



## RAFFLE to benefit SMHA Resident Services

The San Marcos Housing Authority (SMHA) provides decent, safe, and affordable housing for about 575 low-income households, including elderly & disabled, in the San Marcos area.

SMHA Resident Services coordinates a wide variety of direct services and referrals for families and individuals receiving housing assistance. We work to improve quality of life, reduce dependence on the welfare system, and empower residents to take charge of their lives.

### Raffle Tickets

**\$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5**

**Drawing on September 15**

**GET TICKETS AT THE RESIDENT SERVICES CENTER  
AT YOUR SITE OR CALL 512-396-3364!**

### Lots of PRIZES!

- Embassy Suites Hotel at San Marcos  
(One night stay for two – \$200 value)
- VISA Gift Card (\$100 value)
- Target Gift Card (\$50 value)
- H-E-B Gift Card (\$40 value)
- Monroe Hair Studio (\$40 value)
- Family Glass Bottom Boat Tour (\$39 value)
- Plucker's Gift Card (\$25 value)
- Quail Creek Country Club (Round of golf for 2 with cart)
- Fuschak's BBQ (Small Family Pac)
- Cuevas Produce (Fruit Basket)

## A Roaring Good Time at THA

After a busy school year and an active summer program, Resident Services Director Gene Martin and Service Coordinators

Megan Spiller, Bonnie Pecina,

and Maria Calcaben were able to attend the Texas Housing Association's Annual Conference in Austin to network with other professionals and discover ways to improve our programs. The Zoo theme at the conference kept it light

and fun but there was no monkeying around when it came to learning! Many of the classes inspired our folks to try new ideas and to expand connections within the San Marcos community. Keep an eye out for some "paws"itive changes coming your way!

In the picture above, Maria asks questions of product vendors at the conference. On the right, Megan, Maria, and Bernadine Spears from West Texas pose in front of a flamingo for a chance to win an Amazon gift card.

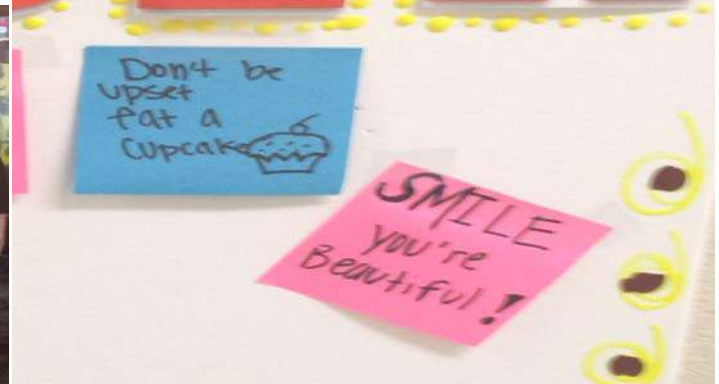


Maria, Megan, and Bonnie won \$20 in a Trivia contest. It took away some of the pain of having to drive back and forth to Austin during rush hour, three days in a row.

# ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

## Last Hurrah

## PODER POSITIVE WALL



Having a bad day? Come stop by and check out the PODER Positive wall! It's a wall where you can read or write positive messages! The kids have already started using it!

The children from the summer program finished off the summer with a special trip to Austin's Park & Pizza! The children rode go-karts, climbed the rock wall, got wet in the water boats, played arcade games, puttied on the mini-golf course, and battled each other in laser tag. The most challenging activity was the rock climbing wall. Many, like Dade LaPlant, wouldn't give up until they reached the top! Even little Marissa Martinez wanted to give it a try with her cowboy boots!



The kids really enjoyed working as a team when up against other kids and families in laser tag. They even came up with strategies! They were also happy to dine



in the all-you-can-eat buffet with a variety of pizzas and pastas. It was great way to recharge before the school year started!

## Consecuencia Sensata

- 1) Decida cuál será la consecuencia y dígame a su hijo lo que piensa hacer en respuesta a su mal comportamiento. Si el mal comportamiento ocurre con frecuencia, puede darle una advertencia antes de que vuelva a ocurrir. Por ejemplo: "Tus juguetes están tirados por todo el piso de la sala. Si decides no guardarlos, no podrás jugar con ellos por un día."
- 2) Si su hijo insiste en comportarse mal después de que usted ha establecido una consecuencia sensata, **cumpla** con la consecuencia. NO ceda ni pelee con su hijo por la consecuencia. TAMPOCO le de un sermón o discuta con él.
- 3) Si su hijo se rehúsa a cooperar con la consecuencia sensata, póngalo en castigo por un periodo de reflexión (hasta que se calme) y después vuelva a intentarlo.

### Consejos Para Recordar:

- Actúe inmediatamente frente a un mal comportamiento.
- Recurra a consecuencias sensatas: pérdida de privilegios o prácticas positivas.
- Si es necesario, ponga a su hijo en castigo hasta que se calme. Después aplique la consecuencia sensata.
- Si estas sugerencias no le resultan útiles, consulte con su pediatra para obtener más ideas.



By Nemours Health & Prevention Services: [www.nemours.org](http://www.nemours.org)



## Springtown Villa

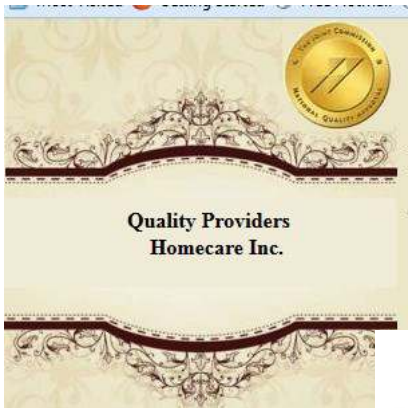


Gracie Campos left us to become a Parent Liaison for the San Marcos ISD. Their gain is our loss but fear not! Bonnie Pecina, long-time Service Coordinator at the CM Allen Homes, will be at the Springtown Villa Resident Services office (on the 2nd floor) Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM to help out during the transition.

# COMING SOON

September 5 @ 10:30 AM

Senior Social Bingo and Blood pressure check/glucose level checks in the 3rd Floor Community Room.



September 12 @ 10 AM

Do you know someone who struggles to pay their Medication costs or needs help paying for Medicare out-of-pocket Costs?



Texas Night Out returns on the 1st Tuesday in October!



September birthdays will be celebrated on September 29 at 2 PM in the Community Room.



# C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



The Summer Youth Program ended with a bang at *Austin's Park & Pizza*. What better way to end the summer than with a fun trip? Check out future bowling champs Michael & Shane. Witness Bryan training for driving on IH-35.



## \*Reading for Success with United Way\*

Analia Voss and her team stopped by the KAD program with free books for children ages 0-5 yrs. She read to them and engaged in a fun activity. Kudos to our parents for bringing their children!



## Quality

HOME CARE PROVIDERS



Residents get free blood pressure and blood glucose checks performed once a month by the ever cheerful Nurse Charmaine Thomson from Quality Providers Home Care

Sitting patiently is Mrs. Benita Gonzales, getting her blood pressure checked.

An Underage Drinking Prevention presentation supported the community consensus that underage drinking is illegal, unhealthy, and unacceptable.

KAD kids listened attentively and participated in an experiment showing the effects of drinking upon vision. The presentation was conducted by Sue Cole.

Travis County Attorney General's Underage Drinking Prevention Program Presentation @ KAD



## Kids Against Drugs After-school Program

Our program is for school-age kids, from first grade through high school. Call 512-392-6273 and speak with Bonnie Pecina. Kids get a hot meal, get help with homework, and participate in a youth development activity. Volunteers are welcome!



## CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Once again, Jeri with the Hays Caldwell Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse did an excellent job teaching our tenants the effects alcohol can have on your body! The tenants always enjoy Jeri because of her “keep it real” attitude and the awesome door prizes!



The After-School Program at Chapultepec is off to a great start! We've had 13 kids enroll! Every day the kids get off the bus to enjoy a hot meal! After we eat, everyone goes outside for recess! Just before we go inside for homework time, we have 45 seconds

of crazy where the kids can run, jump, dance, wiggle, scream, yell, laugh and roll around in the grass! This seems to be a highlight of the day! Once homework is done, we celebrate with a little dance party! If your children are interested in joining the fun, contact Megan at 512-396-3364!



Learn basic moves to defend yourself and your children if you find yourself in an unsafe situation. Presented by Just Results.

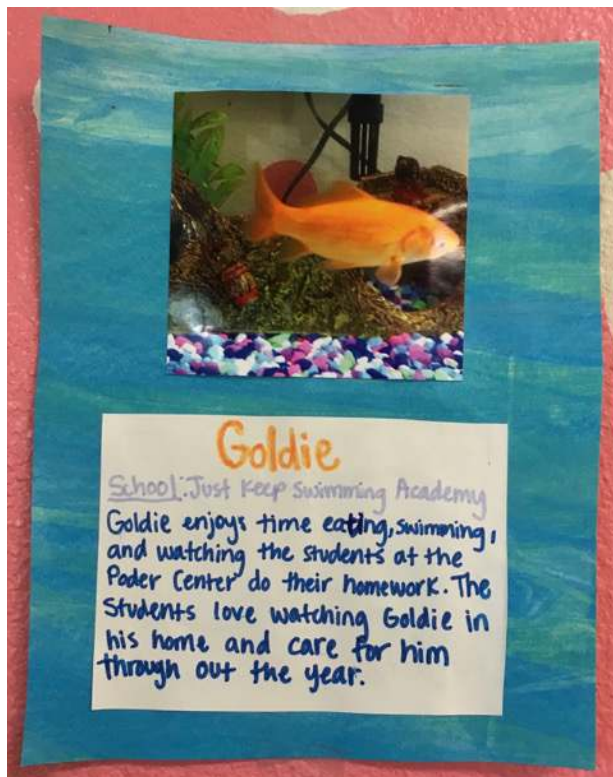
**September 16**

**6:00pm**

**Chapultepec Adult Learning Center**

**You must RSVP for this event!**

Children 10 and up will be able to participate as long as a parent is present. Childcare and food will be provided for children who are not able to participate. Attend and receive a participation point!



*Goldie the Goldfish lives at the PODER Learning Center.*

## FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

We need your help to keep your neighborhood looking nice. Please pick up trash around your home. Maybe someone else put it there but it's your home so please show your pride and help keep the property clean.



Also, if you drink beer or other adult beverages, please remember that according to your lease (Part II page 9 (h) & (i), page 10 (m) & page 11 (dd)), you are allowed to drink alcoholic beverages only in your home or on your porch, not in the parking lot or on your yard.



Wednesday  
**September 21**  
7:30 PM

Q&A with  
Award Winning  
Filmmaker  
John Valadez  
After Screening

For over a decade, filmmaker John J. Valadez searched for the remains of Joaquin Murrieta, a legendary Mexican who blazed a trail of revenge and rebellion following the theft of his land and the rape and murder of his wife. In the summer of 1853, he was killed by bounty hunters who put his head in a jar and displayed it across California. Now, 162 years later, Valadez is convinced he has found the head. He embarks on a quixotic, cross country road trip through history, memory and myth to lay the head of Joaquin Murrieta to rest, along with a dark and troubling past. John J. Valadez is a Peabody Award winning and Emmy nominated filmmaker who has written and directed nationally broadcast documentary films over the past 18 years.

San Marcos Public Library 625 E. Hopkins 512.393.8200



## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

**Public Comments:** Jason Montgomery, candidate for City Council, Place 3, introduced himself to the Commissioners. He said he wanted to be more informed on city issues.

**YTD Account Balances:** Public Housing – \$139,386; Section 8 – (\$1,656); Springtown Villa – \$62,627.

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

**CM Allen Update:** We signed off on the last two "Scope of Work" documents to begin the bid process on the last buildings. We have received \$362,000 so far from FEMA. We expect to get a total of about \$400,000. We have received \$442,000 from other sources plus \$100,000 from the San Marcos Reinvestment Corporation, our non-profit subsidiary dedicated to supporting the development of affordable housing in San Marcos. Improvements needed at other housing sites have been delayed because reserve and capital improvement funds have been diverted to the repair of the CM Allen Homes.

### Actions & Other Reports:

--The **CDBG Disaster Recovery Action Plan** calls for \$7 million for housing (including \$1.022 million for the Housing Authority) and \$13 million for infrastructure improvements. The definition of "unmet need" is not clear so we are not sure if money that we diverted from other housing improvements will be reimbursed. If the plan is adopted, a new community center to serve the entire Blanco Gardens neighborhood will not be included because no funds will be allocated to economic development.

--There was an update on the status of the **HUD-VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) grant**. If we are awarded the funds, we expect to have to utilize existing housing because it would take more than the 2 years allowed under this program to plan, construct, and begin occupying a new development.

--New **payment standards** were adopted for the Housing Choice Voucher program. Payment standards include rent plus the cost of utilities and are adjusted annually. The new standards go into effect on October 1.

**PERFORMANCES BY:**


- \*MUSICIANS
- \*POETS
- \*ARTISTS

**BRING A BLANKET AND SNACKS AND ENJOY THE LOCAL TALENT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP TO PERFORM EMAIL: [MARCOHPS@SANMARCOSCA.gov](mailto:MARCOHPS@SANMARCOSCA.gov)

**FREE TO PARTICIPATE AND FREE TO WATCH**

**OPEN MIC NIGHT**




**Sounds of San Marcos**

**SEPT 12 & OCT 10**

**7PM-9PM**

**EDDIE DURHAM PARK**  
217 W. MLK DR.



## REGISTER FOR GED PREPARATION CLASSES AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Small classes! Comfortable environment! Group instruction and personalized lessons!

### PART ONE:

Tuesday, September 6th

9:30 AM, 1:30 PM, or 6:30 PM

### PART TWO:

Thursday, September 8th

9:30 AM, 1:30 PM, or 6:30 PM

**Plan to be there 2 - 3 hours each day to complete registration, orientation, and assessment.**

EVENTS

# SMHA CALENDAR - September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September (from Latin septem, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months on the oldest known Roman calendar, when March (Martius in Latin) was the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 153 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. September had 29 days until the Julian Calendar was adopted in 45 BC and one day was added.				1	2 ALLEN WOODS RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	3
4	5 <b>Labor Day</b> ***** <b>SMHA Offices Closed</b>	6	7 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12 CM ALLEN RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 10 AM	13 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC	14 CHAPULTEPEC RESIDENT ASSEMBLY 6 PM	15 FSS CLASS 6 PM CHAPULTEPEC	16	17
18	19	20	21 SPRINGTOWN RESIDENT COUNCIL 3:30 PM	22	23	24
25	26	27 SMHA BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM ALLEN WOODS	28	29 COOKING CLASS 5:30 PM CHAPULTEPEC		
					30	October 1



[TexasLawHelp.org](http://TexasLawHelp.org) is a website dedicated to providing free, reliable legal information to low-income Texans. It is part of a broader effort within the national legal aid community to use technology, specifically the Internet, to enhance and expand the delivery of legal aid.

## LEADERSHIP

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## HOUSING OFFICES

Allen Woods Homes (Main Office)  
512-353-5059  
CM Allen Homes  
512-353-1116  
Chapultepec Homes  
512-396-3364  
Housing Choice Voucher  
512-353-5061  
Springtown Villa  
512-396-3363

## RESIDENT SERVICES

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center/  
Family Self-Sufficiency  
512-396-3364  
CM Allen KAD Korner Store  
512-392-6273  
Allen Woods PODER  
Learning Center  
512-396-3367  
Springtown Villa  
512-353-7343