

# March 2024



## RIVERSQUARE APARTMENTS



MERCED CORE VALUES: INTEGRITY | COMPASSION | SERVICE | COLLABORATION

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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

### JOY MCGRAW

Resident Services Coordinator

### Office Hours On Site

Twice a Month on Thursdays or by Appointment Only  
**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

Dear Residents,

I hope you all had a wonderful February! Don't forget to set your clocks forward on March 10 this month for Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to wear green on St. Patrick's Day! Easter is this month too! Spring Break will be the week of March 11 through March 15.

Starting this month I will be on site at Riversquare twice a month. Exact dates will be in the calendar attached to this newsletter. If you are in need of assistance, looking for referrals or resources, you can visit me in the lobby on those dates. Otherwise, please call me during my office hours, which are 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Kind Regards,

**Joy McGraw**

830.370.4617



Merced Housing Texas | 120 W. Mistletoe Ave/P.O. Box 12870  
San Antonio, TX 78212

## MANAGER REMINDERS

Friendly reminders to help us keep our community clean and safe for all:

- ◆ Please dispose of trash properly inside the dumpsters in an appropriate trash bag
- ◆ Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets and keeping them on a leash while outside in the community
- ◆ Be respectful to your neighbors
- ◆ Keep your patio clean and free of clutter

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Police Non-Emergency  
361.882.1911 or 361.888.4357
- Department of Health and Human Services  
361.857.0878
- ISD Instructional Resource Center  
361.695.7510
- Area Agency on Aging on the Coastal Bend  
361.883.3935

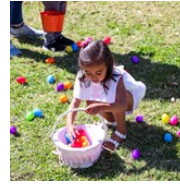
## SPRING EGG-STRAVAGANZA

**Date:** Thursday, March 7

**Time:** 3:30 PM—5:30 PM

**Place:** Leasing Office Lobby

Come join us for a Spring Painting Picture party then stay for an Easter Egg Hunt. You will have various canvases to choose from. Paints and paint brushes will also be provided. Snacks will be served for all participants to enjoy. Make sure to bring an Easter Egg Basket to enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt immediately after the painting activity. This event is sponsored by Merced Housing Texas, Head Start Program, and Asset Living Management.



## NUECES COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES

**Dates:** Mondays – Fridays

**Time:** 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

**Place:** Nueces County Social Services Office  
RTA Staples Center –  
602 N. Staples St., Ste. 180  
Phone: 361.888.0837

The Nueces County Social Services Office provides direct client services for residents of Corpus Christi who may need assistance with financial resources, including rent and utility assistance, as well as assistance with other services that include food and transportation.

Applicants must meet the agency criteria and income eligibility requirements. Applications are available by calling the office at the number listed above, or by visiting <https://www.nuecesco.com/county-services/social-services/documents>.

## VITA (VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE) FREE TAX PREPARATION ASSISTANCE

SITES ARE OPEN FROM JANUARY 16, 2024 TO APRIL 15, 2024.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program provides free income tax return preparation for taxpayers earning up to \$55,000 annually. VITA helps working families and individuals take advantage of all of the tax credits they are eligible for, including the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), Child Tax Credit (CTC), and education credits. Volunteers from the community help prepare basic, current-year tax returns for eligible taxpayers free of charge. **CORPUS CHRISTI VITA INFO:** <https://www.uwcb.org/vita>

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

**Date:** Thursday, March 21

**Time:** 10:00 AM, while supplies last

**Place:** Lobby

The Food Bank will bring food to distribute among all residents who qualify. Bring your ID and bags and/or shopping carts to carry all of your groceries. If you are an older adult, come with someone to help you because it is a heavy load of groceries. If you have questions please call the Office at 361.241.8822



## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**International Women's Day** – our favorite day of the year. International Women's Day has been celebrating the successes and challenging the injustices of women around the world for decades. While these injustices demand so much more time than just one day, International Women's Day is still an effective amplifier of the voices of women, and a powerful step in the right direction.



## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

March is National Celery Month. It's a month to celebrate this marshland vegetable. You're up for a Celery-bration, aren't you? Of course you are! Native to the Mediterranean, celery is one of the best foods you can eat. It is very low in calories, some people even say it takes more calories to eat celery than the calories it contains. It is high in fiber, potassium, and vitamins A and C. Celery adds a tasty crunch to salads and tuna fish. It's great in soups, stuffing, and many other recipes. It is a great snack paired with a variety of dips, or peanut butter. And what would a Bloody Mary mock tail be without a stalk of celery!?

