

Community Times

A publication of the Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara

2012 at a glance...



You're Invited
GRAND OPENING
1020 PLACIDO AVENUE
*the new home
of Project Recovery's detox program*



BRADLEY STUDIOS
*Grand Opening
Celebration*

54 disabled individuals

98 families with children

181 seniors

found homes this year through
the Housing Authority of the
City of Santa Barbara

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1. The Housing Authority broke ground on its newest affordable housing development, Bradley Studios.

2. Grand opening for 1020 Placido, a property acquired and renovated by the Housing Authority to house the South Coast's detox for men and women (formerly at Casa Esperanza).

3. Housing Authority, in conjunction with the Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation, hosted CASA (Cultural Activities and Summer Adventures) camp for Public Housing youth.

4. 2nd Story Associates & HACSB distributed over 300 backpacks filled with school supplies to low-income youth to start the new school year.

5. 6 youth from the Housing Authority participated in the Creek Week event to help clean Santa Barbara's creeks.

6. 2nd Story Associates, the Housing Authority's affiliate non-profit, held an Open House to introduce the community to its programs and successes.

7. Seven families graduated from the Housing Authority's Family Self Sufficiency Program by achieving their goals and becoming economically independent.

8. The Housing Authority finished construction on Bradley Studios, now home to Santa Barbara's downtown workforce and individuals with supportive housing needs.

9. The Housing Authority hosted its first senior fair, providing vital referrals and outreach.

10. Housing Authority is honored with 3 national awards for its Artisan Court development.

Energy Saving Bulbs - Handle with Care



In 2007, both houses of Congress overwhelmingly passed a bill that bans traditional incandescent 100-watt light bulbs from shelves. California began phasing out these high wattage light bulbs in January 2011 in a process

that runs through January 2013, eliminating light bulbs rated at 100, 75, 60 and 40 watts. The overall goal of this law is to have light bulbs that are 25% more efficient, reducing a family's carbon footprint and promoting a healthier environment.

In order to be compliant with this law, the Housing Authority began the use of energy saving light bulbs, in the form of compact fluorescent lamps (CFL).

But while CFLs last years longer than traditional bulbs and use far less energy, they are just as fragile — *and what many people don't realize is that breaking a CFL can be hazardous to your health.* The spiral glass tubing contains a small amount of mercury, but it is enough to be dangerous if the bulb is broken. **In fact, it's against the law to put even an unbroken bulb in the trash in California.** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) warns consumers to be careful when handling a CFL. Always screw and unscrew the bulb by its base.

What if you accidentally break a fluorescent bulb in your home? The EPA has detailed instructions online (at <http://www.epa.gov/cfl/cflcleanup.html>) to reduce exposure to mercury vapor. The following are the basics...

Before cleanup

- Have people and pets leave the room.
- Open a window or door to air out the room for 5-10 minutes
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air conditioning
- Get some stiff paper or cardboard, sticky tape (duct tape is best), damp paper towels or

(Before Clean Up continued) disposable wipes, a glass jar with a metal lid or a sealable plastic bag or container

Cleanup

- Carefully scoop up broken glass pieces and any powder using the stiff paper or cardboard
- Use the sticky tape to pick up small fragments or traces of powder
- Use damp paper towels or wipes to wipe the area clean — don't vacuum unless it's impossible to clean up all of the glass any other way, because vacuuming may spread the mercury powder or vapor. If you do have to vacuum you'll have to get rid of the bag immediately.
- Put everything you used for cleanup in the glass jar or sealable plastic container and close it tightly.

After cleanup

- Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials outdoors in a protected area until you can dispose of it properly. Don't leave any bulb fragments or cleanup materials indoors.
- Continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken for several hours, and leave the heating/air conditioning system shut off.
- Take the sealed container to a hazardous waste disposal site.

California requires that all CFL bulbs be taken to a hazardous waste collection site. You can take unbroken bulbs to some stores like Home Depot, Orchard Supply Hardware, IKEA and Ace Hardware. For more collection sites visit www.earth911.com.

Please DO NOT DISPOSE OF BROKEN OR UNBROKEN CFL BULBS IN YOUR TRASH OR THE PROPERTY'S WASTE DUMPSTER. The lack of properly recycled CFL bulbs has resulted in U.S. landfills releasing more than 4 tons of mercury annually into the atmosphere and storm water runoff.

**Note that residents are responsible for replacing light bulbs in their home; on occasion the Housing Authority will replace light bulbs within a unit. In both circumstances the Housing Authority will not be responsible for any defects or longevity defects.

UCSB Open to All!

Earlier this year, the Noozhawk printed an article featuring Lisa Przekop, UCSB's Associate Admissions Director. Because her work to make UCSB more inclusive and diverse is inspiring, we are sharing excerpts of the story:

Among Lisa Przekop's responsibilities are planting the seeds and nurturing the idea of a college education among high school students who may not be aware of their opportunities — something she experienced firsthand as a youth. "No one in high school ever talked to me about going to college and I thought there are probably a whole bunch of people like me," she told Noozhawk.

"I thought college was only for the rich kids. I would look at people getting ready for college and think, wow, how lucky, wouldn't that be neat? But it didn't occur to me that I could go live in a dormitory and have that experience because I was from a low-income family and had no idea that financial aid would pay for that."

"That's still a perception," she continued. "We see that here in Santa Barbara. Kids at Santa Barbara High don't think that UCSB is an option for them. It's in their own community and we see that all the time." For more information go to www.ucsb.edu.

(Courtesy of Noozhawk and author Leslie Dinaberg)

Property & Development Corner *Fire Safety during the Holidays*

- Did you know that 42% of home fires start in the kitchen? Most of these fires are from UNATTENDED COOKING.
- Test your smoke/carbon monoxide alarms, replace batteries if needed
- DO NOT BURN CANDLES



- Christmas trees: if fresh, water daily, & make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like heat vents or lights & not blocking an exit
- Holiday lights: Never connect more than three strands of lights together, turn off all indoor and outdoor electrical decorations before leaving home or going to bed

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



The Housing Authority is pleased to announce two scholarship opportunities for college or vocational-bound high school students: *The Housing Authority of the City of Santa Barbara Scholarship Fund* & *Stephen B. Logan Memorial Scholarship Fund*.

Both scholarships are administered for the Housing Authority by the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. Last year 22 of our residents received an award! Basic eligibility includes:

- Attended 4 of 6 secondary grade years at SB County school
- Graduated or will graduate from SB County high school
- Must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Must plan to attend an approved college or vocational school full time

For more on eligibility & applications visit www.sbscholarship.org.

It's Tax Time!

FREE income tax return preparation will be available for residents on the South Central Coast by the Financial Empowerment Partnership through the VITA program at six different sites. We will again be hosting two sites at our Public Housing properties.

Dates: January 31, 2013 - April 15, 2013

Locations: Family Opportunity Center @ 526 W. Montecito St. and Paseo Voluntario Learning Center @ 309 S. Voluntario St.

Additional site and schedule details available at www.unitedwaysb.org or contact our Resident Services Department at 897-1044.



This is a FREE service available to low-income residents of Santa Barbara, so please let your friends and family know!

Afterschool Program

The Housing Authority's Family Learning Program, often referred to as the Afterschool Program, is providing a safe place for youth of all ages to learn, build friendships, and have fun!

New this year, California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) is providing tutors specifically for junior high and high school students to build confidence and instill the tools necessary to pursue higher education.

**Family Opportunity Center - 526 W. Montecito St.
Paseo Voluntario Learning Center - 309 South
Voluntario St.**

Have a teenager between the ages 13 & 19 at home? Have them check out TEEN NIGHT, Wednesdays from 6pm - 9pm at the Family Opportunity Center

For information on the Afterschool Program or Teen Night contact Marcus Lopez at 897-1070 or Angel Velazquez at 897-1044

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