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*Couldn't Ask For A Better Neighbor or Friend*

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'Bo' James Wimberley has been a resident of Springtown Villa for several years. He was born in Bangor, Maine but grew up living in several interesting places, including Guam, because his father was in the United States Air Force. He moved to Wimberley, Texas in 1965 when his father retired from the service. In 1972 he joined the United States Marine Corps where he spent four years serving our country. After completing his time in the Marine Corps, Bo started his own painting company here in Central Texas, called Paint Mas-

ters. He also spent time painting in Colorado and New Mexico. Bo has three sisters and one brother who are scattered all over Central Texas. He also has two beautiful daughters who live in New Braunfels with their mother.

Most people know Bo for his generosity and unconditional will to help others. He has served as an 'unofficial volunteer' at Springtown Villa for several years. He has a big heart and looks after many of his neighbors and friends, never wanting anything in re-

turn. Bo says that he "wishes more people would help each other out. There are lots of people who are able to help, but they don't." Bo's good deeds don't go unnoticed. It's because of people like him that those in need get a little extra help when their families are unable to help.



**Odds and Ends**



©FSS Coordinator Megan Spiller received a truckload of fans from Lupe Trejo and Fermin Torrez of the Texas State University Custodial Department. The San Marcos Fire Department and Family Eldercare of Austin are the other major partners in this ongoing project. So far 56 fans and window air conditioners have been distributed to deserving folks throughout San Marcos and Hays County. If you need help staying cool, call the Resident Services Office at 396-3364 to see if you qualify.

©Reminder: When you are not using your hose, coil it up on the holder attached to your wall. Keep your trash cans and BBQ pits behind your home. Keep it neat, Nick!

©Allen Woods: If you have the original aluminum fascia under your roof soffit, it will soon be replaced with an attractive, wooden fascia, compliments of federal stimulus money.

©The youth curfew was re-authorized by the City Council. If you are less than 17 years old,

you may not be out in public between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. (midnight to 6 a.m. on Friday & Saturday), and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on your school days, without a parent or legal guardian. Exceptions include reasonable errands on behalf of adults, passing through town on I-35, going to work, emergencies, school or religious activities, excused school absences, exercising First Amendment rights, emancipated minors, high school & GED graduates, and college students. Now isn't that simple?

## Landa Park: A Real Cool Get Away!



**HOUSING AUTHORITY KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME AT LANDA PARK. IT WAS ANOTHER ONE OF THE SUMMER'S "COOL" EVENTS.**

## Are You a Senior Looking For a Job? Look No More!



If you are a senior citizen and looking for employment, AARP may have a program for you! The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) provides employment opportunities for people ages 55 and up. To be eligible, applicants must be financially qualified, unemployed, and must be interested in improving their current employment circumstances. This program will place you in a temporary position and offer you job training so you have a competitive edge in today's tough job market. For more information, please contact our Elderly and Disabled Services Coordinator at 353-7343.

## Free GED Preparation Classes at the Library



Are you looking to advance your career and create greater economic opportunities in your life? Then you need a high school diploma or your GED. Don't waist time thinking about this one! Registration for "Free GED Preparation Classes" begin Wednesday, August 26 through August 27th at the San Marcos Public Library, 625 East Hopkins. Classes will begin the following week. For more information contact the library at 393-8215. Don't let this opportunity slip away!

### SPRINGTOWN VILLA'S SALE OF SALES!

The Springtown Villa Resident Council is holding a Rummage Sale on Friday, August 7<sup>th</sup> starting at 10am and lasting until most of the items have sold. The sale will include clothing, knick knacks, furniture, household appliances, and other various items. All of the money made will go to the Springtown Villa Resident Council fund, which provides activities to the residents. If you would like to donate something to the sale, please contact Melissa at 353-7343.



### Divas Wanted!

Join the ladies of D.I.V.A. on the second Tuesday of each month for a spiritually uplifting time at the PODER Learning Center. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. All ladies are invited to attend this program designed just for women. Get in touch with the spiritual woman in you! Call 396-3367 for more information.

### Lets talk Insurance Policies!



Hey do you have life insurance but you're not quite sure what all those terms in your policy mean? Then, join us Tuesday, August 4th, 10 a.m. at the KAD Korner Store and Wednesday, August 5th, at 10 a.m. at the PODER Learning Center. Yolanda Spence of Spence Insurance Agency of Austin will solve the mystery of the dreaded insurance policy. She'll explain the differences between *Whole Life*, *Universal Life*, *Term Life*, and more. If you don't understand your policy, bring it with you.

### Want To Be A Certified Nursing Assistant?



If you have a GED or High school diploma and you're still looking for a job, maybe its time to consider a career in the field of nursing. The industry is rich with job opportunities and there is always a demand. This month the Housing Authority welcomes Gail Zavala, RN and Director of the "Comfort Connection Nurse Aide Training and Continuing Education Academy." She'll get you started as a Certified Nursing Assistant or CNA. Join us Tuesday, August 18th at the KAD Korner Store at 5 p.m. and Wednesday, August 19th, 5 p.m. at the PODER Learning Center and jumpstart your career. Call 396-3367 for details.



# SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY

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353-1116  
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353-5061  
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396-3363

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353-5062  
KAD Korner Store  
392-6273  
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396-3367  
Springtown Villa  
353-7343

## WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT

The San Marcos Housing Authority provides decent, safe, and sanitary housing for about 555 low-income families and individuals, including the elderly and disabled. Our Resident Services Program consists of several initiatives designed to support Self-Sufficiency & Family Development, Elderly & Disabled Services, Youth Services, and Resident Organization & Community Development. All Resident Services initiatives are united in the overall goals of improving the quality of life for public housing residents, reducing dependence on the welfare system, and empowering our residents to take charge of their lives and of their environment.

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## Striving For Success: Herod's Story



Herod King Ellison is a graduate of Lockhart High School. His family moved to San Antonio where he enrolled in a school for professional broadcasters. Eighteen months later he graduated with an Electronics and Communications Certification and an Electronic Engineer's License, highly prized in the broadcast industry. Within one month he was employed at KTSA, the top radio station in the San Antonio market. During his time in the industry, he was honored in *Billboard Magazine*, was on the cover of *Black Radio Exclusive*, received the distinguished *Fred M. K. Curry Extra Mile Award* from the United Negro College Fund and received a personalized *Gold and Double Platinum LP* from Casa Blanca Records. He has served as the President of the Allen Woods Resident Assembly, Chairman of the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and was voted "Top Volunteer of the Year" for the Allen Woods Homes in 2006. He is a graduate of Texas State University with a Master's Degree in Communication Studies. He is also a song writer, plays the several different instruments, and performs regularly for residents in nursing homes and retirement centers. Herod is currently our Resident Self-Sufficiency Coordinator and splits his time between the Allen Woods and C. M. Allen Homes. Finally, Herod developed the initial concept

for this newsletter, which was recognized by the Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials as the 2009 Best Newsletter for a Small Housing Authority, and continues as the Managing Editor.