

# TENANT FOCUS

## Going Digital

**Connect Card is here!** What is it you ask? It's the region's new electronic transit fare payment system. You can now purchase your transit fare online, never have to carry exact change again AND use the card on more than one agency! Participating agencies include Sacramento Regional Transit, El Dorado Transit, Etran, Folsom Stage Line, Placer County Transit, Roseville Transit, SCT/Link, YoloBus, Yuba-Sutter Transit.

### The Easy Way to Pay

The Connect Card is the Sacramento region's new way to pay transit fares for both bus and light rail. The Connect Card is a plastic, reloadable smart card with an embedded computer chip that can

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## SHRA gets REAC Inspection Schedule

HUD has released the dates for the Real Estate Assessment Center's (REAC) physical inspections for SHRA.

Nearly 4 million American families live in rental housing that is owned, insured or subsidized by HUD. To ensure that these families have housing that is decent, safe, sanitary and in good repair. REAC

conducts approximately 20,000 physical inspections on properties each year.

The REAC mission is to provide and promote the effective use of accurate, timely and reliable information assessing the condition of HUD's portfolio.

<u>Community</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Twin Rivers	12/19/17 to 12/20/17
Central City	1/10/18 only
Pointe Lagoon	1/11/18 to 1/12/18
Alder Grove	1/16/18 to 1/18/18
Marina Vista	1/18/18 to 1/19/18
Rio Garden	1/23/18 to 1/24/18
Oak Park	1/24/18 to 1/25/18
Sun River	1/30/18 to 1/31/18

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### Special points of interest

- This publication is now available online
- Connect Cards
- REAC again

## Notice of SRAB Quarterly Meeting

The next Sacramento Resident Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting has been set for 1:30 pm on October 27, 2017 at: All Seasons Café 1725 K Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

*A light lunch will be served at 1:00 pm for those who arrive early*

## Election Meeting

### Sacramento Resident Advisory Board Election Meeting

was Friday July 28, 2017

The election results are:

President:

Debbie Surrett

Vice President:

Pat Edwards

2nd Vice President:

Anthony Mann

Secretary:

Tish Hughes

Treasurer:

Gale Morgan

They serve until July 1, 2020

## SRAB Scholarship

Applications for the annual SacRAB scholarship are now being accepted. In 2018 to qualify for up to a \$500 award, students must have completed 12 units, live in housing served by SRAB, provide a current address, phone number, student ID, and email address.

Applications are available online at <https://scholarship.losrios.edu/> or <http://www.sacrab.org>. Awards will be given through the standard scholarship process at the college.

If you are not a Sac City student submit your completed application to SRAB, 1725 K Street #101, Sacramento, CA 95811.

## What is the RAB?

The **Sacramento Resident Advisory Board** (RAB or SacRAB) is a federally mandated organization formed to work with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA). The RAB represents and is a liaison between the public housing residents and the SHRA. Our goal is to ensure the ongoing participation in the planning and implementation of programs affecting residents. We serve as an advisory board to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Commission, SHRA, and

the Housing Authority of the City and County of Sacramento in all areas of housing operations, including but not limited to occupancy, general management, maintenance, security, resident training, resident employment, social services, modernization priorities, the Annual Plan (ACOP, Admin Plan, Capital fund) and public policy.

## Who makes up SacRAB?

We are a group of residents who have been elected by our peers to represent them before SHRA. The executive committee members are current and past members of the resident committees from their respective communities.

## Do you want to get involved in making decisions regarding your housing in SHRA?

Get involved with the RAB. Meet the people who represent you before SHRA and the housing commission of Sacramento. Bring your ideas and suggestions.

## What does SacRAB do?

In addition to the things listed above, we support the resident committees for all SHRA communities. SacRAB publishes this newsletter in print, online, and via email (sign up for the email version at <http://eepurl.com/cUbwIH>). We provide a few computer labs for continuing education and a media lab at the Comstock where we can produce training videos—watch for these soon on our website. SacRAB teams up with other non-profits and agencies to bring information and services to SHRA tenants, see the article on page 1 & 3 about the Connect Card. Also, note the article above on scholarships. The end of the page prevents the continuation of this list; but, we could go on ...

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store Cash Value, passes and discount fare.

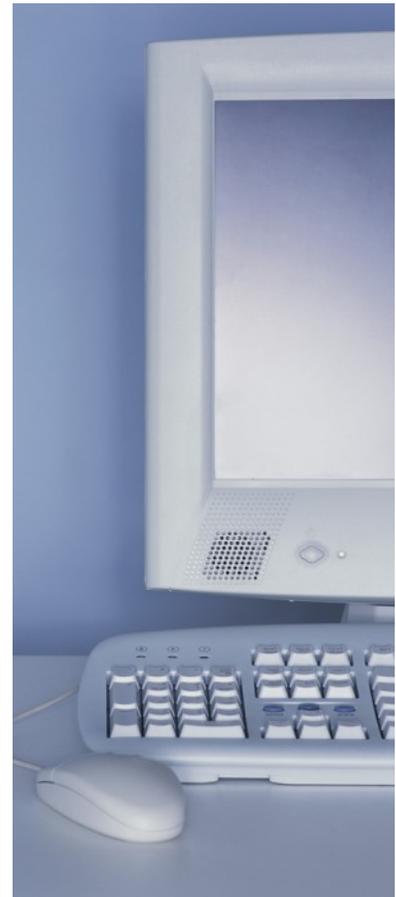
### Load Transit Fare

The Connect Card system utilizes all existing passes, transfers, and transit fares from participating transit agencies. Load your regular pass (e.g. RT Monthly Pass). Load Cash Value (in place of tickets or needing to carry exact change). Cash Value is accepted by all participating agencies and can be used to pay for a single ride, a daily pass, and for an additional rider.

See <https://www.connecttransitcard.com/Pages/HowItWorks> for more information on how the card works.

SacRAB had the opportunity to team up with **Ridership For The Masses**, **Regional Transit**, and **Meals On Wheels by ACC** to hold several events to promote the Connect Card. In just four days there were 150 cards issued at our events. We plan to have additional events at **Marina Vista** on October 9, **Alder Grove** on October 11, **Capitol Terrace** on October 12 and **Edge Water** on October 13.

If you would like an event at your community in November, send an email to [rt@sacrab.com](mailto:rt@sacrab.com) and we'll have someone contact you. All we ask is that you have 20 interested people.



## SMUD programs can help qualified customers save!

### Low-income discount

Visit [smud.org/FinancialAssistance](http://smud.org/FinancialAssistance)

### Medical Equipment Discount

Visit [smud.org/MED](http://smud.org/MED)

### FREE energy-efficient refrigerator

Call 916-732-5659

### FREE home weatherization

Call 916-732-5659

Powering forward.  
Together.



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**Connect Card Events**

**Maria Vista:**

October 9, 2017  
240 Seavey Cir  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Alder Grove:**

October 11, 2017  
816 Revere ST  
Sacramento, CA 95818  
11:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Capitol Terrace:**

October 12, 2017  
1820 Capitol Ave  
Sacramento, CA 95811  
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Edge Water:**

October 13, 2017  
600 I St—1st Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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# Do you have Medicare *and* Medi-Cal?

## If you do, you may qualify for a health plan that can help you get:



**Glasses**



**Dental work**



**Transportation to the doctor**

## Ask me for details!

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### " Quotes "

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."  
—Dr. Seuss

"Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted, in spite of your changing moods."  
—C.S. Lewis

"This too, shall pass."  
—Anonymous

"Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground."  
—Theodore Roosevelt

"The only person you should try to be better than is the person you were yesterday."  
—Anonymous

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself."  
—Harvey Fierstein

"A man who flies from his fear may find that he has only taken a shortcut to meet it."  
—Sador, Children of Húrin

"Life's too mysterious to take too serious."  
—Mary Engelbreit