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BELTON SENIOR CENTER UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Ownership of the Belton Senior Center and 1.44 acres of land, located at 842 S. Mitchell, has been officially transferred from the Belton Housing Authority to the Belton Area Citizens for Seniors, a local non-profit. The transfer, which had to be approved by HUD, has been in progress for almost two years.

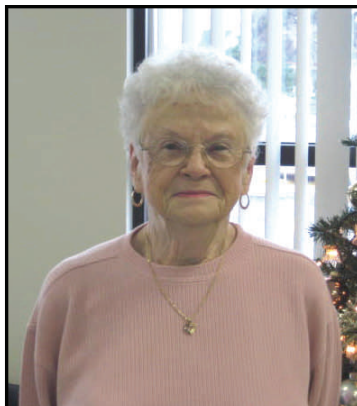
The original 40' x 102' center was built in 1980 on Belton Housing Authority land with financing from the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), Belton Senior Citizens

Activities, Inc. and Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc. A 20' x 40' kitchen was added in 1991 to serve as a nutrition site to provide delivered meals.

Hill Country has operated the center since 1980, and the new owners will continue to work with that agency along with the City of Belton, CTCOG, United Way and various other organizations to help meet the needs of the senior citizens.



Virginia Leak



Lyda Davis

Two New Commissioners to Join CTHC Board in January

Virginia Leak and Lyda Davis will be sworn into office as new CTHC Board Commissioners at the annual meeting scheduled for January 27, 2010.

Ms. Leak, who holds an MSN degree from Texas Woman's University, retired as Director for the Division of Nursing for Temple College in 2007. She has served on the Temple College Foundation Advisory Board, been a TISD Wildcat Mentor, volunteered on numerous community projects and is a member of the Church of Christ on 10th and Avenue M. Ms. Leak has received numerous awards in the field of education, including the Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Temple College and Workforce Educator of the Year. She has also served as a content reviewer for several nursing textbooks

and journals. She and her husband, William, have three children.

Ms. Davis, who has lived at Frances Graham Hall since 2005, will serve as the Resident Commissioner. She was born and raised in Brownsville, Pennsylvania, and moved to Texas in 1998 to be close to her children after retiring from retail sales. She is proud of her four children, three grandchildren and two great-grandsons; all of whom she takes great pleasure in spoiling. She also enjoys baking, crocheting, painting, playing cards and especially cheering on her Pittsburgh Steelers. Ms. Davis is a volunteer at Sammons Community Center and an active member of the Circle of Friends Crochet Group that makes items for local nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

Important Notice

All Friendship House activities will be moved to Rose Hall starting January 5, 2010, until further notice.

Holiday Field Trip

School is out for the holidays so 23 children from Belton and Temple took a trip on December 21st to the Mayborn Museum in Waco for a day of fantasy and fun. All of the youth engaged in hands-on educational activities that sparked their imaginations. At the children's

museum, they wore pioneer costumes and pretended to cook like the early settlers using primitive cast iron pots and tin pans. In the foreign cultures area, they dressed in ethnic clothing from their favorite countries. And in the communications section, several youth acted as news



commentators and weather forecasters with live cameras and simulations of snow and tornados. Other areas of interest for the youth were the Cherokeva Indians display with thatched lean-tos, energy exhibits of levers and fulcrums, and

the demonstration showing the power of water flow including the control of dams. After a morning of activity, the youth were treated to lunch at a Waco buffet.

Join us on upcoming 2010 field trips!

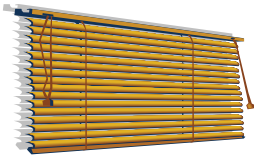
** POLICY REMINDERS **

Reminder from the City of Temple: Materials other than domestic sanitary sewer waste are prohibited from entering the wastewater stream. This includes towels, gloves, wash cloths or any other items. In addition, residents must refrain from disposing of fats, oils, and greases down the drain.



CTHC residents **will be** charged if any items including those above are present when maintenance has to unclog sinks/drains.

Inspections: Residents do not need to be present for an inspection, but if your unit is selected, the dwelling unit *must* be inspected. Keeping the dwelling unit in a clean and safe condition is the resident's responsibility. Items that become inoperable in your dwelling unit should be reported immediately. **If, during the inspection, items are found to be deficient, residents will be responsible for charges relating to those items.** *Examples: refrigerator crisper covers, broken mini blinds, light bulbs, light globes, smoke detector batteries, outlet and switch cover plates.* Please contact your complex manager with any questions you may have.



Window Decorations: Aluminum foil, bamboo shades or other materials may **not** be placed over the windows. Window coverings such as drapes or curtains may be installed on the inside of the unit. Mini blinds should be the only window coverings visible to the outside.

We need to be courteous toward our neighbors and keep them in mind when we have guests visiting.

Remember, a 10:00 p.m. quiet time is to be observed by your household, including guests. No loitering or gathering is allowed on porches, hallways, parking lots or outdoors in any other place on the complex after this time. In consideration of other residents, noise levels must be kept to a minimum after 10:00 p.m.



Noise Radar: *If the music/television/conversation can be heard outside the apartment or vehicle, it is too loud; even during the daytime hours.*

CTHC Family Christmas Party

The CTHC held its annual Family Christmas Party at Rose Hall on December 18th to share the joy of the holiday season. Families from both the Temple and Belton Housing Authorities attended and enjoyed a buffet-style dinner. Most families were lucky recipients of

door prizes. The highlight of the evening was the arrival of Santa Claus! All children (and some adults!) had their pictures taken with the jolly man from the North Pole. The CTHC is very grateful for the assistance of firefighter Jason Clark.



Christmas at the Kyle

Residents of the Kyle gathered December 23 for their Annual Christmas Party. It was an event filled with food, sweets and Christmas music. During the celebration, there were drawings for door prizes that were donated by various organizations. Everyone appreciated the opportunity to gather as a group and enjoy their neighbors at this special time of the year.

Claire Wallace, a CTHC resident, decorated the Kyle windows with a variety of Christmas scenes including snowmen, candy canes, and children happily greeting Santa Claus. Our thanks to Claire for providing this wonderful display for our enjoyment during the holiday season.



Come Join Us for Computer Classes at Rose Hall!
Beginner Computer Class - 3:30 - 5:00 p.m., Mondays & Wednesdays
Intermediate Computer Class - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Mondays & Wednesdays
New classes will start January 4th and last 8 weeks.

Calendar of Events for Residents

- January 7 & 28 4H Meeting at Rose Hall - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- January 11 THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- January 12 BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- January 26 Common Cents Living for Families at Rose Hall - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- February 2 BHA Housekeeping Workshop at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- February 8 THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- February 9 BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
- February 16 THA Housingkeeping Workshop at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
- February 18 4H Meeting at Rose Hall - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- February 23 Common Cents Living for Families at Rose Hall - 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Check our website weekly for upcoming 2010 events and activities.
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For details or more information on any resident programs or activities mentioned in this newsletter, contact the Resident Services Department at 773-2009, extensions 220, 221, 222 or 233 for Temple. For Belton, please call 939-5321, extension 25.

KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

Comments from the Director

I would like to end the year saying how blessed I feel to be part of such a great organization. There is such a sense of community that surrounds Kaleidoscope, and it can be seen in the grants we receive, the children and parents we greet each day, and most notably, the teachers and staff who hold it all together.

H1N1 Vaccines

A big thank you goes to the Bell County Health Department for coming to Kaleidoscope on December 10th to give the H1N1 flu vaccine to staff and children. There were 28 doses administered, and overall, Kaleidoscope has a high rate of vaccination due to many of the parents already having their children inoculated.

Grant Received!

Kaleidoscope was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Texas Work Force Solutions to improve the infant/toddler playground area. Look for some great changes coming our way!

Teacher of the Quarter

Vonnie Taplin is Kaleidoscope's first Teacher of the Quarter. Her fellow

teachers, staff, children, and parents believe she exemplifies what being a great teacher and caregiver is all about!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following individuals for completing another semester at Temple College.

- Vonnie Taplin
- Autumn Dye
- Kim Washington
- Juanita Castillo
- Christa Waters
- Ashley Harris
- Rachel Alexander
- Amy Harbison

On-going students are Sandra White, Bobbie Kettles, and Christine Gensler.

Congratulations also to Sandra White and Christa Waters as they were selected by the Texas Work Force Solutions to attend the Infant and Toddlers Institute Training that will be held in January!

Temple Christmas Parade

At the suggestion of Rachel Alexander (our lead preschool I teacher), Kaleidoscope entered the Temple Christmas Parade for the first time. Although the weather was cold and a bit rainy, parents, children and staff stayed nice and dry on our decorated bus as we waved, drank cocoa, ate cookies, and wished everyone on the parade route a very Merry Christmas!

Friendship House Choir Visit

On December 17th the Friendship Choir came to Kaleidoscope to sing Christmas carols for the children and staff. We all had a wonderful time singing and joining in fellowship.



Friendship House Christmas Party



The seniors at the Friendship House celebrated Christmas on December 23 with music, food and fun. They enjoyed caroling from the Seaton SPJST Youth led by Lynette Talasek. Afterward, the youth acted as Santa's Elves, assisting with the food and distribution of door prizes. Scott and White Hospital and several local churches donated prizes for this event.

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