



Why We Do What We Do My name is Naomi Nicki Castro. I am 30 years old and a mother of three beautiful children. I was raised in CM Allen Homes for 17 years and was very involved with the KAD [Kids Against Drugs] program throughout my time there. I resided with my grandmother due to losing my mother at a very young age. The program helped me understand how to get by one day at a time. Not only did KAD help me academically, but it also taught me great work ethic and how to be responsible. Bonnie was always someone who I could count on when I was going through a difficult time. She believed in me and always told me I should stay in school and set goals for my future. Every day after school I would go straight to KAD and be very excited to go home later to let my grandmother know what I learned! I was the only child in my household and KAD also helped fulfil my desperate need for a family. People at the center taught me so much and I am very thankful for all of the Texas State volunteers who took their time to help us with homework, computers, and other activities. I am now starting my own business for residential cleanings with lawn services. Every day I sit back and remember the times I spent and what I learned while attending KAD.

[Editor's Note: Nicki's Helping Hands, 512-446-9104]



NOTICE TO ALL PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS

The San Marcos Housing Authority (SMHA) has completed its annual review of the Public Housing Utility Allowances and encourages residents to review the proposed utility allowances and support documentation.

Residents may also provide written comments.

DATES AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW: 10/26/18 - 12/25/18

LOCATIONS: Allen Woods Office—1201 Thorpe Lane
CM Allen Office—795 River Road
Chapultepec Office—701 S. LBJ Drive

The SMHA will gather all comments and review them at the close of the comment period. The SMHA will respond to comments within 15 days of the close of the comment period. Such written comments will be retained by the SMHA and shall be available for inspection by residents.

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2019

*Requests for relief from surcharges for excess consumption, payment of supplier billings in excess of the allowances for resident purchased utilities, may be granted by the PHA on reasonable grounds, such as special needs for the elderly, ill or disabled residents, or special factors, on a case by case basis. Such relief may be initiated by the verbal or written making of such request as an accommodation.

JUST THE P'S, PLEASE

We don't normally engage in potty talk around here but sometimes we just can't help ourselves. Only the three P's belong in the toilet: pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Do not flush anything else down your toilet. It is not a trash can. **BABY WIPES ARE A BIG NO-NO!** Wipes do not break down like toilet paper. They clog pumps and filters and have to be cleaned out. They can also clog pipes coming from your home. Clearing out sewage lines clogged with wipes and other things that should not have been flushed is expensive. If we have to make repairs because someone in your household put something besides the three P's into your toilet, you will be charged for the cost of the

repair. Please talk to everyone in your family to make sure they understand the proper use of the greatest invention in mankind's history: the indoor toilet. Think about it.



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

❖ —❖ —❖ **Texas Night Out** ❖ —❖ —❖



We had a great turn out at Texas Night Out this year! Kids were able to bounce in a brand new bounce house outside, play games indoors, and win tickets to exchange for prizes. Attendees filled up on hot dogs, nachos, and desserts while having the opportunity to talk with local agencies such as representatives of Crockett Elementary, Lighthouse for the Blind and Vision Impaired, and the Texas State University Nutrition Research Study on Pregnant Women. Special guests included the San Marcos Police Department, San Marcos Fire Department, Hays County EMS, and even some city officials such as Mayor John Thomaidis (pictured hugging one of our elderly residents). A special thanks to our sponsors

that contributed to our successful evening: HEB, Pennington's Cakes, Texas State Volunteers, ESSO, Chi Beta Delta, Rene Velezuela, and the Allen Woods Resident Assembly.



Halloween Scream!

Eeek! Ahhh! Ooo! Residents young and old had spooky Halloween celebrations at PODER. Allen Woods Resident Assembly, along with the help of Mary Ann Lopez and Bee First representative Juanita Torres, hosted a Halloween-themed Loteria party. Everyone went home a winner with a gift bag full of treats and a belly full from a special lunch of tacos, salad, beans, punch, and dessert. On Halloween day, our kids went trick-or-treating at Springtown Villa and came back to a very scary Haunted House. These haunts would not have been possible without ESSO, BPHO, Terry Scholars, Social Work and other volunteers from Texas State. Thanks to all for an eerie good time!



Día de acción de gracias THANKSGIVING

Gracias por cada mañana y su luz de amanecer,
por descanso y cobijo al anochecer,
por salud y alimento,
por amor y buenos amigos,
y por todo cuanto de Dios recibimos.

For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson
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Springtown Villa

Ch-Ch-Ch-CHANGES

Finally the time has come for Springtown Villa to get a face lift! The walls will be



Painted all throughout the inside of the building, a railing will be installed on the opposite side of the hallway, and we will also get a new carpet. The management office will also be getting renovated. As a reminder to our residents, the management office will be relocated to the computer lab temporarily during the remodeling. The residents are very excited about these new updates to the building as they have been in the works for a while.



**RUMMAGE
& CRAFT
SALE!**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

9 AM - 12 PM

October is the month of tricks and treats. Many people like to watch horror movies as Halloween nears. Here at Springtown we have Movie Day every Thursday. This month we decided to show horror movies for the residents, after making appropriate content warnings. In this picture, Eric, Mikey, Mary, Gloria, and Rhonda are about to watch "A Nightmare on Elm Street." "Halloween" and "Frankenweenie" were also part of the series. Folks say they want to see more scary movies!

Meet our new volunteer, Mari

Hello everyone! My name is Mari De Leon and I am currently a junior in college studying to become a social worker. I am from San Marcos and have lived here all my life. I love to read, listen to music, and spend time with the people that I love. My goal for my time at Springtown Villa is to help every resident with any issues they may be facing and, most of all, to have fun! Please feel free to introduce yourself to me when you see me in the hallways or at events. I am very excited to meet all of you!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



On the first Tuesday of October, **Mayor John Thomaides**, SMPD Officers, HCSO Deputies, and Kappa Delta Chi sorority students did several activities with our children for **National Night Out**.

This is an evening when children, their parents, and public servants come together in the community to socialize and have fun! Children play games, eat snacks, and enjoy a safe, non-violent zone that allows them to stay out of crime. Our community's safe zone is the **KAD CENTER**.



In this picture, Officer **Dwayne Poorboy** participated in the face painting event for the children. **Kayden Munoz's** face was next.



Ms. Lucy Kalunde,

a Prevention Specialist with Genikor/Hays Caldwell Council, was joined by her son **Ezra** during **National Night Out**. She presented a tobacco prevention learning game and disseminated anti-drug and anti-tobacco information.



SMHA Executive Director **Albert Sierra** and his granddaughter, **Adelaida**, attended the event. He has always been very supportive of all SMHA community events!

TEXAS STATE FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT!!!

Family Science Night is back with Texas State Science Professor **Gail Dickinson**. Once again Officer Poorboy came by to show support for our after-school program!



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



Chapultepec After-school Program

I am excited to announce that beginning January 8, we will have our after-school program up and running. We will have an intern that will be operating the program under my guidance. Lindsey Payne is a student from Texas State, majoring in Family & Child Development with a minor in Social Work. She has worked with children in a childcare facility for many years. We will partner with the Capital Area Foodbank to provide a meal for the children in our program. We are also looking forward to partnering with multiple agencies that will provide programming for the kids. We are now accepting applications here at Chapultepec for school-age children (1st grade and up). We will have programming for our middle school and high school students also. Program hours will be from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM, Monday—Thursday on school days. The program will not operate on non-school days or if a school day falls on a SMHA holiday. Please register early so that we can start scheduling a fun semester for the kids!

Call Kathy at 512-353-5062 for more information.

FSS Participants

Just a reminder that all participants are required to attend 1 FSS class, submit a progress report to your coordinator, as well as visit with your coordinator at least once every 3 months. Home visits need to be done regularly. If you need to schedule a meeting, please call or email your coordinator. Don't forget that we are here to help; we can't help you if you are not participating.



**TURKEYS TACKLING
HUNGER**
HAYS COUNTY FOOD BANK

Lets talk turkey!

If you registered for a turkey box from the Hays County Food Bank, Pick up days are November 13-18.

If you have not registered, you may register online at:

<https://turkeys2018.eventbrite.com>

This is "last chance" signup and subject to supply availability so a box is not guaranteed.

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 <i>Orientation Workforce Solutions, 10 AM</i>	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 <i>SMHA Offices Closed</i>	13	14	15 <i>Money Management KAD, 5:30 PM</i>	16 <i>Orientation Workforce Solutions, 10 AM</i>	17
18	19	20	21 <i>Credit Building CALC, 5:30 PM</i>	22 <i>SMHA Offices Closed</i>	23 <i>SMHA Offices Closed</i>	24
25	26	27 <i>Board of Commissioners AW, 5:30 PM</i>	28	29 <i>Food Wise Cooking Class CALC, 6 PM</i>	30 <i>Orientation Workforce Solutions, 10 AM</i>	

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