

# March 2024



## ELMHURST PLACE APARTMENTS



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<p>March is NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH</p>					1 <p>National Compliment Day</p>	2
3 <b>Caregiver Appreciation Day</b> 	4	5	6 <p>HAPPY DENTIST'S DAY</p>	7 <p>NATIONAL CEREAL DAY</p>	8	9 <p>NATIONAL BARBIE DAY</p>
10 <p>DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Spring</p>	11 <b>Johnny Appleseed Day</b> 	12	13	14 <p>HAPPY PI DAY 3.14</p>	15	16
17 <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	18	19 <b>PEST CONTROL</b> <p>HAPPY First Day of Spring!</p>	20 <b>Resident Services Training</b>	21 <b>Resident Services Training</b>	22	23 <p>Happy National DOG DAY!</p>
24 <p>Palm Sunday</p>	25	26	27 <p>NATIONAL JOE DAY</p>	28 <b>Produce Distribution, 2:00 PM — 4:00 PM</b>	29 <b>Resident Services Office Closed 1:00 PM — 5:00 PM</b>	30 <b>NATIONAL DOCTOR DAY</b> 

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### MERCED HOUSING TEXAS MISSION

Merced Housing Texas creates and strengthens healthy communities by providing quality, affordable housing with supportive services for low-income individuals, families, and older adults

**Claudia Franco**  
Resident Services Coordinator

**Office Hours:**  
Mondays and Fridays or by appointment

**HOW WE CAN HELP YOU**  
Resident Services Coordinators provide resources and referrals to residents. We are committed to providing one-on-one assistance in navigating community resources as well as providing information and activities to promote overall wellness.



### MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

#### RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR MESSAGE:

Dear Residents,

Hello, my name is Claudia Franco and I am the new Resident Services Coordinator for Elmhurst Place. I am excited to be here to assist you and offer information on programs and services you may need.

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 AM Sunday, March 10, so make sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed. Don't forget to wear green on Sunday, March 17, for St. Patrick's Day or else you'll get pinched! If you aren't a fan of the cold, then you're in luck because this month marks the beginning of spring on March 19! Hello fresh weather!

I would like to remind you that on Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21 the Resident Services Coordinator will be unavailable due to Resident Services Training.

The Produce Distribution will be on Thursday, March 28. Please read inside the newsletter for more information on this distribution.

I am looking forward to meeting you and working with all of you here at Elmhurst Place!

**Claudia Franco**  
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## NEW UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FOR CPS CUSTOMERS)

### How to apply for CPS Utility Assistance:

Phone: 210.353.6110

Online application:

English: [https://](https://www.cpsenergy.com/arpa)

[www.cpsenergy.com/arpa](https://www.cpsenergy.com/arpa)

Spanish: [https://](https://www.cpsenergy.com/arpa-sp)

[www.cpsenergy.com/arpa-sp](https://www.cpsenergy.com/arpa-sp)



### How to apply for SAWS Utility Assistance:

Phone: 210.704.7297

Online: <http://www.saws.org/uplift>

If you need assistance in applying for either program, you can contact Claudia at 210.281.0234 extension 216 to assist you with the application process.

## BENEFITS ASSISTANCE BY SAN ANTONIO FOOD BANK

San Antonio Food Bank can help you to apply for state and federal benefits, such as:

- \* SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs)
- \* ADULT MEDICAID
- \* CHIP (Children Health Insurance Program)
- \* CHILDREN'S MEDICAID
- \* LONG TERM CARE
- \* WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)
- \* TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)
- \* HEALTHY TEXAS WOMEN
- \* MSP (Medicare Savings Program)

For questions regarding benefits assistance, please contact: 210.431.8326 or 1.800.246.9121 or send an email to: [clientservices@safoodbank.org](mailto:clientservices@safoodbank.org)

## VITA (VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE)

INCOME TAX



Sites are open through April 15, 2024.

The VITA program provides free income tax return preparation to taxpayers earning up to \$60,000 or less annually. For site locations and specific schedules, visit: [www.vitasa.org](http://www.vitasa.org)

## PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

Date: Thursday, March 28

Time: 2:00 PM—4:00 PM (will vary)

Place: Delivery to your Apartment

Merced Housing Texas will be delivering a produce bag to all registered residents. The deadline to register is Thursday, March 22, by 3:00 PM.



If you would like to receive a produce bag, please contact Claudia at 210.281.0234 extension 216.

## ST. STEPHEN'S CLOTHES CLOSET

St. Stephen's CARE Center is a clothing closet for those most in need. Clients can shop for clothing just like a retail store, but they checkout for free, providing dignity to all. The clothing closet provides immediate assistance to clients including clothing, shoes, toys, and diapers. For more information or assistance, please schedule an appointment with a case manager at 210.226.6178.



## PEST CONTROL

Date: Tuesday, March 19

Time: Times will vary

Pest Control services will be completed in your apartment on Tuesday, March 19. If you have questions or concerns, contact property management at 830.491.1897.



## EASTER MEET AND GREET RESIDENT SERVICES COORDINATOR

Date: Saturday, March 16

Time: 1:00 PM — 3:00 PM

Place: In the gazebo area

Join us for an early Easter celebration and Meet and Greet with our new Resident Services Coordinator, Claudia Franco! We will serve dogs, chips, drinks, and have an Easter egg hunt for the residents of Elmhurst Place and Eleanor Place to enjoy. Skip the dishes and have lunch with us instead! Come and join in on the fun! I look forward to meeting many of you!



## RESOURCES

- RESIDENT RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - provide financial assistance for income-restricted renters at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability <https://dhs.mendixcloud.com/p/Kinetech/GovTechHousingAssistance>
- CPS UTILITIES ASSISTANCE 210.353.2222
- PRESA TRANSPORTATION for medical and grocery shopping 210.532.5554
- BEXAR COUNTY UTILITY ASSISTANCE 210.335.6770
- FOOD BANK 210.337.3663
- PARENT HELPLINE 1.855.427.2736 for emotional support and advocacy for parents
- VETERAN CRISIS LINE 1.800.273.8225 (OPTION 1)
- SAN ANTONIO POLICE NON-EMERGENCY 210.207.7273
- DRESS FOR SUCCESS (work attire) 210.737.1515