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Congratulations to Cheryl Kirk for graduating the FSS Program! Here's Cheryl's account of her time in the program:

I have been living at CM Allen Apartments since 2016. When I moved in, I was unemployed, had no insurance for myself and was receiving assistance. My children were on Medicaid, and I had one barely running car.

After moving in, I was able to find a job doing housekeeping work for \$8.00 an hour and didn't have any benefits. After six months in October 2016, I was hired at the Amazon fulfillment center. I'm currently still employed there. I have acquired four raises since beginning my employment at Amazon. I have obtained health insurance for my daughter and myself through my job at Amazon. I stopped receiving food stamps and now I have two dependable vehicles.

Being in the FSS Program has taught me how to repair my credit, and increase my credit score, pay bills on time, and save money for emergencies.

now the apartment I've been living in can become a safe haven for another family in need.

I'd like to Thank Ms. Bonnie for introducing me to the FSS Program, and for always being there for my daughter Khloe and me. And I'd like to Thank Ms. Morales, Mr. Martin, and every SMPHA employee for all the lessons I learned during my time in the FSS Program. Changing Lives for the better.

Thank y'all, Cheryl Kirk



Thank you to the Core Four for providing the SMHA youth with a great teen night! The youth were treated to dinner, games, and learning mental health coping skills. National Night Out was a huge success! Thank you to the many organizations that partnered with us to make it a memorable night for all!



A special thanks to the San Marcos police officers, constables, deputies, fire fighters, SWAT, and other first responders who came to the event. Thank you for all you do to protect and serve our community!

ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER



We have a new addition to the PODER game room!



- TH 11/3 @ 10 AM Bingo sponsored by Cynthia Clark Insurance
- Mon 11/7 @ 11 AM Bingo sponsored by United Health Care with Lourdes
- TH 11/17 @ 1 PM Medicare/Medicaid presentation with Jose Ybarra

*Mondays 10 AM Social: Clip, Snip, n, Color (Bring your own project to work on or AWC will have an art project for you.)

*Tuesdays 5-6 PM Teen Time Sponsored by Cenikor

*Wednesdays 10 AM Bingo sponsored by Edwards Home Health Services





Happy Birthday Gloria!





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Springtown Villa

National Night Out is celebrated by millions of neighbors across thousands of communities. The staff at Springtown Villa and the members of the Resident Council did a wonderful job putting on our event. This year's western theme was fun for everyone, staff and residents alike.



National Night Out is a night that we celebrate our first responders. San Marcos is fortunate enough to have some of the finest law enforcement, firefighters, and EMT's around. Getting to meet men and women that have dedicated their lives to serving our community is a real privilege.



C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD KORNER STORE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WAS A SUCCESS! Thank you to our sponsors and agencies who made this possible!





Happy

Birthday

Bonnie!

Residents enjoyed the Bingo provided by Tanger Outlets!!!

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT Monday, November 21st at 5:30 PM

Tanger Outlets







Way to Go Anabelle! Keep up the great work!!! #StarStudent



Come Join us for Craft Class Tuesday 1 PM!



CHAPULTEPEC HOMES & ADULT LEARNING CENTER

We had a blast at National Night Out! Thank you to everyone who came out and participated, from residents to sororities and local organizations, to first responders! The kids had a blast climbing in the rescue vehicle! Plus our residents showed off their artistic skills with pumpkin painting!









The SMHA Offices will be closed 11/23 at 2 PM and 11/24 - 11/25 all day. Offices will reopen on 11/28 at 8:30 AM.

Upcoming Events:

11/3 from 3-4 PM - Sewing Class at CALC 11/3 from 6:30-7:30 PM - Cognitive Distortions: Reframing Thoughts. Class on Zoom 11/14 from 5-6 PM - FSS Class: Changes to the FSS Program at CALC and on Zoom 11/17 from 6:30-7:30 PM - How to Talk about

Difficult Topics. Class on Zoom

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NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and soon after: Christmas! Be sure to check in with your site coordinator to find out about programs that can help make the holidays magical and affordable! We've included a few below to get you started.

To sign up for a food box through the Hays Food Bank, visit:

turkeys.haysfoodbank.org

The last day to register is November 4th, so be sure to sign up soon!



Operation Turkey San Marcos is a branch of Operation Turkey Operation Turkey and is a registered 501 c3 nonprofit. Our mission is to deliver hot turkey meals to the homeless, elderly, and the less fortunate in San Marcos and surrounding areas on Thanksgiving Day and we are seeking to continue our mission in 2022 by delivering 1,000 meals in San Marcos and surrounding areas. If you, or anyone you know, would like a hot turkey meal delivered on Thanksgiving Day, please request one at <u>https://www.operationturkey.com/meal-request/</u>

Deadline for online sign ups is November 18. If you miss the deadline, email or text Jesse Ruiz jesseruiz322013@gmail.com or 512.466.7649



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				for special events for your neighborhood!						

LEADERSHIP

Board of Commissioners Gloria Salazar — Chairperson Mittie Miller — Vice-Chairperson Adriana Castillo — Commissioner Samantha Huls — 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