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Spotlight on Immigration

Trump's immigration policies that actively pursue, detain, and deport anyone without documentation, regardless of criminal conviction, has directly affected a family from Teosinte living in NH. Three members of the same family were recently detained by ICE in separate events. Two were detained after being in a car that was rear-ended, although they were not at fault, were not driving and had no criminal record. Several Arlington and Cambridge residents attended their bond hearing to show support for these men who will be separated from their families and children if they are deported. The third brother is still in ICE custody.

Our friendship with Teosinte puts a human face on the aggressive tactics that ICE is using to detain those without documentation. We know these people; we know their families. We know that they came to escape violence and are working hard just to put food on the table and to give their kids a safe place to grow up. For more information about current immigration policy and ways to get involved, please visit the MIRA Coalition at www.miracoalition.org.

Need a Perfect Holiday Gift?

Teosinte craft items are unique and you can feel great about your purchase – all proceeds benefit the women's cooperative and educational scholarships for Teosinte youth. In addition to beautiful handbags, wallets, and placemats, we have new artisan jewelry and freshly roasted coffee! Please join us for a wonderful holiday shopping opportunity and refreshments hosted by amigas and amigos of Teosinte.

Important Dates for

Salvadoran Craft and Coffee Sales

November 12, 3-5pm, Family Folk Chorale concert and craft sale, Arlington Town Hall

November 18, 4:30-6pm, at the home of Mumtaz Brown, 285 Highland Avenue, Arlington

December 2, 9-2pm, at Fitness First, 471 Mass. Ave., Arlington

December 2, 4-6pm, at the home of Sarah Glover 139 Franklin Street, Arlington

December 3, 3-5pm, Calvary Church, 300 Mass Ave., Arlington

December 7, 6-9pm, Bishop School Holiday Craft Fair Knights of Columbus, 15 Winslow Street, Arlington

Call 781-643-0769 for information or to place an order.

Arlington Student Engagement

ATSCP is active in all Arlington Public Schools, teaching students about Teosinte's culture and history. Second graders successfully piloted the curriculum "Learning from International Friendship" and the second year is off



to a great start. We also continue to partner with APS Spanish language teachers. In the past year, special events have included Salvadoran community organizer Victor Andaluz and Historian Molly Todd speaking to over 120 AHS students about historical events that have influenced the current situation in El Salvador. An AP Spanish class participated in a 2 part SKYPE exchange with students from Teosinte in which they each presented two historical figures from their country. The Ottoson Middle School Spanish club focused on Teosinte, educating their peers through announcements, posters and fundraising events.

Update from Teosinte

In Search of Clean Water

Although it is now the rainy season in Teosinte, the dry season in Teosinte often leads to lack of clean water in the months March through May, as the clean water supply dries up. For years, the Teosinte Directiva (town council) has been exploring solutions to this problem but they have been unable to purchase the land to expand their water sources. They are now trying to develop a project with the CCR, a national development organization.

Teosinte Men's Soccer Tournament Team 2017





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Meet Some of the Teosinte Students

Daysi Morena Alas Guardado is a 24 year old graduate with a degree in Nutrition at Andres Bello Universidad. She is graduating this December, and hopes to find work related to nutrition, help her brothers who want to study, support the community and later specialize in either sports nutrition or food security.



Sandra Nohemy Guardado Alvarez is 23 years old and graduating in Legal Sciences from the Universidad Monseñor Romero. After obtaining her degree this year, she plans to work within this area, and help her family and community.

YOUR donations make it possible for bright and dedicated youth to pursue their dream of higher education, a career, stable income, and a better future for themselves and their families. Your generosity helps pay for tuition and school supplies for high school and college students who would otherwise be unable to afford them. Help us make their dreams of education come true. Honor a loved one by making a gift of education in their name. Please make a tax-deductible donation to ATSCP this holiday season. Thank you for your continued support.

BECOME AN AMIGO!

___ \$60 helps pay for a university student's shared housing for a month.

___ \$100 helps pay for a high school student's transportation, food, and supplies for a month.

___ \$200 helps pay for an university student's tuition, books, and school supplies for a year.

___ \$325 helps pay for a university student's tuition, books, school supplies, and rent for a month.



Please make checks out to: U.S.-El Salvador Sister Cities/Arlington-Teosinte
Send to: Elizabeth Dray, ATSCP, 130 Jason Street, Arlington, MA 02476

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