

Dear Neighborhood Leaders,

The District 10 Office has sent us the following news release (below) from the Solid Waste Management Department concerning educating all of us including our students on their programs.

This is a valuable opportunity to inform our neighbors about those blue, green and brown carts for recycling, composting and trash disposal and other issues.

Please spread the word within your neighborhood on these free presentations and handouts. Directions for participation are in this news release.

Thank you for your continued support of our neighborhoods and our city.

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SAN ANTONIO (March 8, 2022) – Recycling education and waste diversion is at the heart of the Solid Waste Management Department’s mission. The department’s three full-time recycling coordinators take this messaging to students, teachers and residents all over San Antonio in both English and Spanish. “Recycling education is so important because it can help motivate and influence someone to think about alternative ways to deal with waste” said Recycling Coordinator, LaMar Hicks.

During their interactive presentations, coordinators are able to draw on their knowledge of the City’s three cart recycling, composting, and trash disposal program as well as teach TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) that are used in the classroom.

Virtual tours, interactive games and demonstrations keep both students and residents entertained during the age specific presentations. In 2020, a virtual component was developed allowing the coordinators to reach their audience without ever setting foot in a classroom or meeting space.

Residents and HOAs are able to learn information on environmental topics and sustainability best practices. The presentations, either virtual or in person, provide

learning opportunities in recycling, waste management and natural resources in alignment with San Antonio's specific programs.

"We only have one planet, and it's up to our little leaders of tomorrow to protect it. When they learn the importance of recycling it then becomes not a habit, but a lifestyle that will be passed on." said Asia Jones-Carr, Recycling Coordinator with the Department.

Teachers, HOAs and small groups can sign up for a free presentation and gain access to printable materials and information on the SWMD's programs at the department's website, www.sarecycles.org.

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Next Meeting Date

April 18