



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!

We are happy to announce that the following high school graduates were awarded scholarships from the Nelrod Education Fund and/or from a new fund established by the San Marcos Reinvestment Corporation, which is a non-profit subsidiary of the San Marcos Housing Authority.



- Ana Reyna—Allen Woods (both)
- Ezequiel Arriaga — Chapultepec (both)
- Kalea Gumbs — C.M. Allen (SMRC)



Congratulations to these hard-working kids. We know they will do us proud!

All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind.
Martin H. Fischer

So what is with the random images on the calendar on page 6?

If you can correctly identify the significance of those dates, based on the picture clues, your name will be entered in a drawing for a Dairy Queen gift card (\$15). Deadline for entries is September 10. Send an email to newsletter@smpha.org or delivery a letter addressed to "The SMHA Oracle" to one of our service coordinators (Matt, Dave, Bonnie, or Lydia). Include your name and your address. You must be a resident in one of our housing programs to qualify.

TALKIN' TRASH

Bulk Item Pickup is every **Monday**. You must put out the items on Sunday **after 5 PM** or on Monday **before 8 AM**.

Bulk items will not be picked up after 9 AM. If you have items out after 9 AM, you will be charged \$20 for pickup.

Examples: mattresses, dressers, broken chairs, recliners, tables, bed frames.

(Sorry, tires not included.)

This applies to all housing sites except Springtown Villa and the scattered homes, which have separate arrangements.



ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Hello everyone, My name is Tmyiah Georges and I will be interning at the San Marcos Housing Authority for the fall. I will be at the PODER center helping primary Spanish speakers as well as offering a helping hand with the after-school program. I graduate from Texas State University in December. My major is in political science and my minor is in Spanish. After college, I plan to go to law school, but first I want to join the military as an officer. If there is anything you need help with, please don't hesitate to ask! I would love more practice in speaking Spanish, thank you.



Hola todos, Mi llamo Tmyiah Georges y voy a estar al San Marcos Housing Authority para el otoño. Voy a estar en el centro PODER a ayudar personas que hablan principalmente español y ayudar con el programa postescolar. Me graduaré en la Universidad Estatal de Texas en diciembre, Mi especialidad es la ciencia política y mi meno es en español. Después de la universidad planeo ir a la escuela de derecho, pero primero quiero unirme a los militares como oficial. ¡Sí hay algo con lo que necesitas ayuda, no dudes en preguntar por favor! Me encantaría practdticar hablando español más, gracias.

PODER AFTER SCHOOL



The PODER after-school program has officially kicked off! The program is for school-age children to come

after school from 3:30-5:30 PM to eat, work on homework, and have fun! If you are interested and have not yet enrolled your child, come in for a sign-up packet at the PODER Learning Center, or call Matt at 512-396-3367!



CHANGES BY THE DAY

With covid-19 on the rise again, our situation changes on a daily basis. During this time, PODER Learning Center personnel will be working to provide fun and safe activities for the neighborhood.



Springtown Villa



Wimberley Glassworks is a hand-blown glass studio, creating exclusive vases, sculptures, platters, glassware, gifts, and lighting since 1992. They are located in the beautiful Texas hill country between San Marcos and Wimberley. A visit to the gallery is a unique and entertaining learning experience. Visitors can observe the thrilling glass blowing process in person.



Texas Agri-Life has a very special presenter. Her name is Kate Blankenship. In Kate's first class, she taught us the importance of staying hydrated, staying active, and taking vitamins. She taught us that the brain, bones, blood and muscles all need different vitamins. This is why we all need well-balanced diets. **Thank you Kate!**



Juanita Torres is back!

She is the newest member of Edwards Home Health. Juanita presents her bingo games in both Spanish and in English. Juanita has been a friend to Springtown Villa for a long time. We are all glad to see her up and running again. Welcome back Juanita and be safe!



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE



Michelle and her buddy, Xen.

NEW TEAM MEMBER

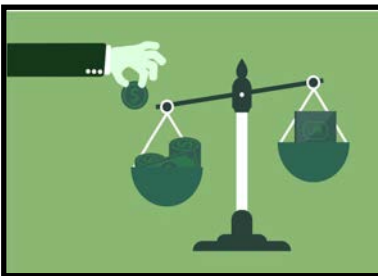
Hello! My name is Annette Michelle Martinez. I have always enjoyed being part of communities that empower one another and I hope I can contribute my skills and knowledge to create a better team. I look forward to meeting the residents and working among the community. I will be working with Bonnie and will focus on after-school activities and other tasks required such as assisting the Spanish speaking community, creating activities for the residents, and helping with some office work.

About me: I first began volunteering when I was in elementary school and have not stopped since. I speak English and Spanish fluently. I am now a Junior at Texas State with a major in Marketing and a minor in Spanish. I love the outdoors, being active, and dogs!



THANK YOU!

We are very thankful for these amazing individuals for reaching out and offering their assistance to the residents of CM Allen. Assistant Principals L.D. Johnson (L) and Walker Cleveland (R) have offered to help with future projects and events to benefit the students of Goodnight Jr. High, like Mathew Keeder. He was volunteering at KAD when the two educators dropped by.



RBFCU - Financial Education Seminar

Need help with Money Management?

We are here to help you!

When? September 8

Time? 1:30 - 2:30 PM

Where? KAD Korner Store

Contact Info: 210-637-4188 * financialeducation@rbfcu.org

FUTURE PARTNERING with TXST students

Professor Melissa A. Martinez contacted our community to establish a group community-education project. This will begin in Spring 2022. These students are current teachers and administrators. They will assist and develop projects that will benefit our community.

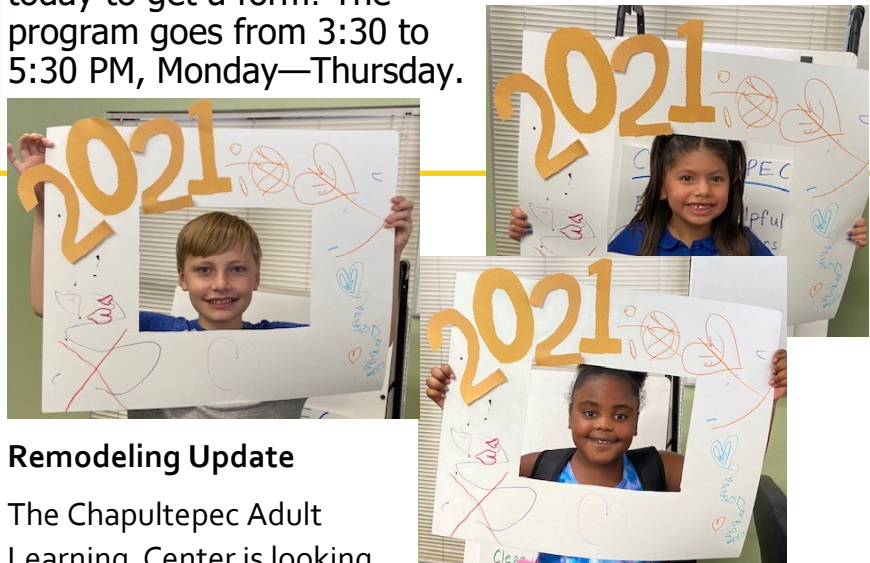
Before & After ☺

Welcome our new kitchen!

CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

The After-School Program

The first two weeks of school have wrapped up and we have enjoyed starting our after-school program again! If you have not signed up already, stop by the office today to get a form! The program goes from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, Monday—Thursday.



Remodeling Update

The Chapultepec Adult Learning Center is looking great! The walls have been painted, a new set of drawers and cabinets have been added to one wall, and the new flooring has just been installed. We are looking forward to having the after-school program, nutrition classes, and FSS classes back in the center in the coming months!

Upcoming Classes and Events

TBD: First Time Homebuyers Class

Nov. 18: Crockett Parent Liaison Meeting

(All scheduled events are subject to change depending on the progress of the remodel and changes in COVID restrictions)

RESIDENT ASSEMBLY

The last year and a half has taught us all that plans can easily be changed, but we must keep moving forward! One way for us to move forward is to begin our Resident Assembly meetings again.

Our first meeting will be focused on electing the Resident Assembly Board including: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian.

The Resident Assembly is a great opportunity to connect with other residents and to discuss changes you want to see in the community.

We are waiting for the Chapultepec Learning Center remodel to be finished in order to schedule the first meeting.

Please reach out to Lydia at (512) 353-5062 or lydia@smpha.org to provide times and days of the week that work best for you. We will do our best to find a time that works for the most people to attend.

COME VOLUNTEER WITH US!






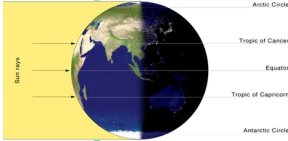
Get involved with the community by helping out with the after-school program or organizing the storage closet at the office. If you are interested and available to help, please contact Lydia at (512) 353-5062. Thank you!



2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

September (from Latin septem, "seven") was the seventh of ten months in the original Roman calendar until perhaps as late as 451 BC. After the calendar reform that added two months to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name because no one cares about January and February.

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LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners

Nina Linda Ramos — Chairperson
 Mittie Miller — Vice-Chairperson
 Rachel Durrance — Resident Comm.
 Richard Cruz — Commissioner
 Gloria Salazar — Commissioner

Executive Director

Lana Wagner

*Commissioners meet on the 4th
 Tuesday of each month @ 6:30 PM.*

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