



PUBLIC NOTICE

On June 13, 2016, the San Marcos Housing Authority will open the waiting list for the Section 8/ Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and will begin accepting completed Pre-Application forms.

Beginning June 6, 2016, Pre-Application forms will be available for pickup at the SMHA office located at 1201 Thorpe Lane, San Marcos, TX 78666 during normal business hours.

Personal Health Information Might Help Save Your Life!

Recently one of our residents at Springtown Villa was having health issues and their neighbor had to call 911. As the paramedics reached the resident's door they noticed the PHI sign. This sign tells the paramedics that the resident's health information can be found on the refrigerator door in the red and white pouch. The record contains an individual's health history, allergies, and medications they are taking. With this important information in hand, the paramedics are able to help the resident faster.

As the paramedics were leaving they told our manager that they appreciated us participating in this program. We have been participating for 2 years. As residents move in, we try to get them on board with the PHI program.

PHI is a document that can be folded up and placed on the person's refrigerator door. Along with the pouch for the medical information is the PHI sticker that is placed on the front window of the home, which local first responders are trained to look for upon arrival. The PHI program was designed by the San Marcos Fire Department, San Marcos-Hays County EMS, and Central Texas Medical Center.

If you would like to participate or learn more about this program contact Lisa Adams, CTMC community relations coordinator, at (512) 753-3608.



REMINDERS TO RESIDENTS

- * **We are still looking for a public housing resident to serve on our Board of Commissioners.** Be the voice of the residents! Contact the Service Coordinator at your site to get an application.
- * **From SMHA Pet Rules:** "The owner of a dog shall feed the animal at least once per day; take the animal for a walk at least twice a day; remove the animal droppings at least twice per day and take the animal to a veterinarian at least once per year. The pet owner shall not permit dog droppings to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a sack in a designated container outside the building where the pet owner lives." Also, according to city ordinance (Ord. No. 2008-62, § 3, 12-18-08), you must pick up dog poop immediately.
- * According to the terms of your lease, **you may not wash vehicles on-site.** Please use a car wash. The facility located at Knox & South Guadalupe Street (across from the Econo-Lodge) is inexpensive and works well.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Hello Summer (Intern)!



Meet Tanesha Johnson, the first of our summer interns! Tanesha is originally from San Antonio and came to Texas State for its excellent Social Work program. She first became interested in Social Work when a social worker helped her family greatly over the years and she wanted to be that person for other families. Her plans after graduation include working at a treatment center with kids that have experienced any type of trauma, or struggling with behavioral and/or mental disorders. Along with that, she hopes to get accepted into the graduate college at the University of Texas at San Antonio to become a medical or clinical social worker. She is helping plan fun summer activities for the kids of PODER and is also assisting other residents. Come stop by for a friendly hello!

Power to Our People

Karate teachers Rana Zeidan and Alicia Contreras piloted an adult self-defense class at PODER. Many of the women were mothers and wanted to learn ways they could protect themselves and their families. The women learned simple techniques and practiced on each other to get a "real feel" on how to do the moves. Rana also gave tips on how to



use things around your environment to use as a

defense. She also explained that the most important thing to learn about these self-defense methods is to give yourself enough time to get away. If you are interested in future classes, please contact PODER at 512-396-3367.



Consejos para criar niños sanos y salvos

Mantenga a sus hijos activos. Anime a los niños y adolescentes a que practiquen ejercicio al menos una hora al día. Incluya actividades que aumenten las frecuencias cardíaca y respiratoria y que fortalezcan los músculos y huesos. Realice con sus hijos actividades que sean divertidas, seguras y que los mantenga activos para ayudar a que toda la familia esté saludable.



Vigile las actividades de sus hijos. Los niños aprenden de sus familiares, sus amigos, los medios de comunicación, en la escuela y de otras fuentes. Usted debe saber con quién pasan el tiempo, las actividades que realizan y si son adecuadas para su edad no solo en cuanto al contenido sino también al tiempo que le dedican. Conozca la manera en que la escuela de su hijo promueve la salud y la seguridad.

Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/family/parenttips/tips-sp.pdf>

Springtown Villa



Chuck Gay & Jesse Tello



*Mother's Day
Brunch*



Residents Chuck Gay and Jesse Tello serenade Mothers during a brunch held in honor of Mother's Day. Our ladies got teary-eyed as Chuck sang "Coat of Many Colors". Thanks to Bee First Primary Home Care for the food; Bush's Chicken for the tea, lemonade and ice; and Lisa with Regent Care Center for the door prizes.



Travis Elementary Baile Folklorico students perform on Cinco de Mayo. Our residents really enjoyed the performances. Thank you Connie Perez, Parent Liaison!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

Benito Castillo, former KAD member, entertains during a Senior Social. He serenades mothers on Mother's Day by singing and playing the guitar. Bee First Primary Home Care provided a game of Loteria and lots of nice prizes. Everyone had a good time. Thank you Benito and Juanita Torres.



Cooking for Your Life Series:

The Capital Area Food Bank hosted a series of four classes in April and May. Participants learned healthy and simple dishes to make for any meal throughout the day. They also learned nutritional facts and the benefits of eating healthy. The first meal they made was a Black Bean and Quinoa Salad. ¡Delicioso!



TEAMWORK

Leticia Marin from the Hays Caldwell Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse visited the KAD Center on April 28th. She brought an activity that taught the importance of teamwork and why it is important in life. In the picture, the kids are learning how to play a cup-stacking game. The only tool is string tied to a rubber band. They have to pull the string to pick up and release the cups in the right positions. Teamwork works!



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

Lucy Kalunde is a Non-Traditional Student pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Recreation Administration and Leisure Services with a minor in Business Administration at Texas State University. This summer she will complete an internship as a Youth Services Coordinator working with our summer program. Lucy will work with our Service Coordinators at PODER and KAD to organize program activities and fundraisers for our youth during the summer. This internship experience will provide Lucy with a hands-on, professional learning experience in the delivery of recreation services. This phase of her education will enable her to apply the knowledge and skills she acquired through her academic program and gain practical experience while under the mentorship of a professional in the field (Resident Services Director Gene Martin II) as well as her academic supervisor.



This past spring semester, Lucy was inducted into the Texas State University Beta Epsilon Chapter of Rho Phi Lambda, an honorary fraternity for Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services and she is looking forward to graduating in August. She says she is very excited to have this wonderful opportunity to work with youth in San Marcos this summer. This is an effective merging of our FSS Program with a Texas State degree program. We know Lucy will go from success to success!



For our May FSS Class, Melissa Trevino from Goodwill Central Texas presented information about how to complete an effective resume and how to dress properly for a job interview. The group really enjoyed the presentation. If you are in need of job services, please contact Goodwill at 512-392-4020.



BE INSPIRED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE **PIE AT A TIME.**

Join the Chapultepec Resident Assembly for some pizza loving FUN!

June 2, 2016

June 9, 2016

11am to close

At Pieology Pizzeria

301 N Guadalupe Suite 150

Show this flyer or the flyer on your phone and up to 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Chapultepec!

Let's Make Some Dough!!!

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Walking into the KAD Korner Store at CM Allen was a blast from the past! I remember going to the after school program every week Monday through Thursday. For me it was a place to make new friends, get help with homework, and just have fun! The best part about KAD was having someone like Bonnie to help keep my brother and I on the right track. At KAD I was given the opportunity to be active in my community, as well as the opportunity to travel around Texas. Bonnie instilled in me the importance of helping others, as well as the value of work ethic from volunteering for Meals on Wheels at Allen Woods during the summer program. After volunteer work we would go on some amazing field trips — from Enchanted Rock to Pedernales State Park. We even traveled to NASA! Bonnie and the KAD program have exposed me to amazing places I never would have imagined going. I even had the chance to perform at some of the events the KAD Korner Store hosted. One event was the Annual Father's Day Out. I played my trumpet while my brother and father sang songs for the dads that day. The Kids Against Drugs program and Bonnie were key components that helped me navigate through my journey from middle school to high school, for which I am forever thankful. I was a part of the program for about six years. Within those six years, I was molded into the young man I am today. My name is Benito Victor Castillo, age 19, I graduated from San Marcos High School this past year and I am now a full-time student at Austin Community College. I plan to transfer over to Texas State University where I will study Fine Arts. It's been a while since I've been back, but I will never stop visiting the community that gave me memories I will cherish forever.



I joined the FSS program in the beginning of 2013. I had just graduated from Gary Job Corps for medical assisting. The program I was in at that school paid me to finish the program and also paid for a year of college. Then they helped me find a job in that field. I attended Austin Community College for 4 semesters while in the FSS program. Throughout the years that I was in the program, I was working part time jobs because of my school schedule. It was very hard because I am a single mother and going to school full-time and working part-time was cutting into the time I got to spend with my son. I found a full-time job that worked with my school schedule and also helped me out with my rent while I was working there. This is my current employer and even though it is not in the field that I am going to school for I am still fulfilling my dreams of helping people in the community. I recently got promoted to Assistant manager at my job and plan to continue to grow within the company. This summer I plan to attend summer school, and even though I will not be able to go back to school full-time, I still plan to attend part-time or at least take one class a semester. My advice to anyone that is on this program is take as much advantage of it as you can. I believe that this is a really great program and if you take advantage of all the help you can get, you will succeed and accomplish your goals. It takes a lot of work on your end as well but no matter what obstacles are in my path or how hard it gets, I will not stop trying to accomplish my goals in life. I am so grateful for the person that referred me to this program and the help I have gotten so far being on it. The most important advice I have is to never give up on yourself. The times we live in now are not easy and no one really properly prepares you for life and all of its experiences. It is going to be hard and everyone has different situations. Think about a better life for your children or for yourself and the outcome in the end. Let that be your motivation. - Vanessa Rangel-Valdez

Highlights From the May Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

FINANCIALS: The Public Housing YTD balance is about \$64,000. So far we have spent about \$562,000 on flood recovery at CM Allen. We received approximately \$133,00 from FEMA today. HUD balances the Section 8 program account on a quarterly basis. The Springtown Villa YTD balance is about \$32,000.

OCCUPANCY: *Public Housing* is at 96%. CM Allen units that have not yet been repaired and occupied are not included in the occupancy rate. Albert Sierra said that it takes about 2 months for our contractors to complete repairs on one building (two units). We have three contractors at this time. 52 flood-damaged units have been repaired and 10 more will be completed within 2 weeks. 12 units are being worked on by the St. Bernard and World Renew organizations. 39 units are occupied at CM Allen. People are having trouble returning to CM Allen because of lease obligations elsewhere. When this happens, we cannot hold their old unit but will offer another unit later. Our procedure has been to offer newly repaired units to the original family first. If they cannot take it, we offer it to other families displaced from CM Allen. If no other displaced family can take it, we go to the waiting list. *Housing Choice Voucher* is at 98%. *Springtown Villa* is at 100%.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill Rocha and Allan Hawk made a presentation to the Commissioners regarding the recently-completed audit of Fiscal Year 2015, which ended on September 30 of last year. At that time we had \$11 million in total assets. We had liabilities totaling about \$268,000. Mr. Rocha said that Albert Sierra, Lana Bronikowsky, and housing authority staff in general are "Excellent financial stewards of the San Marcos Housing Authority." Rocha said that each year they also do a single audit of a specific program to ensure conformity with HUD regulations. Mr. Hawk said that their examination of our internal controls did not identify any deficiencies. There were no "findings" requiring any corrective actions. Finally, with regard to operations, they did not observe any problems.

Sierra reported that the Section 8 waiting list is down to 30 applicants and will be opened next month. It will be announced on May 27 and again on June 3 in the San Marcos Daily Record. It will also be posted on our website on May 27 and in the June newsletter. He said people can pick up applications on June 6 and that we will begin accepting applications on June 13. No date has been set for closing the waiting list. Sierra also summarized the local preferences: participants who are terminated from our Housing Choice Voucher program due to insufficient funding (there are none at this time), San Marcos Public Housing Authority residents displaced from their housing due to natural disasters, and persons who live or work in San Marcos.



CASTLE CARNIVAL

Summer Reading Program Kickoff Festival! Pick up a Reading Log and summer event flyers. Friday, June 3, 9 AM to 12 PM.

PLAY BOARD GAMES


The San Marcos Board Game Group meets in the library once a month to play light strategy board games. Families are invited to attend and try a new game or bring an old favorite to share with the group. No experience necessary. No registration required. Sunday, June 26, 1 PM - 4 PM.

**SAN MARCOS
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

SNAKES ALIVE!

Austin Reptile Shows brings live snakes, lizards, and other scaly critters into the library. Pick up fee tickets beginning June 10.



June 2016						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	2	3 ALLEN WOODS RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	4
5	6 CM ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	7	8 CHAPULTEPEC RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 6 PM	9	10	11
12	13 Section 8 Waiting List Opens	14 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC	15 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	16 FSS CLASS 6:30 PM Chapultepec	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH	29	30 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC		

June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and one of the four months with a length of 30 days. June contains the summer solstice in the Northern Hemisphere, the day with the most daylight hours, and the winter solstice in the Southern Hemisphere, the day with the fewest daylight hours (excluding polar regions in both cases). June in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to December in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa. In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the traditional astronomical summer is 21 June (meteorological summer begins on 1 June). In the Southern hemisphere, meteorological winter begins on 1 June. The Latin name for June is Junius. Ovid offers multiple etymologies for the name in the Fasti, a poem about the Roman calendar. The first is that the month is named after the Roman goddess Juno, the goddess of marriage and the wife of the supreme deity Jupiter; the second is that the name comes from the Latin word iuniores, meaning "younger ones", as opposed to maiores ("elders") for which the preceding month May (Maius) may be named. (Wikipedia)

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HOUSING OFFICES**Allen Woods Homes (Main Office)**

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512-353-5061

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