



Hard work and dedication pays off!

Mireya & Jared Wallace moved to San Marcos from Boerne. Jared was attending community college and was able to transfer to Texas State, majoring in Computer Science. While he attended school, Mireya worked at Taco Cabana. As the girls started getting into the teen years, Jared and Mireya came to realize that one of them needed to be home for the girls. During Jared's third year at Texas State he was hired through work study and once that ended he was kept on as an employee. With



Jared now working, and because of assistance from the Housing Choice Voucher program, Mireya was able to stay home for the girls. Jared made the Dean's list and the family attended a reception in his honor. During his last year, Jared applied at IBM in Austin and got a great job offer. The day after graduation he was flown to New York for training. He got a signing bonus and a great salary and no longer needed housing assistance. They notified the Section 8 office that they would be moving to Leander. They were grateful for the assistance they received. Jared and Mireya, along with their children Noemi, Paulina, Carolina and Jennifer are truly living the American dream.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR AIR CONDITIONER

Some people like to turn me off when it finally cools down at night and rely on fans to keep them cool. The fresh air is healthier and you can save a lot of money. However, you **MUST** turn me on again **BEFORE** the day gets hot. In July and August that means 2 - 3 hours after sunrise. If you wait until your home is hot, I have to work a lot harder trying to cool it down and I may not get the job done until after sunset. You can also just leave me on all the time but set me to the highest temperature you can tolerate. Fans help . . . a lot. If you need a fan or two, contact the Resident Services Center at your site.

NO ONE LIKES A PESKY PEST

If you are seeing bugs in your home, please call the office at your housing site. We provide pest control for our properties. Please make sure you are doing your part by maintaining a clean environment. Food left on counters and under the range top is an invitation to ants and roaches. Silverfish like piles of old paper and other areas that are not disturbed very often. Spiders like out-of-the-way corners. Pay attention to the exterior of your home -- wasps and bees can build nests in hidden outdoor areas.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THE ZIKA VIRUS

"Zika Precautions for Women" is a new publication outlining the most important steps women can take to protect themselves and their unborn children from Zika. Protecting women is the top priority for public health agencies this summer. There is a good summary available at the link below. You can also get a copy from the Resident Services Center at your site. (<http://citybugs.tamu.edu/files/2016/06/Ento-053-Zika-Precautions-for-Women.pdf>)



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER



Awesome Athletes!



“Children are great imitators so give them something great to imitate.”—Anonymous

We had a great month of meeting talented athletes from Texas State University. The Women's Basketball team invited our kids to enjoy a basketball camp at the Texas State campus. The kids practiced drills, techniques, and played games. They enjoyed shooting baskets the most! The Men's Football team came to the PODER Center and played games with the kids. We even had a few intense rounds of capture the flag! For free time, the kids played football with the guys. Thanks so much for the Texas State Athletics Dept. for developing athletes that give back to the community, are selfless at teaching their skills to others, and give kids bigger dreams to strive after.



Sun & Water

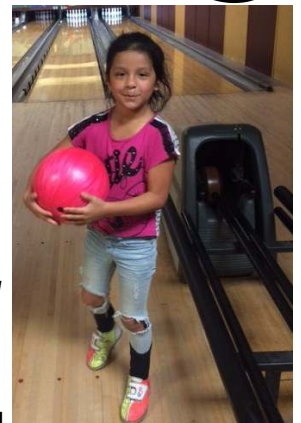


Kids and families from Allen Woods had a great time at Schlitterbahn Water Park! The all-day event had groups of kids going with adult chaperones to different rides and even had some great videos with our GoPro (which can be seen on our Facebook page: facebook.com/smph). The kids played in the wave pool, rode on tubes in various rides, and had fun with their friends and parents. What a great way to beat the heat this summer and spend quality time with family!

Goodbye Summer, Hello School



As summer begins to wind down and the start of a new school year dawns, we wish all the students the best of luck in *their* classes! It also means the return of the PODER after-school program! We accept 1st grade and up. If you would like more information about our program, please call us at 512-396-3367 or visit the PODER Center!



Springtown Villa



Recently, adults have picked up coloring books as a way to relax and unwind. The health benefits go beyond relaxation. Coloring exercise fine motor skills and trains the brain to focus. Intern Koti Taylor spends an afternoon coloring with Springtown residents who seem calmer and enjoy spending the afternoon with Koti.



UnitedHealthcare hosted the movie "War Room" for our residents. They also provided refreshments.



Hays County Food Bank provided a Healthy Eating class for our residents. Beth, Tennay, and Chad made parfaits on a budget. The next class might include a healthy fruit pizza!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Our kids had a fun day at Schlitterbahn! Hard work pays off. Staying focused on completing homework, helping others and following the



rules always pays off. Everyone enjoyed the day. Some even made new friends like the two little ones to the right. Shane and Ezra are now best friends.

A Very Big Thank You to



Coach Karen Meaney and her colleagues from Texas State for sponsoring our KAD student Nathan Henry.

Nathan enjoys playing basketball and was very excited to attend the Danny Kaspar Basketball Camp 2016. We may have a future NBA player!

Well done you did it!



Residents participate in the Zumba class offered at KAD with instructor Susan Hall. Zumba is helping our residents with joint and muscle pain. They feel more active and are ready to enjoy the rest of their day.



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Kyle ER raised \$1,000 for Family Eldercare's Fan Drive and collected 70 fans that will go to Hays County residents. The fans were brought to Chapultepec and will be given to residents in Hays County and the greater San Marcos

Area! If you are a resident and you need a fan, please contact the service coordinator at your site. Non-residents should stop in at the Chapultepec office!



Many thanks to Central Texas Food Bank for bringing their CHOICES Nutrition Education Program to Chapultepec last month. Tenants learned how to understand nutrition labels, the benefits of eating healthy, and how to prepare a yummy dinner, which everyone was able to try!



UPCOMING FSS CLASSES

Learn the effects of Tobacco on your body. Presented by the Hays Caldwell Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.



HAYS CALDWELL COUNCIL
ON ALCOHOL & DRUG ABUSE

**August 4
6:30 PM**

Learn basic moves to defend yourself if you are ever in an unsafe situation. Presented by Just Results.



**August 5
6:00 PM**

FSS Classes are held at the Chapultepec Adult Learning Center. Attend and Earn a Participation Point. Childcare and dinner will be provided.

Keandre Richardson has been going to the PODER After-School Program for almost 2 years and will start middle school in the fall. This year, the after-school program partnered with the education department to pilot the Bobcat Mentorship Program. The future teachers were paired with our students to help with homework and do activities with them. Throughout the spring semester, some of the mentors worked on books and poems with the kids. Featured above is Keandre's poem. He said he wrote the poem as an expression of himself. He is excited to go to 6th grade and be in a different school but he is also nervous about introducing himself to new people. He said the best lesson he learned in elementary school is to "not be afraid to talk to people that you trust because everyone goes through things." His plans for the future aren't solid, but he definitely wants to do something important that will change lives. He intends to achieve this by working hard -- in school and life -- and not giving up! His advice to other kids is whether it's school related or personal, don't be afraid to ask for help. We're rooting for you Keandre!



I am funny and honest
 I wonder about my future
 I hear lions roar
 I see rabbits in the sky
 I want my dog to have a friend Shar-Pei
 I am funny and honest

I pretend I am a dog
 I feel movement
 I touch the sun
 I worry about someone important to me getting hurt
 I cry when I see those in need
 I am funny and honest

I understand my friend's feelings
 I say I will achieve my goals
 I dream about a successful life
 I try to always do my best
 I hope to become a doctor
 I am funny and honest

RAFFLE!

Please support our programs by buying a few raffle tickets. Get them from the Resident Services Center at your site or call the Resident Services Office at 512-396-3364. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for 6 tickets.

Prize List

- >Embassy Suites Hotel at San Marcos - One night stay for two (\$200 value)
- >VISA Gift Card (\$100 value)
- >Monroe Hair Studio (\$40 value)
- >Fuschak's BBQ - Small Family Pac
- >Quail Creek Country Club - Round of golf for 2 with cart
- >H-E-B Gift Card (\$40 value)
- >Plucker's Gift Card (\$25 value)
- >Cuevas Produce - Fruit Basket

(Drawing on September 15)



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JULY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

YTD Account Balances: Public Housing – \$116,555; Section 8 – negative \$13,655; Springtown Villa – \$49,120

The Commissioners approved the write-off of \$6,865 of money owed to the SMHA. This was from tenants who left owing us money earlier in this fiscal year. (Note: If those persons reapply in the future, they must repay that debt before their application can be accepted.)

Occupancy Rates: Public Housing – 98% (does not include CM Allen units that have not yet been reoccupied); Section 8 – 99%; Springtown Villa – 100%

CM Allen Update: 50 units are occupied, 20 units are repaired and awaiting re-occupation, and 30 units remain to be repaired.

Actions & Other Reports:

--We have requested approximately \$2 million of the CDBG Disaster Recovery funds that have been made available to the City by the federal government. The funds would cover the unmet needs for repairs to CM Allen, a new community center to serve the entire Blanco Gardens neighborhood, and infrastructure expenses.

--We are considering applying for a HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) grant. This would be for a project-based Section 8 program similar to Springtown Villa and would make affordable housing available for 75 military veterans. The Board approved moving forward on this grant.

--Texas State University is undertaking a feasibility study to determine whether or not the University can buy the Allen Woods property and meet our condition that such a purchase would have to make it possible to create at least the same amount of housing at another location without any additional cost to the SMHA. The purchase would require the approval of the City and of HUD.

--The SMHA was approved for a Family Self-Sufficiency renewal grant for 2017. We are still awaiting a response for the Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency renewal grant, which is a three-year grant.

--Commissioner Gloria Salazar commended the Resident Services Department on the quality of the monthly newsletter. She said she especially enjoys the stories of kids that used to be in the after-school program who have become successful adults.

SUMMER IN THE PARK CONCERTS

The concerts will start at 7:30 PM at the San Marcos Plaza Park. The rain site for the concerts will be the San Marcos Activity Center.

Aug. 4 - Texmaniacs

Aug. 11 - Two Tons of Steel.

RESOURCE ROUNDUP AT THE LIBRARY

Get help with finding a job, filling out a confusing form, writing a resume, applying for financial aid for college and more! Every Wednesday, 10 AM to 12 PM.

KIDS MOVIES AT THE LIBRARY

Come cool off in the library with a favorite recent kids' release. Bring your own snacks and blanket to cuddle on.

Aug. 3 - Kung Fu Panda 3

Aug. 10 - The Peanuts Movie.

MAKE BELIEVE WITH DAD ACTIVITY AT THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, August 2 @ 6:00 PM. Join David Bryant, Father Engagement Coordinator at Community Action, Inc. for a fun activity for dads and kids. Meet in the children's area of the library.

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SMHA CALENDAR - August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 CM ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	2	3 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	4 FSS CLASS 6:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC	5 FSS CLASS 6:00 PM CHAPULTEPEC ~~~~~ ALLEN WOODS RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	6 TAX FREE WEEKEND FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND CLOTHES Aug. 5 - 7
7	8	9 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC	10 CHAPULTEPEC RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 6 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	18	19	20
21	22	23 SMHA BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM ALLEN WOODS	24	25 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC	26	27
28	29	30	31	September 1	2	3

August was originally named Sextilis in Latin, because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar under Romulus in 753 BC, when March was the first month of the year. About 700 BC it became the eighth month when January and February were added to the year before March by King Numa Pompilius, who also gave it 29 days. Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 45 BC giving it its modern length of 31 days. In 8 BC it was renamed in honor of Augustus, the first Roman Emperor. According to a Senatus consultum quoted by Macrobius, he chose this month because it was the time of several of his great triumphs, including the conquest of Egypt. – Wikipedia

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