saturdays October 15 & 22

**WHERE:** Community Room

There will be two food distributions this month! Bring Monty an empty cardboard box for your family size.

### Family Nurturing Program

**TIME:** 11:00PM - 1:00PM

**DATE:** Tuesday and Thursday, in October, 2011

**WHERE:** Community Center  
Anyone who takes care of a child, be it a parent, a relative, or a babysitter is welcome to attend. \$30 gift certificates and free refreshments will be provided.

#### Resident Services:

Phone: 210/212-4116  
M-F 9:00AM to 5:00 PM

#### Leasing Office Information:

Phone: 210/277-6306  
Fax: 210/277-6372

Resident Services at this property



212 West Laurel  
San Antonio, TX, 78212  
Ph: 210/281-0234

Fax: 210/281-0238

www.MercedHousingTexas.org

# Merced's Military Minute



<p>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 Monty Hill, Resident Services Coordinator from Merced Housing Texas at Artisan at Willow Springs Apartments 210/212-4116.</p>	<p><b>Poetry Slam: Stand. Speak. Listen.</b>  <b>Date:</b> Saturday, November 5  <b>Time:</b> 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM  <b>Where:</b> Fort Sam Houston, Stanley Road, Building 2797  <b>Cost:</b> FREE</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Operation Homefront</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>For more information, call 210/659-8039.</p> <p>Operation Homefront may help with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Shelter, rent, mortgage, utilities, temporary lodging</li> <li>•Vehicle expenses, car payments, car insurance, registration (only when it is the family's only means of transportation)</li> <li>•Airfare to transport a family member to assist a military family during illness or for childbirth</li> <li>•Childcare during illness or surgery</li> <li>•Personal Property Taxes</li> <li>•Emergency dental expenses</li> <li>•Critical baby items</li> <li>•Other emergency financial needs</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Free Child Car Seats for Qualifying Military Families</b></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Veteran Justice Outreach Program</b></p> <p>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.</p>