

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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District invites public to "Chat" about Healthy Air Living

The Valley Air District encourages all Valley residents to make air quality a priority in their daily decision-making and live a Healthy Air life.

How do you do that?

That's the subject of Healthy Air Living Chats being hosted by the Air District throughout the Valley from now through the end of summer.

The 2009 Healthy Air Living Chats are FREE, two-hour, evening events aimed at bringing Valley residents together to learn about the simple things we all can do to improve air quality in the Valley. The 2009 Chats will bring new ideas, useful tools and great opportunities for you and your community to make easy changes for cleaner air.

And you might even WIN a great, air-friendly prize, such as an electric lawn mower or a bicycle! One prize will be given away at each event, and you must be present at the event to enter and possibly win.

Chats will include an interactive discussion of key Healthy Air Living topics such as:

- Air quality in the San Joaquin Valley
- Simple things you can do at home, work and play to help clean up the air
- You tell us ... "Air Quality in My Life"
- How to become a partner in Healthy Air Living

See the listing below to find out which Chat is nearest to you. We look forward to meeting you!

Healthy Air Living Chat dates and locations:

- May 28 - Tracy, Tracy Senior Center
- June 2 - Delano, La Vina Middle School
- June 9 - Visalia, Redwood High School
- June 11 - Fresno, First Congregational Church of Fresno
- June 16 - Ceres, Central Valley High School
- June 23 - Bakersfield, Cal State Bakersfield
- June 25 - Merced, Merced College
- June 30 - Parlier, Parlier Jr. High School
- July 9 - Madera, Madera County Library
- July 14 - Porterville, Porterville Library
- July 21 - Salida, Nick Blom Regional Library
- July 23 - Hanford, Irwin Street Inn
- July 28 - Arvin, Arvin High School Auditorium
- August 4 - Stockton, Arnold Rue Community Center
- August 6 - Los Banos, Westside Union Elementary School

District encourages residents to bike to work



Ceres City Council member and Air District Governing Board Chair, Chris Vierra, an avid cyclist, participates in Bike-to-Work Day.

The Valley Air District partnered with the Fresno County Bicycle Coalition, the City of Modesto and Bike Bakersfield to hold Bike-To-Work Day events during the week of May 11-15, as part of Bike-to-Work Week and National Bike Month.

Hundreds of cyclists from all over the Valley participated to show that bicycling is a fun, exhilarating alternative to driving a car to work. Best of all, riders save money and reduce air pollution.

Free Business Summits June 2- 4

Your business can make a positive impact on the Valley's air by becoming a Healthy Air Living Partner.

The Air District will hold free Healthy Air Living Business Summits during the first week of June to bring new ideas, valuable tools and great opportunities to all Valley businesses.

These summits will provide businesses with tangible tools and valuable information to help them take voluntary measures to clean the Valley's air.

Agenda topics include:

- Employee trip reduction,
- Commuting "Green" in the San Joaquin,
- Incentives and grants,
- Strategies for reducing emissions from business operations, and
- Exploring energy efficiencies at your workplace.

Summit locations

- Bakersfield – Tues., June 2, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Air District's Southern Region office, 34946 Flyover Court.
- Fresno – Wed., June 3, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., Air District's main office, 1990 Gettysburg Avenue.
- Modesto – Thurs., June 4, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Air District's Northern Region office, 4800 Enterprise Way.

To RSVP, please call 559.230.6032.