



Making Dreams Become Reality

by Bonnie Pecina



Javier and his family moved to CM Allen in 2015. Soon after, they moved out because of the flood but were able to return at the end of the year. He was in the KAD after-school program and helped a lot with the younger kids. In later years, he was participating in extracurricular activities at school instead. Javier has always been hardworking, very respectful, and has always wanted more for himself. When he was a senior in high school, Javier enlisted in the Marines. He graduated from San Marcos High School last May. He shipped off to basic training in San Diego in September and is expected to graduate this December.

While growing up, becoming a Marine had always been his dream and seeing him achieve it puts a smile on our faces. He said, "It was a challenge that I was willing to face." Being the oldest of four siblings, he wanted to be a positive role model and wanted to serve his country. Javier is an outstanding young man and is now making his dreams become reality.

SMHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONER NEWS

During their October meeting, the Commissioners adopted new "flat rents" for public housing. The new limits will go into effect on January 1. For persons already using flat rent, instead of rent based on income, rents will remain unchanged until their next annual review. The new rents will be posted on our website and at all offices.

The Commissioners also accepted the resignation of long-time Executive Director, Albert Sierra. He will retire on December 31. There will be a special story about Sierra and his tenure at the Housing Authority in the December newsletter.

Finally, the Board will meet on November 12 at 5:30 PM, instead of the 4th Tuesday of the month because of the Thanksgiving holidays.

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Starting Ahead

Marty Wright Leonard, M. Ed Senior Lecturer at Texas State University, organized a school supplies fundraiser drive to benefit the kids of the Housing Authority. Generous donations were from the staff of the Recreation Department, students from her class, and members of ESSO (Exercise Sports Science Organization). The school supplies will be saved until next school year's school supplies distribution.



Who Done It?

It was a dark and stormy night at PODER Manor when the teens at Teen Night were tasked in finding out who murdered Mr. Upton O'Good! Teens that participated in the event had to use their listening skills, practice investigative questioning, and apply deductive reasoning to figure out whodunit. They went to each suspect and asked questions, wrote notes down, and then conferenced together in the end to come up with the murderer. The kids figured out that it was Frankie Stein, the butler! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers that played the roles of suspects: Angelica Moore, Kathy LaPlant-Israel, Carlos Lujan, Norman Contreras, Alicia Ward, Baylee Reade, Kelli Reyes, and Kaci Reyes.



A Fun Night Out



A lot of laughter, conversations, and prizes set the mood for Texas Night Out! The bounce house by Rene Valenzuela was a big hit. There were also games where the kids could win tickets to be exchanged for prizes. Adults got a chance to win prizes raffled every hour. Some of our biggest sponsors that help make this amazing night happen are HEB, Bee First Primary Healthcare, and Pennington's Cakes. Honorary visitors included SMPD officers, Constable David Peterson, and SMFD firefighters. We'd also like to recognize ESSO (Exercise Sports Science Organization), Chi Beta Delta, and the many volunteers for their efforts. They ran the game stations, prize booth, and food area. They also helped with clean up.



Springtown Villa



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Springtown residents had a great time interacting with San Marcos public safety officials. They participated in a variety of different carnival games such as balloon darts, bean bag toss, and ring toss. The residents were also thankful for the variety of food donations from Gumby's Pizza and Chick-fil-A. We are grateful for all of the organizations that helped put the event together as well as those who donated time and materials.



Upcoming Events:

November 13 at 2 PM:

How to Cut Back Your Spending

November 26 at 2 PM:

Thanksgiving Lunch



Congratulations to Ms. Susie on winning the Springtown blanket Raffle!

Thank you Ms. Arlene for taking the time to make a blanket for Springtown.

PUMPKIN PAINTING

One event that Springtown residents enjoy during the fall season is pumpkin painting. Residents each got to decorate their own pumpkin and socialize with other residents. Each resident showcased their own creativity and style on their pumpkins.



**Resident Council:
11/6 and 11/20**



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

KAD KID OF THE MONTH



Kappa Delta Chi selected Luke Shaw as the kid of the month. "Luke is always willing to help and is very respectful." Way to go Luke!

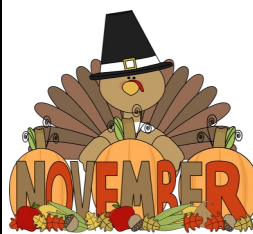


CM Allen families enjoyed their time together at family science night!



National Night Out was a great success. Thank you to all that came out to interact with our community. The kids especially enjoyed meeting the police department's therapy dog, Sheldon.

UPCOMING EVENTS:



◇ KAD TXST
Nutrition class
Nov. 12 & 21
3:30 PM



◇ TXST Family
Science Night
Nov. 20
5:00 PM



◇ TXST Family
Science Night
Nov. 21
6:30 PM

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

National Night Out was a hit! Everyone came out and enjoyed an evening with our first responders. Dominic, one of Chapultepec's neighbors, gave his approval of the SWAT tactical vehicle. In the spirit of competition, firefighters and police officers competed in a potato sack race. It was a close call but the SMPD prevailed. The kids wanted in on the action too. Jalayah won her race and Aria was the day's biggest winner with a little assistance from her mother, Stephanie, and her new friend. There was evidence on Nova's face that she enjoyed her doughnut. We want to thank our Human Development and Family Sciences interns, Elizabeth and Natalia, along with the women from Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority for all they did to make this a successful event.



Wishing everyone
a wonderful
Thanksgiving from
everyone here at
Chapultepec!



EVENTS

- ☺ Nov 6 @ 6 PM: Food Wise Cooking Class
- ☺ Nov 7 @ 6 PM: Workforce Solutions will be here to tell us about all of the services they offer.



November 2019



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November (from the Latin novem or nine) was the ninth month of the ancient Roman calendar. November retained its name when January and February were added to the Roman calendar. November was referred to as Blōtmōnaþ by the Anglo-Saxons.

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3	4	5	6 <i>Food Wise Cooking Class CALC @ 6 pm</i>	7 <i>Workforce Solutions Class CALC @ 6 pm</i>	8	9
10	11 <i>SMHA OFFICES CLOSED</i>	12 <i>Board of Commissioners 5:30 pm</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>SMHA OFFICES CLOSE @ 2 pm</i>	28 <i>SMHA OFFICES CLOSED</i>	29 <i>SMHA OFFICES CLOSED</i>	30

LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

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RESIDENT SERVICES

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Learning Center

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