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**PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC HOUSING
CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM 5-YEAR PLAN
ALLEN WOODS DINGING ROOM
THURSDAY * MAY 28 * 5:30 PM**

The Housing Authority is preparing its plan for how it will spend Public Housing Capital Fund money for 2015 through 2019. Your opinion makes a difference. Many projects over the years have been the result of resident input. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you may submit your comments in writing to:



Albert Sierra, Executive Director
Attn: Public Housing Capital Fund
San Marcos Housing Authority
1201 Thorpe Lane
San Marcos, TX 78666



Kappa Delta Chi Sorority, Inc. received the Community Engagement Award at the Texas State Boko Awards on April 14th. The award is given to the student organization that has distinguished itself through community engagement and service in an effort to improve Texas State and the San Marcos community. For ten years, Kids Against Drugs (KAD) has been Kappa Delta Chi's local philanthropy. There was a pool of nominees for the award, however K. D. Chi's service was honored and recognized. The organization's efforts in having an impact on the youth of San Marcos will undoubtedly continue for years to come. Miriam Charnichart, Service Officer for Kappa Delta Chi (right) said, (see Boko Awards on page 6)



Housing Authority offices will be closed Monday, May 25th to honor our fallen soldiers.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Bobcats Build Community | Take a Peep at our Chicks!



A big thanks to a great mix of Math and Philosophy majors volunteering during Bobcat Build to help get the learning center cleaned! They repainted some of our walls and baseboards. They even reorganized our storage shed! Their great cohesive spirit got the job done in a productive manner and truly demonstrated the Bobcat spirit of philanthropy!



The PODER Center is filled with cheery cheeps thanks to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Office and the guidance of Kelly Giesler! They provided us with the opportunity to do a hatching project with the after-school program. Thirteen eggs were given into to our care along with all the

supplies needed to help them develop and after they hatch. Two were unfertilized or never grew and three were given to another school to complete their hatching project leaving us with eight beautiful little chicks to foster. The children were so excited to be their "guardians" by making sure the incubator was at the right temperature and by performing other tasks needed for proper incubation. Check out our chicks before they are literally farmed-out to a new home!



Thank you to all our volunteers that helped us with the after-school program this year! We couldn't have had such a successful year without wonderful helpers: Patrick Ede, Rana Zeidan, Talicia Denesti, Anthony Bewley, Takia Bunton, Max Jaklich, Tania Ellis, Haley Bunnell, Josh Ledford, Rebecca Jeppson, Lakota Klein, Carlos Lujan, Dayara Mendez, Stephanie Kristynik, Sebastian Santos, and Myrissa Ayala 🖐️

Springtown Villa



Hard Work Does Pay Off!

Texas State Bobcat Build volunteers enjoy a taco after a hard day of work at Springtown Villa. Students cleaned the entry way and the lawn. They also worked on the garden with resident Cynthia Watts.



Texas State University students from Lillian Dees' Sociology class held their annual Easter Egg Hunt for the residents at Springtown Villa. Residents were paired up with a student during the egg hunt. This year Professor Dees' sister, Pat Cowan, came to join the fun.



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C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Senior Social celebrates Mrs. Fernandez' birthday!



Residents enjoy a game of Loteria hosted by BEE First Home Health Care.

Do you want to learn how to prevent certain chronic diseases?

Nutrition & Health class series



This **free** series will teach you how to reduce your risk of:

- Obesity
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- High blood pressure

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19, 26; 2015
1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.



CM Allen
820 Sturgeon St.
San Marcos, TX 78666

To pre-register, please contact
Bonnie Pecina at 512-392-6273

CHOICES
A NUTRITION EDUCATION PROGRAM

**CAPITAL AREA
FOOD BANK
OF TEXAS**

VIVA! CINCO DE MAYO

May
2nd



Downtown
Martindale

Thanks to Bobeat Build, our community garden is looking good. Tomatoes and jalapenos have been planted by local residents. Space is available. Call Bonnie at 512-392-6273 to reserve your spot!



Kids learn about nutrition from a Best Food FITS class provided through Texas State's Family & Consumer Science program.

Claire Petty gets help with her homework from a new volunteer, Freddie Polk.
Thanks Freddie!



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



April was a busy month with FSS Classes! On April 8, Susan, Amber and Rachel, students from Texas State did a Family Life Presentation, "Better Talk, Better Family". They presented information to help families communicate better with each other. They did a great job with their presentation. The participants also enjoyed the games and prizes!



A Huge Thanks to Bobcat Build for coming out on March 28 to clean up around Chapultepec! They did a fabulous job!!! Pictured above is Julia, Sydney, Kendrick, Derrick and Adrian!



On April 16, Kirk Talley, of State Farm, presented information about college funds, retirement, and life insurance. He went over how important it is to have all three and what you can do to plan for the future by doing little things today. Thanks Kirk!

Alexis Garza and her family, Michael and Miguel, joined the Family Self-Sufficiency Program in 2011. Alexis was in her last few semesters at Texas State University, studying to be a respiratory therapist, and she was also expecting her second child. Alexis was determined to finish her education and didn't take a moment to rest after her daughter, Aaleyah, arrived. Alexis finished her education and began studying for her board exams while her partner, Michael, worked part-time and went to school to become an electrician. After Michael finished his education, he began working as an electrician, making enough money to automatically graduate the family from the FSS Program. Priorities had to change. Alexis is now working from home selling Avon products and she is expecting the couple's third child. They couldn't be happier.



BOKO AWARDS (continued from page 1)

"Our hard work pays off! We are an organization dedicated to service and our work won't stop. My term as service officer is coming to an end as I face graduation, and I can only hope I left an imprint on my chapter and on the wonderful kids at KAD." We are very grateful for the on-going support of Kappa Delta Chi. We also recognized them a few months ago with our Volunteer of the Year award for their service in 2014.



RANDOM HAPPENINGS

You never know what interesting things might happen at the Housing Authority so it is best to keep your camera close. You might recognize the scene on the left from an episode of *American Crime*. The picture was meant to show the humble origins of a character in one of the episodes. On the right, our not-so-humble, but highly effective, Senior FSS Coordinator, Megan Spiller, donates a bed to a new Chapultepec resident. Helping Megan is Rebecca Reyes, future graduate of the FSS program.



Across the nine-county Rural Capital Area, Workforce Solutions sponsors a variety of events that are designed to support businesses and job seekers alike. Job fairs are a great way to get noticed and get a job. We post notices at the Resident Services Centers but you can go online to see the list of local events anytime!

<http://www.workforcesolutionsrca.com/events/>

San Marcos Farmer's Market Vouchers for Sale!

Qualified clients will receive \$40 worth of vouchers for only \$10.

Vouchers can be used:

- ONLY at the San Marcos Farmer's Market at the Courthouse Square, every Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Can be used only for food purchases
- Vouchers expire 60 days after purchase

Supplies are limited so don't wait!

Contact Kirby Stewart for more information or to get vouchers:
kstewart@haysfoodbank.org
 512-392-8300 ex. 235

San Marcos Public Library Looks To Summer, Plans Over 100 Kids' Events for June and July!



Coming June 12, Safari Greg from the Austin Zoo returns with animals and magic.

Free tickets available at the library beginning June 1.

Joe McDermott performs June 26

Pick up the Summer Reading Program activity calendar at the library starting May 1 to see the complete schedule for June and July. Read books, win prizes! Pick up reading logs starting June 8. The more logs you turn in, the better your chance to win cool prizes!

The San Marcos Housing Authority has once again paired up with *Family Eldercare* in Austin to bring fans to low-income families in the San Marcos area. Doug Mathenia of *Johnson Controls*, another partner in the project, delivered a tall stack of fans to Senior FSS Coordinator, Megan Spiller. Preference will be given to elderly and disabled persons. Public housing residents should contact the Service Coordinator for their site:

C. M. Allen - Bonnie Pecina, 392-6273

Allen Woods - Maria Calcaben, 396-3367

Springtown Villa & HCV FSS - Gracie Campos, 353-7343

Chapultepec, Porter, & scattered site homes - Megan Spiller, 396-3364





FREE & FUN THINGS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Foodstock - May 2, Courthouse Square, 1 — 6 PM

A celebration of Hays County and all that makes it great: Music, Art, Food, the River, and coming together as a community to help our neighbors in need.

Unicycle Football, Stuporbowl X (Championship Game) - May 3, San Marcos Activity Center, 3 PM

Come see the best sport on one wheel! All Ages Welcomed.

Eye of the Dog: Dirt Dauber Festival - May 16 — 17, Eye of the Dog Arts Center, 405 Valley View West Road

Enjoy a wonderful celebration of all things clay at the Eye of the Dog Art Center. This free event features clay art demonstrations, refreshments, a kids' clay play table and live music. What's not to like?

Swing on the Square - May 16 — 17, Courthouse Square

Celebrate Western Swing and the genres it inspired at Swing at a two-day live music event. Visitors and locals enjoy an art market, street dancing contest and dozens of bands.

* For more Maxed-Out May events go to: <http://www.toursanmarcos.com/events/index.html> *



WHAT WE DO

The San Marcos Housing Authority has provided decent, safe, and affordable housing for San Marcos Residents since 1950. We have three housing programs: Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher, and Project-based Section 8. These programs provide housing for about 574 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.

WHO WE ARE

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C. M. Allen Homes

512-353-1116

Chapultepec Homes

512-396-3364

Housing Choice Voucher

512-353-5061

Springtown Villa

512-396-3363

RESIDENT SERVICES CENTERS

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center &

Family Self-Sufficiency

512-396-3364

KAD Korner Store

512-392-6273

PODER Learning Center

512-396-3367

Springtown Villa

512-353-7343