#### NEWSLETTER OF THE SAN MARCOS HOUSING AUTHORITY

#### October 2023



All SMHA owned properties will be getting a new roof installed beginning in **November 2023**. We will provide you with more information as time approaches based on the property you reside in.

### Welcoming our newest staff members!

Hello! My name is Maribel Reyes. I am the Resident Services Assistant Manager. My office is located at Chapultepec Homes.

My family and I relocated to San Marcos seven years ago; we come here from "the land of ten thousand lakes". We have settled in comfortably and appreciate our home away from home. I take pleasure in dancing, listening to music, preparing three course meals for my family and watching NFL football. Go Vikings!

I look forward to working with the San Marcos Public Housing community.

Please plan to come by the office to meet with me.

I can be reached at:

maribel@smpha.org

and (512) 353-5062. Maribel

I have two adult daughters and three teenage sons. I've lived in housing for 14 years and have used many resources that were made available to me. I've participated in the FSS program and it helped me get my family more financially stable, otherwise we'd still be in the same struggle boat. Life is crazy at times but what I'd like everyone to know most about me, is that I'm here to help any way I can. As I've mentioned, I've used a lot of resources myself, so if you're in a bind please come and talk to me. Let's put our heads together and I just might know of other resources that you weren't aware of previously. I'm looking forward to working with each tenant that wants to do better and helping to build our little CM Allen community to a higher standard than most Housing Authorities are known for. Y si hablo poquito español pero lo entiendo más que lo puedo hablar pero si tienes preguntas o si necesitas ayuda por favor ven aquí a la oficina y te puedo ayudar. Marina Santos

### ALLEN WOODS HOMES — PODER LEARNING CENTER

Welcome to PODER's Fall Intern

Miss Alex Trombley is joining us from Texas State for the fall semester. She is here at the Center in the afternoons Tuesday-Thursday. So far she is doing an amazing job working with the students and residents. Drop by and meet her. She loves to show pictures of her puppy.



Above: Bingo with Nick from Acara. Below: Bingo with Sylva from BCBS



### PODER CENTER EVENTS

Mondays - 9:30AM Snip, Clip, N, Color

Tues/Th - 10 AM Chair Exercise

Wednesdays - 10AM Bingo ( 1st & 3rd Weds Loteria) \*\*\*\*\*

Jessica from UHC will be sponsoring monthly birthday parties.

Mon 10/9—Closed for Columbus Day

Wed 10/11 – CTFB Recipe Demo

Wed 10/18—Skin Care with Nurse Amy

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Be sure to check the monthly calendar. Also check the A-frame board outside the PODER Center new events are always being added.

Fall is here and that means school is back in full swing. If you have not enrolled your student in the After School Program visit the PODER Center and get a registration packet.

Days: M-TH

Times: 3:30pm-5:30pm

Who: 1st—12th grades

What: Help with homework and reading, recipe demos, art/craft projects, and cooperative learn through games

Student are provided with a small snack. PODER does have college students volunteering their time to help with homework and reading. Students are walked home by an adult at 5:30pm.

Miss J making her snack at a recipe demo for After School Students.

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## Springtown Villa

Help us raise money for the Springtown Villa Resident Council by buying a raffle ticket. Fundraiser Raffle from September 6th through October 4th tickets will be on sale to win a toaster oven (1 ticket for \$2.00 or 3 tickets for \$5.00) Drawing to occur at Resident Council Meeting.

Loteria, Spanish bingo is a lot of fun. Juanita with Edward's Home Health is here every first and third Wednesday morning. Juanita is a kind and fun person to have around. And, she is really good at her job too. Ask her anything!

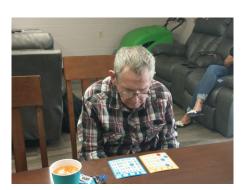




Sitting with friends and having a cold drink on a hot day is enjoyable enough but playing games makes it even better.

Thank you Jessica for your time and your very generous gifts that you provide for Bingo.







# C. M. ALLEN HOMES — KAD CENTER

KAD EVENTS

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**Family Science Night** 

10/19-6pm-8pm

11/30-6pm-8pm

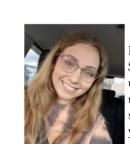
Senior Social –Health Presentation

Bingo- Wednesdays @ 1:30pm

Senior Craft Tuesdays @ 1:30pm



KAD Youth enjoying fun activities.



### THANK YOU Dr. Ortiz!!!!

(Pictured with his daughter)

Donated Backpacks to KAD After school Program.

Hi! My name is Kaitlin. I study Psychology and Social Work at Texas State University. I grew up in the greater Houston area where I was raised by a single mom and the community, she built around her. I have lived the last four years in San Marcos. I am so excited to spend the next few months with SMHA and KAD.



Welcome Back KAPPA DELTA CHI! Haunted House October 31st 6pm-7pm at KAD.



My name is Cindy Rebeca Alvarez, I am studying Social Work and will be graduating with my bachelor's this upcoming December. I grew up in a single-parent household with just my mom and my sister Ana as well as my 2 cats Beau and Shooby! I also have a younger brother and stepsister! My family is from El Salvador and Honduras, and I LOVE pupusas! I am looking forward to the endless opportunities after I graduate and am extremely grateful to Nancy and Mrs. Bonnie for allowing me to intern here at SMHA.



Cenikor Activity Day!

Kathy's Reading Program with several parents attending.



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# CHAPULTEPEC HOMES

October 31st Adult Learning TRICK Center 5 to 7 pm Sign up 5 door





- 1. Make a plan
- 2. Tuck them in
- 3. Stay on Routine
- 4. E-Screens off
- 5. Keep it positive
- 6. Practice makes
- perfect

Stanfordchildrens.org Stanford MEDICINE Children's Health

FACTS:

As of October 1st there are

30 days Halloween

53 days Thanksgiving

> 85 days Christmas

Special thanks to those of you who have volunteered

at Chapultepec Homes. Shout out to the dynamic duo Mary and Terry from Allen Woods for helping organize our clothing donations. And to those of you who have donated items for our community closets. Thank you.

Our community has served us well. At Chapultepec we are thankful. We will be hosting a food drive. November 13th 5-7 pm Adult Learning Center Bring a non-perishable food item to help someone in need. Stay for refreshments and share your Thanksgiving traditions.

**Merry Christmas Celebration** December 18, 2023 **Adult Learning Center** 5 to 8 pm bingo, hot cocoa cookies and more..

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### Join us for National Night Out!

Poder & Chapultepec Learning Center

5:30pm-7pm Springtown & KAD Center

6pm-8pm





Greater Youth Council for inviting our youth to lunch, bingo & activities!





Our Youth won tablets. gift cards and backpacks with school supplies. Everyone had a lot of fun.





Monday-Thursday 3:45pm-5:30pm Location: KAD & Poder Center You can still sign up!!!!!!!!



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#### **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 Program 512-396-3364

CM Allen KAD Korner Store 512-392-6273

> Allen Woods PODER Learning Center 512-396-3367 Springtown Villa 512-353-7343

#### LEADERSHIP

#### **Board of Commissioners**

Remika Adams — 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