



The Casitas Messenger

Casitas de Merced 8135 First Street, Somerset, TX 78069

NOVEMBER 2017

Dear Residents,

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! Don't forget to "fall back" and reset your clocks on Sunday, November 5! Let's also take time this month to thank and honor the veterans and servicemen and women, and their dedication and bravery on Veterans Day. I also want to thank everyone for their help during our TDHCA inspection at the end of October!

Please note that the office will be closed Tuesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. I encourage everyone at Casitas to join together and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday together! We have a great community and I hope you will connect over the holiday.

The Constitutional Amendment election is Tuesday, November 7 so don't forget to vote!

Patricia Wepler
Community Manager

MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT – COUNSELING SESSIONS

Date: Through Thursday, December 7

Do you need help understanding Medicare prescription drug plans (PDPs) or Medicare Advantage (MA) plans? Certified Benefits Counselors with the Bexar Area Agency on Aging are available for appointments, at no cost to you. To schedule an appointment, or for more information on counseling, call the Alamo Service Connection at 210/477-3275. You can also find more information by visiting *Medicare.gov* or by calling 855/797-2627.

OPERATION TURKEY

Date: Thursday, November 23

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Operation Turkey provides a traditional Thanksgiving meal, including turkey, dressing, desserts and more, and will be delivered to your address. If the address is out of their delivery range, they will contact you ASAP. For more information or to request a Thanksgiving meal, visit *operationturkey.com* and click "Request a Meal."

BIHL HAUS GO! ART CLASSES

Date: Thursdays
Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM
Place: Community Room

We will not have class on Thursday, November 23 due to Thanksgiving!

ALAMO REGIONAL TRANSIT

Date: Mondays – Fridays
Time: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM



Alamo Regional Transit offers rides for a low price across a 13-county area. Rides start as low as \$6 for a ride within Bexar County. They offer transportation for medical visits, shopping, work and much more. Call 866/889-7433 for more information, or visit

<https://www.aacog.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/143>.

Merced Housing Texas has funds available to help you with transportation! For more information and to get your transportation costs covered, call 210/281-0234 at least 2 weeks before your trip.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays and Thursdays

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Phone: 830/429-3092

Press 1 for property info

Press 2 for non-emergency

Press 3 for emergency work orders

Resident services at this community provided by:



Merced Housing Texas

212 W Laurel St.

San Antonio, TX 78212

210/281-0234

www.MercedHousingTexas.org





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Estimados Residentes:

¡Quiero desearles a todos un Feliz Día de Acción de Gracias! ¡No olviden atrasar sus relojes el domingo 5 de noviembre! Dedicuemos un momento este mes para agradecer y honrar a los veteranos y a los hombres y mujeres en el servicio militar, por su dedicación y valentía este Día de los Veteranos. ¡También quiero agradecer a todos por su ayuda durante nuestra inspección TDHCA a finales de octubre!

Favor de tomar nota que la oficina estará cerrada el martes 21 y jueves 23 de noviembre por la celebración del Día de Acción de Gracias. ¡Los animo a que nos unamos y disfrutemos esta festividad juntos en Casitas de Merced! Tenemos una gran comunidad y espero que todos estemos unidos en los días festivos.

Las Elecciones para la Enmienda Constitucional se llevarán a cabo el martes 7 de noviembre. ¡No olviden votar!

Patricia Wepler
Gerente de la Propiedad

CLASES DE ARTE BIHL HAUS ¡GO!

Fecha: jueves
Horario: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Lugar: Salón Comunitario

¡No tendremos clases el jueves 23 de noviembre por el Día de Acción de Gracias!

SERVICIOS DE TRANSPORTE REGIONAL ALAMO

Fecha: lunes – viernes
Horario: 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Los Servicios de Transporte Regional Alamo ofrecen transporte a bajo costo dentro de una área de 13 condados. El costo puede ser tan bajo como \$6 dentro del Condado de Bexar. Ofrecen transporte para visitas médicas, compras, trabajo y mucho más. Para mayor información llamen al: 66/889-7433, o vayan a:
<https://www.aacog.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/143>.

¡Merced Housing Texas tiene fondos disponibles para ayudarles con el costo de la transportación! Para obtener mayor información o para que se les cubra este tipo de pago, favor de llamar al 210/281-0234 por lo menos con 2 semanas de anticipación.

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS PARA MEDICARE SESIONES DE ASESORÍA

Fecha: de hoy, hasta el jueves 7 de diciembre

¿Necesitan asistencia para entender los planes de prescripciones médicas de Medicare (PDPs) o los planes Medicare Advantage (MA)? Asesores Certificados en los Beneficios para Adultos Mayores por la Agencia del Condado de Bexar estarán disponibles para concertar citas sin ningún costo para ustedes. Para concertar una cita o para obtener mayor información referente a la asesoría, llamen al Servicio de Conexiones Álamo al 210/477-3275. También pueden obtener más información en línea, en Medicare.gov o llamando al 855/797-2627.

OPERACIÓN PAVO

Fecha: jueves 23 de noviembre
Horario: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

La Operación Pavo proporciona una comida tradicional del Día de Acción de Gracias que incluye pavo, relleno, postre y más. La comida les será entregada en su domicilio. Si están fuera del área de entrega, se les avisará de inmediato. Para mayor información o para solicitar su comida, vaya a operationturkey.com y presionen la opción "Solicite una Comida" (*Request a Meal*).

HORARIO DE OFICINA

martes y jueves
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Teléfono: 830/429-3092

Oprima 1 para información en general de la propiedad
Oprima 2 para situaciones regulares
Oprima 3 para órdenes de trabajos urgentes

Los servicios a los residentes en esta comunidad son proporcionados por:



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MERCED'S MILITARY MINUTE

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This section of our newsletter provides information about services available specifically for our military residents and their families. For more assistance or information, contact your leasing office and/or the Resident Services Coordinator.



DEFENSE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE PSYCHOLOGY OUTREACH

Date and Time: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

The DCoE offers information and resources, as well as answers to specific questions given by professional health resources consultants with experience with military life. They can be reached by phone at 866/966-1020, by live chat at realwarriors.net/live, or by email at resources@dcoeoutreach.org. They can help with PTSD, TBI, and other mental health problems you may be experiencing.

NEW YORK LIFE VETERANS DAY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday, November 11

Time: 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Place: New York Life Insurance – General Office
8000 IH-10 W, Suite 800



Veterans, active duty members, and their families are invited to a free breakfast on Veterans Day to thank them for their service and dedication! They will have food and drinks for everyone who attends, at no cost! For more information, call 210/342-7878 or email

A very special thank you to all of our dedicated veterans and servicemen and women. We salute you, and thank you for your service this Veterans Day!

CALL A RIDE 4 VETS

This free service is for veterans, their family, caregivers and surviving spouses. Rides are available Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Call 210/362-5254 to schedule an appointment 7 – 10 days in advance.

24/7 VETERAN'S CRISIS LINE

Call 800/273-8255 and press 1

Or text to 838255

HIRING RED, WHITE AND YOU

Date: Thursday, November 9

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Place: Freeman Coliseum Expo Hall 2
3201 E. Houston Street

Workforce Solutions is always hosting statewide hiring fairs, looking for qualified individuals to meet with the employers they work with! This hiring fair targets veterans and their spouses, working to connect them with area employers.

For more information, such as bridging your military skills to civilian skills, or how to prepare for a job fair, visit <http://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org/services-2/jobseekers/veterans-services/hiring-red-white-and-you>. Job seekers can also contact Lydia Elder for more information, at 210/510-4686 or lelder@wsalamo.org.

