



Resident Empowerment Highlights

FRESNO VIBRANT COMMUNITIES
QUALITY HOUSING ENGAGED RESIDENTS

JUNE 2021

Fresno Housing receives 14,582 books from the 2021 Book Rich Environment Initiative

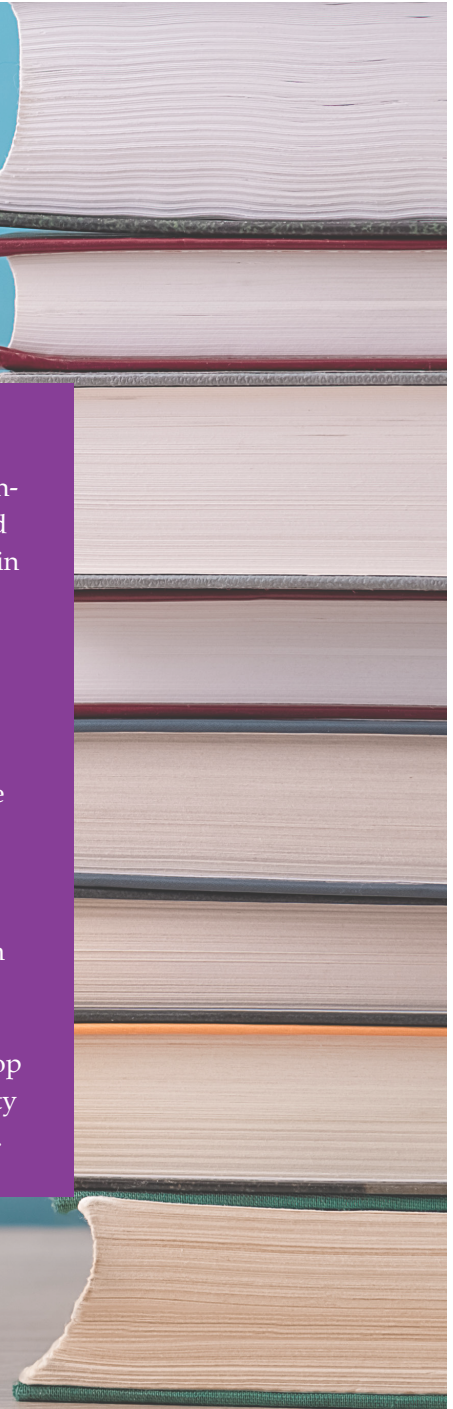
Book Rich Environments is an initiative from the National Book Foundation. It is a tri-sector collaboration between non-profit organizations, national government agencies, and corporate publishers. The initiative has two goals: to infuse public housing communities across the country with a vibrant and accessible culture of books and connect families living in public housing communities with reading-related resources in service of working to improve opportunities and outcomes for public housing residents. Over 40 public housing authorities across the country are local partners, implementing components within their community. Fresno Housing will partner with the Fresno County Public Library, Fresno Unified School District, California Teaching Fellows, and Read Fresno to distribute books throughout the year.

Community Components

- **Book Distribution** — free, high-quality, diverse books provided to children and families living in HUD-assisted housing.
- **Library Engagement** — young people and families engaged in the love of reading and connected with the ongoing literacy activities offered by the local public library.
- **Partnership Building** — strategic partnerships on the local level, established between the local public housing authority, the local library, and local literacy partners to develop and deliver ongoing community and educational programming.

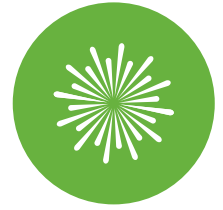
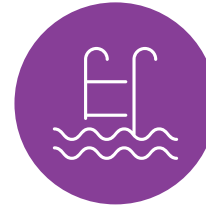
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 Book Rich Environments



HEAT, WATER, AND FIREWORKS

Sharing summer safety tips and precautions



Heat

Hot summer days bring the risk of heatstroke. The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration U.S. Department of Commerce provided summer heat safety information covering preventative measures, signs of heatstroke, and actions to take in an emergency.

Water

As pools open and the heat rises, residents begin to enjoy the water amenities. The American Red Cross provided water safety tips on what to do — and not do — while swimming.

Fireworks

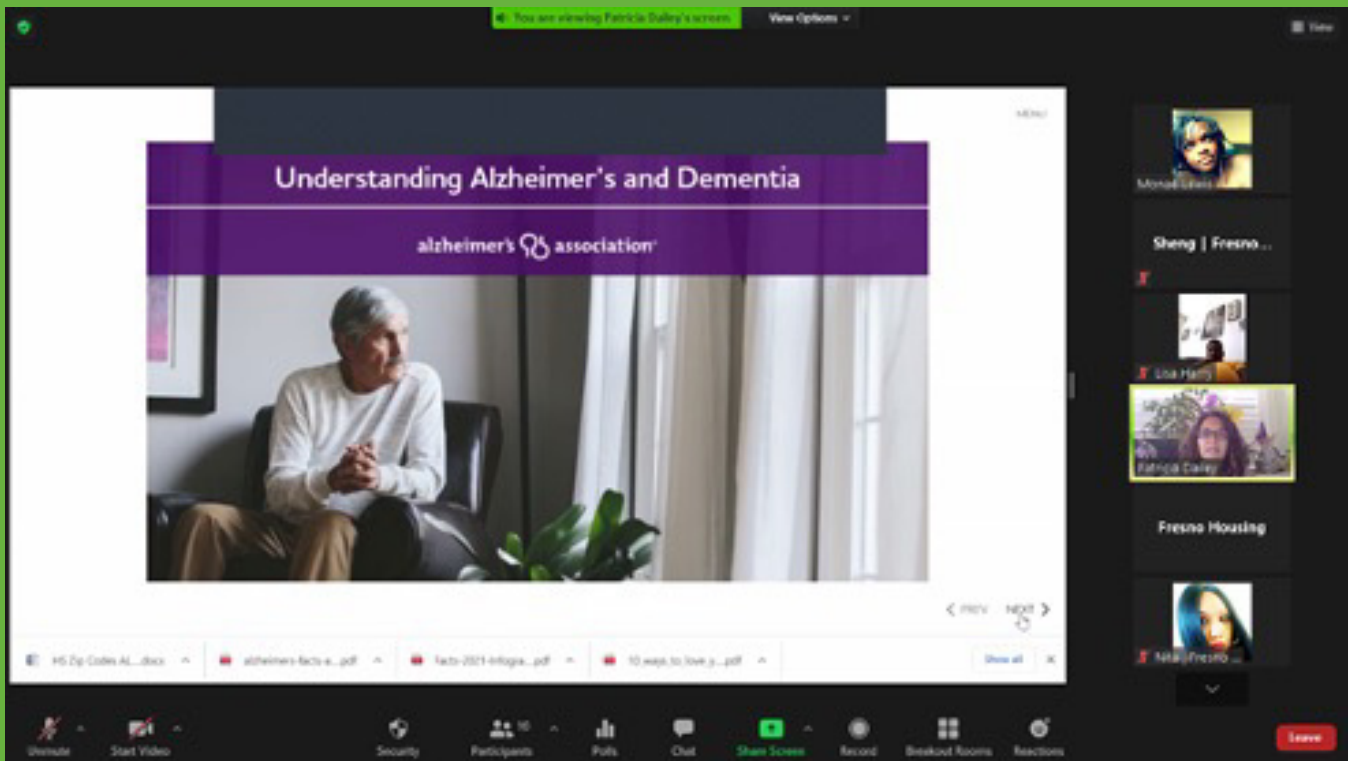
The Neighborhood Safety Information and Consumer Product Safety Commission shared firework safety and injury information with adult and youth residents. The content covered the average number and types of injuries caused by fireworks, various kinds of fireworks, age recommendations for handling fireworks, and tips on handling fireworks this Fourth of July.

Alzheimer's Workshops Series Continues

The Alzheimer's Association and Fresno Housing partnered in bringing a three-part workshop series for residents to learn about the disease.

- Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Health Habits for Your Brain and Body
- Know the 10 Signs

The workshops, which began on May 20, are beneficial for individuals with the disease or their caregivers.



In partnership with the Alzheimer's Association, residents participated in the first session of the series.

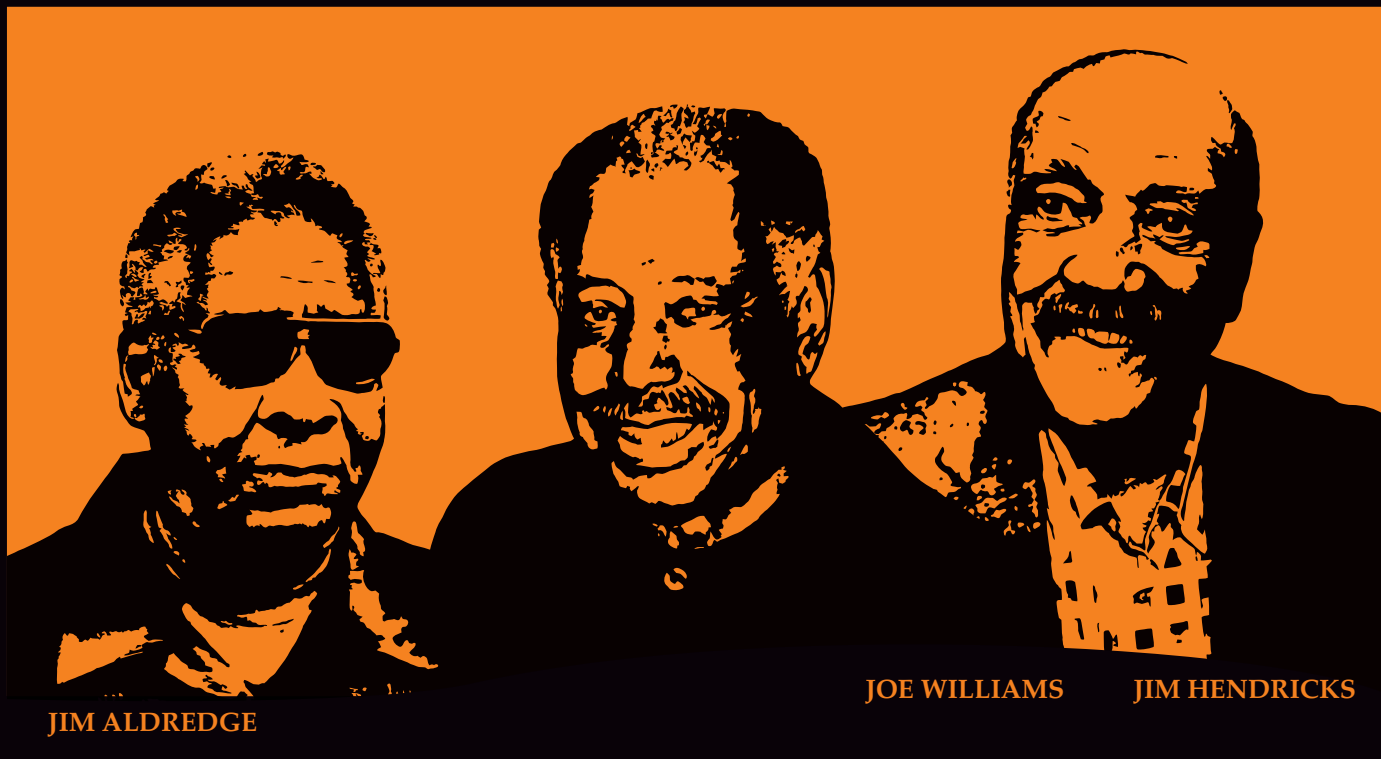


Memorial Day BBQ & Remembrance

Renaissance at Parc Grove residence were invited to a grab-and-go style BBQ on May 27, 2021. The food was donated and delivered by Valley State Prison's Community Resources Department and cooked by Fresno Housing's Maintenance Department. Central California Valley Veterans handed out non-perishable food boxes, flags, and hygiene kits to residents. Red, white, and blue stars were also given to residents to write the name of those they are remembering this Memorial Day Remembrance Board to share.

SOUTHWEST FRESNO SCHOLARSHIP

Two Annual Scholarships for African-American Students



The HAW-Fifty Six group has two scholarship opportunities for African American students that live in the 93706 area code and/or live at Legacy Commons. Named after three Southwest Fresno friends who graduated high school together in 1956, the scholarship, established in 2019, provides financial assistance to Fresno's African-American students to equip and empower intrinsically motivated students who are pursuing a career certificate, undergraduate or graduate school degree. Scholarships will be awarded to local African-American students who demonstrate a desire to attain, thrive, serve and contribute to the organic improvement of their community.

Scholarship Applicants Requirements

- Be a graduate of Edison High School of African-American ancestry OR a resident of the Legacy Commons housing community during the 2020/2021 Academic School year of African-American ancestry
- Currently or previously resided in Southwest Fresno (Zip Code 93706)
- Currently be enrolled in a vocational certificate program or in an accredited College or University in an undergraduate or graduate studies program.
- Provide transcripts verifying a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above
- Submit a personal statement or video that meets the following criteria:
 - 1) be at least 500 words OR
 - 2) up to 3 minutes in length, AND
 - 3) describe how this scholarship would impact your future, educational and personal achievements, your goals upon completion of your education, career goals, and any other information relevant for consideration.

**Students having otherwise received full academic or athletic scholarships are not eligible at this time.*

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: July 31, 2021

For more information, visit www.bit.ly/2StAvfZ

ERAP Funding to Help Residents Behind On Rent Or Utilities Due to COVID-19

The City and County of Fresno may have funding available through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) to help residents impacted by COVID-19. Tenants with limited income who live within the City or County of Fresno may be eligible to receive relief on rent and/or utilities.

A completed application and documentation of the following items required:

- Unable to pay the full amount of rent because of a loss of income
- Provide qualification of unemployment benefits or experience a reduction in income, incurred significant costs, or experienced other financial hardship
- Rent is in arrears and/or utility arrears is owed

For more information:

City of Fresno residents: www.fresno.gov/mayor/erap

Fresno County residents: www.fresnorentalhelp.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

For more events, please check out our online calendar at fresnohousing.org or follow us on Facebook.



Art Camp

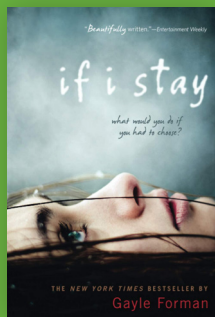
Ongoing, various locations & times

Youth of all ages can register and participate in our free educational and inspirational Summer Art Camp.

Book Club: *If I Stay*

Various locations & times

Residents are invited to register to our June Book Club. All participants will receive the book titled, *If I Stay*.



Join Bitwise, CMAC, and Fresno Housing for the

6th ANNUAL

FRESNO HOUSING SUMMER TECH CAMP

July 19 - July 30, 2021

Monday through Friday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Virtual Camp where you will learn coding, computer programming and film production!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Fresno Housing Resident
- 12 to 17 years of age between 6th - 12th grade
- NEW student to the FH Summer Tech Camp Program

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