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Healthy Air Living Chats coming to a city near you!

*Free events give residents meet-and-greet opportunity,
tools for lifestyle changes*

This summer, the Valley Air District is holding a series of casual, free, evening receptions to give the general public the opportunity to interact one-on-one with Air District staff and learn about ways they can live a Healthy Air life.

Fifteen Healthy Air Living Chats are scheduled throughout the eight-county air basin beginning in late May and running through early August. At two hours each, the Chats are a sort of air-quality open house, where District staff will give brief presentations, be available for questions, and will provide attendees with easy, specific information about ways they can clean up the Valley's air. In addition, a drawing will be held at each location for a new, electric lawnmower, bicycle or other valuable Healthy Air Living item.

"We are encouraging anyone in the Valley with an interest in clean air and living a Healthy Air life to come to one of these events," said Jaime Holt, the District's chief communications officer.

"We've scheduled them in small towns and large, in order to give all of our stakeholders the opportunity to attend."

Healthy Air Living is a year-round program aimed at reducing emissions by making air quality a factor in daily decision-making by Valley residents, businesses and organizations. The District sponsors a variety of events and activities to support Healthy Air Living.

Times are generally 6-8 p.m. Sites are various community gathering places including libraries, churches and schools. Children are welcome and light refreshments will be provided. For specific information such as rooms, visit www.healthyliving.com or call a District office: in Bakersfield, 661-392-5500; in Fresno, 559-230-6000; and in Modesto, 209-557-6400.

Healthy Air Living Chats will be held in the following cities on these dates:

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CITY	DATE	LOCATION	Spanish translation
Tracy	May 28	Tracy Senior Center	
Delano	June 2	La Vina Middle School	yes
Visalia	June 9	Redwood High School	
Fresno	June 11	First Congregational Church	
Ceres	June 16	Central Valley High School	
Bakersfield	June 23	CSU, Bakersfield	
Merced	June 25	Merced College	
Parlier	June 30	Parlier Junior High School	yes
Madera (4:30-6:30 p.m.)	July 9	Madera County Library	
Porterville (5:30-7:30 p.m.)	July 14	Porterville Library	yes
Modesto/Salida(5:30-7:30 p.m.)	July 21	Nick Blom Regional Library, Salida	
Hanford	July 23	Irwin Street Inn	
Arvin	July 28	Arvin High School	yes
Stockton	Aug. 4	Arnold Rue Community Center	
Los Banos	Aug. 6	Westside Union Elementary School	yes

"We look forward to meeting our fellow Valley residents and encourage everyone to come to a Healthy Air Living Chat," Holt said.

The Valley Air District covers eight counties including San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the Valley air basin portion of Kern. Visit www.valleyair.org to learn more.