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Neighborhood Walk Set for September 17

ACT Community Welcome Event Rescheduled

The City of San Marcos and Texas State University have rescheduled the Community Welcome walk for Thursday, September 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hills of Hays Neighborhood located off Staples Road.

The Community Welcome is part of the ACT Campaign (Achieving Community Together) to develop good relations between long-term residents and students. The walk was postponed due to rain September 10.

Teams of police officers, city and university staff, and student and non-student residents will walk the area distributing ordinance information and welcoming new residents to the neighborhoods. Participants will gather at the community park on Crystal River Parkway at 5:15 p.m.

“This is a great opportunity for us to welcome new residents to our town and promote positive relations between student and non-student residents,” said Mayor Susan Narvaiz. “By emphasizing community, we want to express the value we place on relationships that create a quality, livable city, and the responsibility that lies with each of us to extend common courtesy to our neighbors.”

The ACT campaign is a collaborative effort of the City of San Marcos and Texas State University to promote positive relations between student and non-student residents through education, community connectedness, and resources.

"We are incorporating the Achieving Community Together message into the culture of Texas State and hope that it also becomes the message for the culture of San Marcos. The theme, "We are Texas State, We are San Marcos" will be our message to all of our students" said Dr. Joanne Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs.

"ACT Committee messages to both students and non-student residents are critical to the success of the work we are doing to open communication, respect each other, and live together as neighbors in the San Marcos community," she added. "I am excited that the collaboration between Texas State and the City of San Marcos is already making a difference in the community."

Student Body President Chris Covo expressed student support for the ACT initiative. "When the University and City come together and promote unity for all residents, both student and non – student, the whole can be successful and move forward to make this place better for everyone," Covo said.

Elena Duran, neighborhood representative from Hills of Hays also embraced the September 10 outreach effort and the goal of building community. "Everyone can help by getting to know your neighbors and respecting local laws," she said. "A simple 'hello' goes a long way and is a good first step in building a good relationship."

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