

# Los Olivos News

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## Looking Good – UHA Kicks Off the Los Olivos Curb Appeal Program

The last two years have brought many improvements to the Los Olivos community. Water-wise landscaping, fresh paint colors, new mailboxes and address numbers, and the installation of rain gutters are all part of UHA's plan to make Los Olivos a five-star community that its residents are proud to call home.

To help us reach that goal, UHA is launching the Los Olivos Curb Appeal Program. The program will help us to spot things that we need to do and the areas where we need your help. Starting in February, we'll take a walk around the community each month to see how we're doing. During the walk we'll focus on making Los Olivos a clean, safe, and attractive community. We'll look for things that need to be fixed, replaced, or cleaned, like:

- Light bulbs that are out;
- Trees and plants that need to be trimmed;
- Cluttered patios;
- Oil stains in parking spaces;
- Broken sprinklers;
- Furniture, trash and potted plants in the landscaping; and
- Dead plants that we need to replace.

Our goal is to fix most items within 24 hours, and to have residents address items where we need their cooperation within 24 hours too.

We need your help to keep Los Olivos looking its best every day! You can pitch in by joining us as we walk through the community each month. Our walks will generally take place on the fourth Friday of each month from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. If you'd like to join us, please give Mary a call.

Working together we can make sure Los Olivos looks its best and continues to improve!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT UHA

Date	Event
Feb.1, 2012	Rent due (late after Feb. 6)
Feb. 13, 2012	UHA Board Meeting 5:00 at City Hall
Feb. 20, 2012	Holiday UHA Office Closed
March 1, 2012	Rent Due (late after March 5)
March 12, 2012	UHA Board Meeting 5:30 at City Hall
March 13, 2012	Resident Meeting 5:00-6:00 in Auditorium
April 1, 2012	Rent due (late after April 5)
April 9,2012	UHA Board Meeting 5:30 at City Hall

## Important Phone Numbers

Upland Police Department:(909)  
946-7624

Upland Fire Department:(909) 931-  
4180

Upland City Hall:(909) 931-4100

Upland Library: (909) 931-4200

Graffiti Hotline:(909) 931-4127

Burtec Waste Disposal: (909)  
949-0500

We-Tip Hotline:(800) 78-CRIME  
(800) 782-7463

### **Self Serve Lobby Special Reminder**

- **Appointments:** If you need to talk to Mary or schedule an appointment call her at 909-982-2649 ext 107
- **Dropping off Rents and Paperwork:** You may drop off your rent payment and/or any documents in the mail drop boxes in the lobby or at the maintenance shops.
- **Work Orders:** Non Emergency work orders call 982-2649 ext 112
- **Maintenance Emergencies:** For any maintenance emergencies call 909-961-1283

### **2012 Agency Plan and Changes to Public Housing Policies Approved by UHA Board of Commissioners**

On January 9, 2012, the UHA Board of Commissioners approved the 2012 Agency Plan for the Upland Housing Authority. The Agency Plan outlines UHA's strategies for administering the Public Housing and Section 8 programs.

The Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), which contains the policies that govern UHA's Public Housing program, is a supporting document to the Agency Plan. Changes to the ACOP were also approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 9 and are effective beginning April 1, 2012. The changes were made to comply with new regulatory requirements and to clarify or simplify UHA's policies. Effective April 1, 2012:

- A valid Social Security Number must be disclosed to UHA for all household members, including infants and children;
- Two missed appointments, including reexamination and inspection appointments, will result in denial or proposed termination of assistance;
- All household members claiming to be a U.S. Citizen or National must provide evidence of citizenship of National status;
- The annual waiting list update process will be streamlined to reduce administrative burden. Families on UHA's waiting list will receive an update notice once annually, and no response will be required from the family unless they wish to update their contact information or other information contained in their original application.
- UHA's methods for verifying income, assets, expenses and other information will meet new HUD requirements and enhance the integrity of the verification process; and
- The policies regarding termination of assistance for repeated and/or serious lease violations will be reorganized to provide clarification. The policies were not changed.

Please visit the UHA website, [www.uplandhousing.com](http://www.uplandhousing.com), to view a detailed list of the revisions that were made to the ACOP.

## New Laws for California's School Children

A new law will make it easier for undocumented students in public colleges to apply for financial aid.

Changes are in the works for the kindergarten cutoff date. Starting next fall, children **may enter kindergarten** if they're **five years old by Nov. 1**, not Dec. 2. It's part of a phase-in that will set the kindergarten cutoff date on Sept. 1 in fall of 2014. The law also creates a transitional kindergarten for kids caught in between.

The state superintendent of schools backed a new booster seat law. Now **children 8 years old and under must use a car seat or booster seat in a car's rear passenger compartment**. If a child older than eight is too small for a seatbelt, that child must use a booster or a car seat. There's a minimum fine of \$475 for breaking this law.



Booster seat



Car seat

## Winter Celebration

Santa arrived in style again this year at UHA. On December 15<sup>th</sup> UHA residents gathered together in our beautifully decorated auditorium for our Winter Celebration. In addition to residents, Upland Mayor Ray Musser and his wife Fern, Upland city council and UHA board members, Debbie Stone and Gino Filippi were also in attendance. Many residents generously brought delicious homemade dishes that included curry chicken, egg rolls, potato salad, enchiladas and several scrumptious desserts. Caitlyn Smiddy performed her interpretation of Taylor Swift's, Last Christmas while guests dined with friends and family. Santa overjoyed our youngest residents with his bag filled with toys and gifts. All enjoyed a grand evening.



# Resident Initiatives Services News



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## Harvest Celebration

On October 26<sup>th</sup> 2011, UHA, Resident Services Center held it's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Harvest Celebration. The Homework Reading Club staff, along with numerous adult and teen volunteers worked enthusiastically to make this event a success. The Harvest Celebration included crowd favorites, bobbing for apples, musical chairs, pumpkin drawing contest, toilet paper mummy contest and face painting. Hot chocolate, popcorn and candy were served to all in attendance. Attendees enjoyed refreshments, visiting with friends and neighbors and watching the excitement and joy on the children's faces as they participated in organized activities.

Los Olivos Children enjoying the evening.

## Summer 2011 Schedule of Services

Class/Program	Times
<b>Homework/Reading Club:</b> Homework assistance and computer use available to youth and adult residents.	5:30—7:30 pm Monday-Thursday
<b>Computer Software:</b> MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, 3 #D Architecture, internet services, games for youth.	6:30—7:30 pm Monday-Thursday
<b>Drug Elimination &amp; Education Program:</b> Drug elimination/prevention education program, materials and services, ongoing and formal discussions organized one time per month.	6:30—7:30 pm Monthly to be announced
<b>Outdoor Physical Activities:</b> Tetherball, soccer, flag football, and basketball, depending on weather and participation votes.	6:30—7:30 pm Monday- Thursday
<b>Cinema Club:</b> Second and fourth Thursday of the month. Disney movies, pre-teen movies, and sport movies.	Every Thursday
<b>Games:</b> Bingo, Jingo, Scrabble, Rummikubs, Skip Bo and other games available in activity room.	6:30—7:30 pm Thursday
<b>Fun Zone:</b> Scavenger hunts, talent show, and holiday activities.	To be announced