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Congratulations On Your Graduation!

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Success awaits those who have the courage and the resolve to continue on in spite of life's difficulties. It is the sweetest of fruits that only a select few will ever taste because that select few made the commitment and followed through until their task was completed. It is in this spirit that we recognize those Housing Authority residents who graduated from San Marcos High School in the year 2009. Congratulations! Your hard

work and dedication has enabled you to reach the first of many milestones you will accomplish in your life, provided you don't give up.



The San Marcos Housing Authority congratulates: **Justin A. Williams, Jodi L. Byrd, Arturo**

Olivares, Andrew Castillo, Andrew Palomo, Eva Salazar, Rebecca Pompa, Soraya Lopez, Josh Zuniga, and Tino Guerrero. All of the residents listed are Seniors in the class of 2009. There were a total of ten residents in public housing who graduated from San Marcos High School this year. It is our hope that our tenacious ten maintain their spirit and fulfill their greatest wishes. If you know someone we left out, please contact us at 396-3364.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions In Effect

Stage 2 drought restrictions are in effect due to low aquifer levels. Here are the rules you need to know!



- You can water your grass with a sprinkler one day per week, according to your address, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight. Hand watering is allowed any time.
- You can wash your car on your designated weekday, from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. to midnight, using a hand held bucket or a hose with a sprayer that shuts off when you let go of it.
- You may not waste water, fill a new swimming pool, or operate an outdoor decorative water feature.

Designated weekdays: Monday, if your address (or apt. #) ends in a 0 or a 1; Tuesday - 2 or 3; Wednesday - 4 or 5; Thursday - 6 or 7; & Friday - 8 or 9. The City can fine you \$100 to \$1,000!

Fun At Aquarena Springs



It was total amazement when the kids from the San Marcos Housing Authority visited Aquarena Springs for a quick summer getaway. Housing Authority Kids had a great time and gazed on with curiosity at nature’s underwater inhabitants. They got to ride in a glass bottom boat, observe the scuba divers, and tour the facility.

Young or Old, Everyone Can Contribute to “Meals on Wheels”



Want to do something rewarding? Becoming a volunteer for “Meals On Wheels” could be just the ticket. Meals On Wheels provides a hot meal for many home bound Elderly residents throughout the City of San Marcos who would otherwise go without. Won’t you help us make a difference in the lives of our elderly and disabled residents who cannot always afford the basic necessities of life? Be a hero in your community! If you can serve meals or deliver food, you can be a valuable asset to Meals On Wheels. Call Beatrice Pacheco at 353-5018 for more information.

How the Texas Work Force Commission Can Help



The Month of July is “Work Force Month” as we invite the Texas Work Commission to be our guest in Public Housing. Join us at the PODER Learning Center on Wednesday July 15, at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 16, 3:30 p.m. at the KAD Korner Store and discover how the Work Force Commission can work for you. See how Commission programs can pay for your education or help you find a job. Find out if you qualify for Food Stamps or cash assistance. Make the right choice! Be there!

THURSDAY NIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT!



Every Thursday, all Summer long, is "Thursday Night at the Movies." Everyone is invited to attend. All movies are shown free of charge. You only pay for the refreshments. We'll have plenty of popcorn, candy, sodas, hotdogs, and more. So, come early and get a good seat. Call the PODER Learning Center for more details at 396-3367.

STAY COOL IN THE TEXAS HEAT

With temperatures climbing to 100 degrees or more, it's important that we all stay cool. Especially our elderly residents who because of medical conditions have a higher risk of heat-related illness. Here are just a few tips to staying cool:

- Drink plenty of fluids to avoid dehydration. Use alcohol and caffeine in moderation.
- Wear light-weight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- Stay inside during the hottest times of the day.
- Spend plenty of time in a cool place.

To help our Elderly Residents, the Resident Services Department announces the **Hot Elderly Buddy project**, designed to join elderly residents together to keep an eye out on each other during the hot summer. If you want to become a buddy, contact our Elderly and Disabled Services Coordinator at 353-7343.



Resident Services "Summer Pool Party!"



The San Marcos Housing Authority threw its first "Summer Pool Party" at the Rio Vista Park swimming pool on Wednesday, June 17. Many of the residents lounged around the pool while others enjoyed a cool evening swim. There was plenty of free food for everyone and lots of games for the children.



Allen Woods Youth Fire up their Resident Assembly



The Allen Woods Resident Assembly elected three teenagers to officer positions. Justin Williams, 18, is the Assistant Secretary, Josh Williams, 17, is the Historian, and Brigette Bell, 19, is the Assistant Historian. The Resident Assembly gladly welcomes these youth with their high energy, computer skills, and fresh ideas. Beatrice Pacheco, the President of the Assembly, says that kids need to be more involved in our community today. Get the leadership skills you need to be tomorrow's leaders. You will learn how to conduct a meeting, set an agenda, raise funds, and much more. Be one of the movers and shakers in your community! Get involved in your Resident Assembly .



SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY

WHO WE ARE

Board of Commissioners:

Gloria Salazar—Chairperson
Earl Moseley—Vice-Chair.
Stacy Green—Resident Rep.
Rose Brooks
Rev. Samuel Montoya

Administration:

Executive Director
Albert Sierra
Accountant/Program Mgr.
Lana Bronikowsky
Maintenance Director
Albert Hernandez
Public Housing Manager
Rose Miranda
Resident Services Director
Stewart Dale Spencer
Section 8 Director
James Snell

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Allen Woods Homes
353-5058
C. M. Allen Homes
353-1116
Housing Choice Voucher
353-5061
Springtown Villa
396-3363

Resident Services Centers:

Family Self-Sufficiency
353-5062
KAD Korner Store
392-6273
PODER Learning Center
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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A Very Busy Pamela Bishir



Pamela Bishir began working as a volunteer in the Resident Services Department in an effort to learn more about social services in the San Marcos community. She then accepted a position as a part-time tutor and most recently served as the temporary Elderly and Disabled Services Coordinator, while Melissa Davis was learning Spanish in Costa Rica. While filling in for Melissa, Pamela assisted residents, planned programs on nutrition, scheduled blood pressure screenings, and helped create the Springtown Villa Internet Cafe. She said, "This experience has been so great! Not only did I meet wonderful people, I learned how to connect them with the programs and assistance they need to improve their lives." Pamela is very grateful for the opportunity to have served the community and is excited about the next chapter in her life. In August, Pamela will join AmeriCorps and serve at the Knoxville Recycling Coalition in Knoxville, Tennessee. She says she will always consider Texas her home. We will miss her greatly but we wish her success and a happy future in the Volunteer State!