



CONGRATULATIONS Shelley Sherman for being our latest FSS graduate! We are so proud of how far she has come in such a short time. Shelley and her daughter Aaliyah came to live with us in August of 2016. She enrolled at Texas State, majoring in Public Administration after finishing her basics at Alamo College System. She did her internship with us and graduated in May of 2018. She applied for a government job in Ohio and was awaiting security clearance to begin her new adventure. While she was waiting, she started working on a Master's degree and began working at Texas State. She was a vital part of the Chapultepec community and served as the Resident Assembly

President. Earlier this year she was appointed to the SMHA Board of Commissioners by the City Council. After overcoming many personal obstacles and finally getting word that she was granted her security clearance, Shelley was hired by the Department of Defense and has relocated to Ohio. We are so proud of her and all of her accomplishments! We wish her and Aaliyah the best of luck as they move on to their new lives in the Midwest. — *Kathryn LaPlant-Israel*

Again this summer the Resident Services Department partnered with Family ElderCare

to provide fans to low income elderly and families with children throughout the community. We distributed 175 fans from the Resident Services Office at the Chapultepec Homes.



SMHA BOARD NEWS

At the August meeting, Executive Director Albert Sierra informed the Board of Commissioners that the independent audit of the SMHA for the fiscal year ending September 2018 has been completed. There were no findings. He also reported that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a report from the Public Housing Assessment System. The SMHA earned a score of 84%, which is in the "Standard Performer" category. Sierra gave the Commissioners an update on the status of our request for reimbursement of 2015 flood expenses from the CDBG-DR program through the City. Even though these expenses had previously been reviewed and approved by FEMA (for a partial reimbursement), the City's review continues. More than four years from the original flood, and three years after the CDBG-DR funding was announced, the SMHA is still waiting for approval of its reimbursement request of \$864,907.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Chistes

- ◇ **¿Por qué estás hablando con esas zapatillas?**
Porque pone "converse"
- ◇ **¿Cómo se llama el primo vegano de Bruce Lee?**
Broco Lee
- ◇ **Ramón, si supieras que voy a morir mañana, ¿qué me dirías hoy?**
¿Me prestas 1000 dólares, y mañana te los devuelvo?



And the Bingo Goes On

Even with Bingo cancelled because we were away at a conference one week in August, the residents of Allen Woods were determined to continue to play! Right outside of Resident Assembly Vice President Jesse Martinez's house



is a picnic table, and residents came with additional fold out tables. A good crowd came to play Loteria, socialize, and eat Frito pie that Jesse provided. What a great way to show community camaraderie!

READY! SET! LEARN!

The PODER Center was able to help many families get ready for school this year. With the help of Attic Salt from the Premium



Outlets and organizations such as Rays of Hope, SOZO Church, and Rose Smith from Black Women in Business, as well as individual contributors such as the Gonzales family and the summer fundraiser from intern Kursten Cutkelvin, we were able to help about 68 children get school supplies! The new school year is off to a good start.



Springtown Villa

END OF SUMMER BASH

On August 21, the residents of Springtown came together to celebrate the final days of summer. The residents enjoyed Frito pie and an ice cream bar. One of our residents, Alan, helped make the Frito pies, and the ice cream was donated to us by Emmy from Dignity Hospice. The residents got a chance to talk with the Dignity Hospice representative and had many of their questions answered. Springtown looks forward to future events with dignity hospice.



Resident Council: 9/4 and 9/18

Taco Tuesday!!

**Come buy a breakfast taco and
help support Resident Council!**



We had to say goodbye to our Resident Council Treasurer, Julie, at the end of August. We wish her the best on her future endeavors.

Springtown Villa residents, we are in need of a new Treasurer! If you are interested in running, contact someone on the Resident Council or in the Resident Services office.

BUBBLES AND BARKS

On Saturday, August 3, the Resident Council put on a dog washing fundraiser. Many residents came to get a low cost dog wash, which made this a successful fundraiser. The members of the council greatly appreciate the hard work performed by our summer interns: Kaylie Kitchen, Pablo Torres, and Kaleigh Davila.

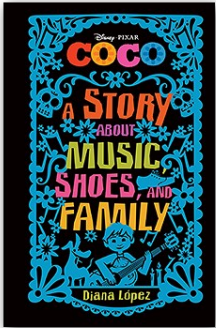


C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



We had a back-to-school clothes give-away event in August. Some of the clothes were donated by Brooks Brothers at the outlet mall. Lucy Kalunde from Cenikor did a presentation on environmental factors related to family, school, and neighborhood. About eight families took advantage of this opportunity.

An event at the Embassy Suites with Diana Lopez, author of the book *Coco — A Story About Music, Shoes, and Family*, was a treat to both parents and children. She autographed and handed out copies of her book. Her presentation was about the adventures of the characters in the book. Amazon.com says, “Inspired by the Pixar film, *Coco*, this middle grade novel retells the story of Miguel's daring adventure, and features exciting new scenes about his family.” You can get a copy for less than \$10 from Amazon, or even less at Half-Price Books.



Hays County Food Bank Adult Nutrition Classes — 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month

Bingo & Home Health Agency info, blood pressure & blood sugar checks — every Wednesday at 1 PM

Texas State Family Science Night — Oct.2 (5 to 8 PM) & Oct.3 (6:30 to 9 PM)

Haunted House — October 29

KAD CLOSED for GENERAL ELECTION — NOVEMBER 5

Job readiness classes — TBA

Miller Middle School Parent Liaison — TBA

Kappa Delta Chi yard sale — TBA

GET INVOLVED, PARTICIPATE, & LEARN ABOUT THE MANY SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU!

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER



MEET THE INTERNS

Hello, my name is Ms. Natalia Duran and I am one of the interns for this semester. I am excited to meet y'all and be part of this community! I was born in Miami and moved to Texas about 10 years ago. I currently attend Texas State University and will be graduating this December with a major in Family and Child Development, and a minor in Business Management. I have been working with children for 8 years and I love seeing kids get out of their shell. I strive for children to learn about themselves, their emotions and character, so that they can start creating their future dreams. I am excited to meet each and every one of you and have a great semester! Feel free to come up to me and introduce yourself. Tambien hablo español.

Bits of Wisdom

by Bonnie Smith

Today is the first day of class.

Our old study habits were trash.

The tools are in place, for any challenge we face,

To accomplish our goals this year without fear.



Hi, my name is Elizabeth Reyes-Ortiz and I am a graduate from Texas State University. I'm doing my internship as my last class to finish my degree and I am super excited about this semester. I am from Brenham. I came here to pursue a degree with children or anything with families in general. I love seeing children learn about themselves and wanting to strive for their own best abilities. I cannot wait to spend time with you all and get to know each one of you.

Summer Time is for Friends and Family



Huge thank you to the kids and sponsors of the Chapultepec Junior Gardener's Club. The kids raised \$100 to help pay for a Back-to-School pool party for the families. They have successfully grown and maintained the Chapultepec garden to help provide fresh produce for our residents. We are very proud of these kids for all of their hard work this summer!



September 2019



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2 <i>SMHA OFFICES CLOSED</i>	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 <i>FSS Orientation CALC @ 12 PM</i>	12	13 <i>FULL HARVEST MOON</i>	14
15	16	17 <i>FSS CLASS CALC @ 6 PM</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Board of Commissioners 5:30 PM</i>	25	26 <i>Food Wise Cooking Class CALC @ 6 PM</i>	27	28
29	30	September (from Latin septem, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months in the oldest known Roman calendar (the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC) until perhaps as late as 451 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. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.				

LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

Richard Cruz — Chairperson
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512-353-5059

CM Allen Homes

512-353-1116

Chapultepec Homes

512-396-3364

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RESIDENT SERVICES

Chapultepec Adult Learning Center

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512-396-3364

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Learning Center

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