

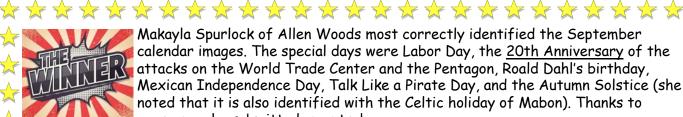


12 MONTHS OF CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE **INDUSTRY THAT OUALIFY** 

\*LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE

SERVICE INDUSTRY CHILD CARE In order to address the impacts of COVID-19 and to support Texas' continued economic recovery, our partners at the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) approved funding to support a new child care program to help workers in TWC-specified service industries. While TWC is targeting aspects of the service sector with Service

Industry Recovery (SIR) child care, all families continue to have access to Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area's regular income-based child care scholarship program. Get more info here: workforcesolutionsrca.com/childcare/service-industry-recovery-child-care



Makayla Spurlock of Allen Woods most correctly identified the September calendar images. The special days were Labor Day, the 20th Anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Roald Dahl's birthday, Mexican Independence Day, Talk Like a Pirate Day, and the Autumn Solstice (she noted that it is also identified with the Celtic holiday of Mabon). Thanks to everyone who submitted an entry!

If you can correctly identify the significance of this month's dates, based on the picture clues on page 6, your name will be entered in a drawing for an Amazon gift card. The deadline for entries is October 11. Send an email to newsletter@smpha.org or deliver a letter addressed to "The SMHA Oracle" to one of our <u>service coordinators</u> — Matt, Dave, Bonnie, or Lydia (not your site manager). Include your name and your address. You must be a resident in one of our housing programs to qualify. Be warned, some images have more than one meaning! Oh, and no fair using the Internet to look up the dates. Pretend you are a contestant on a television game show, like a weird version of Jeopardy!



Got that **Burning Dust** Smell?

In most years, October brings the first cold nights. The first time you use the heat in your home, the smell of burning dust on the heat exchanger in the furnace is normal. It's a good idea to open a few windows and turn the heat on for a few minutes before you need it. The burning dust will sometimes set off the smoke alarms and that's no fun in the middle of the night.

### ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

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Want to start the week with a hot cup of coffee with friends? Then come on over to the PODER Coffee Social every Monday from 10 to 11 AM. We will serve coffee and snacks and have small activities available, such as coloring pages, while you get to enjoy the morning with neighbors! We will occasionally have special guests, like Juanita Torres and her DELICIOUS breakfast tacos!



## MEDICAL RIDE PROGRAM



The Texas State School of Health is planning to set up a non-emergency medical appointment Ride Program starting October 12 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 AM to 3 PM. This program will run until December 2.

If you would like to be considered, contact **Matt** at the **PODER Learning Center (512-396-3367)** so a list of interested residents can be presented to Texas State.

## PODER After-school Program

If you have not yet signed up your child to the PODER After-school Program and are still interested, call Matt at 512-396-3367 or come to the PODER to complete an enrollment form for your child! The children will get a meal, a fun activity, and help on their homework as well as free time to play with other kids and unwind after a long day at school!



## **Springtown Villa**



Movie Day is back in full swing. Every Thursday at 3 PM we are scheduling a new movie. We even have free popcorn. Contact Eric West or Dave Hamm and we will do our best to plan a fun afternoon with whatever movie suggestion you like. Come join us!

#### First day of Fall

Cooler weather means people getting together over coffee. There is no telling what will be discussed during "Coffee Club" (every Wednesday at 11 AM) but we always enjoy it. Sometimes we talk about what's happening in the news and sometimes we tell jokes but it's always a good time.



## **BINGO**



Here at Springtown, we take our Bingo pretty seriously. Tony Gonzales was taking Esperanza's grandson, Ivan, under his wing. Tony was telling him the rules of the game. He also told him how important it is to be as quiet as possible so no one misses any numbers that are called out. The only exception is "BINGO!"

## C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE

#### Knowledge is Power



The Bookmobile made a stop to our location. They arrived with fun and educational books during our after-school program. The kids were welcomed to select any books that ranged from coloring, recipes, and more! They were thrilled and had so much fun selecting their favorite books.

Thank you to Sandra Martell for being our bus driver!



#### KAPPA DELTA CHI SORORITY 2021



Our Girls Are Back! "We hope that we have made an impact upon this community that is as significant as the effect KAD has had upon us." - KDC Member

"The purpose of KAD is to aid children who may not have resources to complete homework or receive social interaction. We help them with homework, play games or go to the park with them and spend time with them that sometimes is the only time they spend time with someone outside their home. I do it because the kids remember your name, they start to look up to you and respect you once they learn to trust you. They have so much love to give and they show it in their own way."

-Angela, sorority volunteer

#### **OCTOBER 5 EVENTS**

CRAFT CLASS 1:30—2:30 PM

A NIGHT OUT **OUTDOOR ACTIVITES** 

5:30—7 PM

EDWARDS HOME HEALTH LOTTERY

5:30—6:30 PM

#### Arts and Crafts





We would also like to give an honorary mention to Mary Limon for her support and time dedicated to these activities.

We will have this activity every Tuesday at the KAD center from 1:30-2:30 PM.

### CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

#### The After-school Program

We enjoy having your kids at the after-school program! We have celebrated pet birthdays, tried new recipes in the Best Food FITS class, and played learning games. We look forward to having some fun Fall-themed activities! Be sure to send your kids by each day to see what new activity we have going on and to get help with their homework.



### Resources:

- Backpack Meals for the weekend are distributed on Thursdays at the end of the after-school program at 5:30 PM. All children are welcome to come for a backpack, even if they are not participating in the program.
- Workforce Solutions provides job search resources and can help with other needs such as clothing vouchers for new jobs, transportation costs, training, and more! Check out their website at <u>workforcesolutionsrca.com</u> or contact us to learn more.
- The Central Texas Food Bank provides services to help you apply for SNAP benefits. Check out their website at <u>centraltexasfoodbank.org/get-help</u> or call 512-684-2550.
- Resource Fair at the Henry Bush Child Development Center on October 12 from 12:30-2:30 PM



## **Upcoming Classes and Events:**

Oct. 19: RBFCU financial class
Oct. 28: Food Wise cooking class
Nov. 18: Crockett parent liaison meeting

(All scheduled events are subject to changes in COVID restrictions . . . but you know that.)

The First Time Home Buyer Class was last week, but if you missed it, there will be another at the CM Allen location that you can attend in October! There are also handouts and business cards from the first class if you would like to come and pick one up from the Chapultepec office.

Attending classes is an important part of the FSS program. Not only are these classes a great learning opportunity, but also a great chance to connect with others and earn participation points at the same time! Reach out with suggestions for the classes you're interested in! Email lydia@smpha.org.

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October (from the Latin ôctō meaning "eight") was the eighth month in the old Roman calendar. Among the Anglo-Saxons, October was known as Winterfylleth, because at this full moon (fylleth), winter was supposed to begin. That's more interesting than "Month Number Eight," don't you think?							
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#### **LEADERSHIP**

#### **Board of Commissioners**

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#### **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** 

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Springtown Villa

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