

## A Generous Gift

On March 22, Mayor Daniel Guerrero visited the Meals-On-Wheels program, which is based in the Senior Citizen Center at Allen Woods Homes. The program is coordinated by Beatrice Pacheco. During his



visit, he was able to talk with the residents and get insight on what is happening in the community. He soon rolled up his sleeves and got to work delivering food to homebound elderly residents living at Allen Woods. With a smile on his face and a plate in his hand, he reached out to the people of the community. Thanks for your time Mayor Guerrero!

### *Notes from the Main Office*

**Attention Allen Woods Residents** – We have had reports of kids throwing things at the construction vehicles at the former site of the Allen Woods Playground, which is now part of the area that is being transformed into a new track facility for Texas State University. Kids are naturally curious about large vehicles. Please help us ensure that kids and projectiles stay out of the construction area.

**Attention C. M. Allen Residents** – There is no assigned parking at your site. There are usually enough spaces to be able to park close to your home. If you have any questions, call the site office at 353-1116.



## ALLEN WOODS HOMES – P.O.D.E.R. LEARNING CENTER

### A Week of Fun!

Spring Break was no boring week for the children of the P.O.D.E.R Learning Center



After School program! The children were treated to a day at the park where they were able to play in the playground, fly a kite, and go on a nature walk. Another day, the children took a mini visit



to Aquarena Springs and ate ice-cream sundaes. On the last day of a fun

week, they enjoyed playing a kickball game and eating BBQ with the children of K.A.D. at C.M. Allen. When the children returned to the center, they cooled off to a water balloon fight. What a great week!



### Phrases / Frases

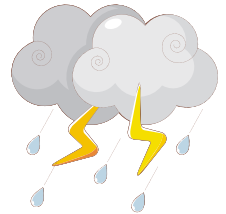
#### Todo el día—All day

Yo trabajó todo el día y ¡estoy cansado!  
*I worked all day and I am tired!*

#### Hace mal tiempo—It is bad weather

Hace mal tiempo. Lleva una chaqueta.

*It is bad weather. Bring a jacket.*



#### Antes de que—Before

Antes de que salgas, dime adios.

*Before you leave, tell me goodbye.*

### Signs of Change

The funds for recreational improvements at Allen Woods has been released by HUD and exciting changes are underway! As authorized by the Allen Woods Resident



Assembly, Phase One includes moving the bridge to a new location and installing three picnic tables with grills. Future phases include a new basket ball half-court, play ground structures, and bus stops. Flags and spray paint are the first step to progress!

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## C. M. ALLEN HOMES SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES

To kick off the start of Spring Break, teens from the C. M. Allen homes get ready for Georgetown's ropes course challenge.



The next day, the youth thoroughly enjoyed the action-filled "Spirit Theater" at the Bob Bullock History Museum.



On Wednesday, the children cooled off by taking a trip to the local movie theatre to see Rango.

To end the week, Texas State students sponsored an exciting kickball tournament filled with good food and plenty of games!



# Family Self-Sufficiency

## THANK YOU BOBCAT

### BUILD

THANKS TO BOBCAT BUILD AND THE FOLKS OF PHI SIGMA PI FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH THE COMMUNITY GARDEN ON SATURDAY APRIL 9TH!



## REMINDER

RESIDENT ASSEMBLY IS HELD ON THE 1ST



MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 6:30 PM IN THE ADULT LEARNING CENTER AT CHAPULTEPEC HOMES

## SUPPORT GROUP

APRIL 21, 2011

6:30PM

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

### **COPING WITH STRESS**

\*\*WILL BE HELD IN THE NEW ADULT LEARNING CENTER AT CHAPULTEPEC HOMES\*\*



### **Amanda is Leaving Chapultepec**

But she isn't going far. She is the new receptionist at the main office of the Housing Authority at the Allen Woods Homes. We know she will do a great job over there and we will really miss her in the Resident Services Department. We lost one of our funding sources for the FSS Program and had to reduce our personnel to stay within our budget. Megan recently returned from maternity leave and we are in a bit of a transition so please be patient with us. We expect to have some part-time help in the afternoons but the office will be closed more than in the past because we won't always have someone here to keep it open when Megan has out of office appointments.



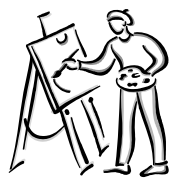
# PARTNER PAGES

## FREE ART CLASSES FOR STUDENTS AGES 14-18

PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINTMAKING AND  
3D WORK

SATURDAY'S 11:00-12:45

AT EL CENTRO CULTURAL HISPANO DE SAN MARCOS  
211 LEE STREET  
SAN MARCOS  
(FORMER BONHAM SCHOOL)



TO SIGN UP BY E-MAIL: [LKJ@CENTURYTEL.NET](mailto:LKJ@CENTURYTEL.NET) OR PHONE  
512-787-2892  
OR JUST COME ON SATURDAY TO GET STARTED!  
(CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 12)



Aquarena Center and The River Systems Institute at Texas State University – San Marcos are excited to announce the 5th Annual Aquarena Earth Day Celebration on

Saturday April 30, 2011 at the San Marcos Springs. Spotighting the theme of “Sustainability”, Aquarena’s Earth Day Celebration, will be the final event for Texas State’s 2011 Common Experience. Earth Day, founded by Wisconsin Senator, Gaylord Nelson in 1970, began as an environmental teaching designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. The concept of Sustainability” has grown in recent years in recognition of human interaction with the planet, and the impacts that interaction has had on the environment. This year’s festival will highlight the importance of the community to come together to make responsible choices and incorporate practices “that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.” (Gro Harlem Brundtland, Our Common Future (1987) This free event includes: Educational activities for all ages · Recycling and green building displays · Live entertainment - music, art and more · Recreation opportunities for all ages · Delicious local food and local vendor booths · Glass Bottom Boat tours · Glass Bottom Kayak tours

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sample delicious meals, including Sam's Club® cookbook recipes.

**The Spring Taste of Sam's Club Open House**  
Friday, April 15 – Sunday, April 17 • 11 am - 6 pm • Non-Members Welcome

# PARTNER PAGES

## COLLEGE GO CENTER AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The San Marcos Public Library offers a wide range of services for those seeking employment or entering college. From resume help and online job searching to assistance with college application essays and finding financial aid opportunities, the library will work with you to help with your educational and career goals. Individual appointments can be made with a bilingual assistant to fill out college applications, search for colleges, apply for financial aid, create or update résumés, job search, and online job applications. Call (512) 393-8200 to make your appointment.

Texas State University-San Marcos and the San Marcos Public Library have joined together to offer information and assistance at the library two days each week. The College Access Project (CAP) will assist those interested in going to college with searching for colleges, guiding the application process, filling out financial aid forms, and much more. Walk-in hours are Thursdays from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. You can also call the library to request an individual appointment.

The library has access to ResumeMaker, an easy to use resume writer. Look for the desktop icon on the library's public use computers. The step-by-step guides make it fast and easy to use over 1,000 sample résumés. You can write impressive résumés in just minutes! ResumeMaker provides all the job tools and career advice you need to build your confidence, and turn job interviews into job offers. RésuméMaker is also available online to library cardholders via the library's website. Call or stop by the Information Desk to find out how to use RésuméMaker from your home computer.

Whether your future includes a job or college or both, you can find help at the San Marcos Public Library. Outreach services are available for high school students, non-traditional students and any community member looking for a job or hoping to continue their education. Create the future that you want, call (512) 393-8200 or visit the library today.



*Marissa Chapa and Megan Sharp offer free assistance at the San Marcos Public Library with finding employment, creating resumes, and getting into college.*



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 353-1116  
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396-3364

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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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## *A New Face at Springtown Villa*



Springtown Villa has a new office clerk. Lorenza Lopez is familiar with San Marcos. She was born and raised here. When not at Springtown, Lorenza has a full-time job raising her nine-year-old son, Noah, who is her pride and joy. Before coming to the San Marcos Housing Authority, Lorenza graduated from cosmetology school and worked in a dentist's office. She doesn't cut hair but she does have a habit of looking at people's teeth. In what free time she can find, Lorenza likes to spend time with family and friends, watch any movie with George Clooney in it, and if the weather permits, she loves to be at the river. You can bet that you will be greeted with a smile and a kind word every time you see her. Welcome aboard Lorenza!