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San Marcos Housing Authority



Happy Father's Day!

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The Oracle

Sherri Martin: Beyond Her Limits



Sherri Martin is energetic, hard working, cares about her community and is an excellent cook. Sherri is a mother with a disability who is raising her daughter, Kayla, who also has a disability. Sheri is originally from Miami but she has lived in

Texas for 15 years. She moved from Galveston after hurricane Ike and she now lives at the Allen Woods Homes.

Sherri drives to Houston once a week to ensure that her daughter receives regularly scheduled medical treatments. She has learned a lot about the Medicare/Medicaid system and makes sure that she puts the benefits to good use. Sherri volunteers at the PODER Learning Center and helps fellow residents get the resources they need for effective medical coverage and other health concerns. She also volunteers with the

kids in the Golden Youth Alternative Program. Sherri is one neighbor that believes in the positive changes in the community. She wants to go back to school and is working with the Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services to achieve her goals.



HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS AND PUBLIC NOTICES

- Changes to the **Public Housing Admission and Continued Occupancy Plan** — A public hearing will be held on May 24 at 2 p.m. and on June 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Main Office of the Housing Authority, 1201 Thorpe Lane. Copies of the changes and more information are available at the public housing site offices.
- Addendum to the **Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan** — In order to meet the requirements of HUD funding for the Housing Choice Voucher **Rental Assistance for Non-elderly Persons with Disabilities** program, the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will consider adopting certain items related to affirmatively furthering fair housing as an addendum to its Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan. More information is available at the Section 8 office.
- Bobcat Backyard — In June, we expect to receive final approval of the sale to Texas State University of the portion of land at the Allen Woods Homes where the playground is located. We will begin removing playground equipment and placing it in storage. Relocation of existing equipment (continued on back page)

Fiesta, Fiesta, Fiesta!



outside to smash a piñata filled with yummy candy. Mexican culture came alive for the kids with food, fun, and games. The fiesta was led by Emily Cisneros, a Social Work intern from Texas State University.

Cinco de Mayo is the celebration of *La Batalla de Puebla* when the outnumbered Mexican troops defeated invading French troops. Kids at the Chapultepec after-school program celebrated Cinco de Mayo with a fun fiesta. They made homemade maracas, ate snacks, and listened to tejano music. The kids then traveled



Juneteenth BBQ Cook-Off

June 18

6:30 p.m.—9 p.m.

June 19

12:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

San Marcos City Park

The best cooks in San Marcos will be judged in different competitions. Plenty of booths and free samples!

Who's the Fairest of Them All?



The ladies that participated in Springtown Villa's first Beauty Day, just before Mother's Day, were finely pampered with manicures, pedicures, a foot spa, facials, and hair styling. It was a well-deserved treat. In the picture above Natalie Anzaldúa (left), shows off her 'do af-

ter her hair was colored and styled by Marisol Mendoza (right). In the picture below, Tamara Menke (right) shares manicure tips with Bridgett Bell (left). Thank you to Marisol Mendoza, Christine Williams, and Bridgett Bell for volunteering their time!





Summer's
Here!

The Corkboard: Announcements, Games, and Laughs

Movies in Your Park



FREE movies will be shown at the San Marcos Plaza by the river this summer. Great for the whole family! The movies are rated G or PG. Bring a blanket or chairs. The evening will begin with fun activities and the movie will start when the sun is set and the sky is dark.

Location: San Marcos Plaza Park

Dates: June 8-July 27 (Every other Tuesday)

Time: At Dark

Age: All Ages

**Brought to you by Time Warner Cable and Parks and Recreations*

"My Elusive Butterfly"

Oh daughter so divine,
Precious angel of mine.
You were a doll the day you were born.
Such a beautiful gift as you, with no
other could compare.
Time has no chains
time has no anchor,
For how fast time passed.
Your metamorphosis, like a
butterfly spread your sprouted wings,
And flew away.
My elusive butterfly.
Now I sit here and shed a tear,
For memories I hold so dear.



*By Merlin
a Springtown Villa resident*

Site Announcements



Chapultepec:

June 14 Resident Assembly 6:30 p.m.

June 18 FSS Support Group 6:30 p.m.

Allen Wood:

June 22 Hearing Exams

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

C. M. Allen :

**Way to go high school graduates Je-
sus Mata and Cruz Madrid!**

Springtown Villa:

BINGO Thursdays — Bingo is back
at Springtown! 1 p.m.



Mi Vida, Mi Comunidad



Buñuelos de Chorizo



Ingredientes

- 1 Chorizo
- 8 cucharada de harina
- Aceite
- 1 Huevo
- 1 cucharadita de levadura

Instrucciones

Se corta el chorizo en rodajas de un dedo de grueso. Se hace una masa espesa con el huevo batido, la harina y la levadura. Se rebozan las rodajas de chorizo en esta masa y se fríen en aceite muy caliente, dejando que se inflen durante la fritura. Se sirven muy bien escurridos.

Source: www.arrakis.es/~jols/tapas/index1.html

Frases de Inglés y Español

Unos pocos

English Translation: A few

Ej. Yo quiero solo unas pocas tortillas, por favor.

Ex. I want only a few tortillas, please.

Cumplir su palabra

English Translation: To keep one's word

Ej. Un hombre honesto siempre cumple su palabra.

Ex. An honest man always keeps his word.

El sol poniente

English Translation: The setting sun

Ej. El sol poniente trae una noche fresca.

Ex. The setting sun brings a cool night.



Source: www.123teachme.com



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353-1116
Housing Choice Voucher
353-5061

Springtown Villa Manager
396-3363

Resident Services Centers:

*Chapultepec Homes
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396-3364
*KAD Korner Store
Youth Development Services
392-6273
*PODER Learning Center
Resident Self-Sufficiency
396-3367
*Springtown Villa
Elderly & Disabled Services

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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HOUSING AUTHORITY NEWS & PUBLIC NOTICES — Part 2

- (continued from front page) and installation of new equipment will begin after the land sale is completed and a plan for the use of the money from the sale is approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Have Tiller, Will Loan — Residents who wish to plant a garden in their yards may check out a tiller! There are a few rules and conditions. Contact the Service Coordinator at your site for more information.
- Stray Cats — We have many stray cats, especially at Allen Woods. Please remember that if you feed them, you are assuming ownership of them and will be subject to the Housing Authority rules regarding pets such as security deposits and vaccination requirements. We know it is hard but please resist the temptation. Do not provide food and water. They will go somewhere else. We set out traps provided by Animal Control from time to time. Remember, feral cats can carry rabies. The treatment for possible exposure to rabies is unpleasant and expensive. Cats also spread fleas and fleas spread disease. Yuck.

