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Congratulations Received from HUD Assistant Secretary

The Consortium recently received congratulations from the Assistant Secretary of Public Housing, Sandra B. Henriquez, for obligating 100% of Recovery Act formula funds before the March 17, 2010, deadline. Both Authorities are also ahead of the mandatory HUD expenditure deadlines. The Temple Housing Authority has expended 100% of its funds, and 58.4% of the Belton Housing Authority's funds have been expended. The Consortium chose not to use any of the Recovery Act funding for administrative expenses. These costs were absorbed so that all of the benefits of this funding could be utilized for unit and other capital improvements.

Calendar of Events for Residents

Mon. / Wed. / Fri.	Temple GED Class at Rose Hall - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Belton GED Class at BHA Resident Center - 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays	Temple Computer Classes at Rose Hall: Intermediate Computer Class - 3:30 pm to 5 pm Beginner Computer Class - 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays	Belton Computer Class at BHA Resident Center - 1:30 pm to 3 pm
May 4	BHA Housekeeping Workshop at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 5	BHA Senior Social Cookout at BHA Resident Center - 12 noon to 2 pm
May 5 to June 2 Wednesdays only	Steps to Health & Wealth at the Friendship House
May 10	THA Family Nutrition "Fun Fruits" at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7 pm
May 11	BHA Family Nutrition "Fun Fruits" at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7 pm
May 18	THA Housekeeping Workshop at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 25	Common Cents Living for Families "Parenting Tips" at Rose Hall - 12:30 pm to 2 pm
May 25	Summer Programs Kick-off at Rose Hall - 5:30pm to 6:30 pm
June 4 to June 25	Fire Cadet Program - 7:30 am to 12 noon
June 8	Graduation Celebration at Rose Hall - 12:30 pm to 2 pm
June 15 to June 17	4H Leadership Lab at Prairie View, Texas (ages 14 - 19)
June 17	Juneteenth Celebration at the Friendship House - 10 am to 3 pm

Check out the schedule of resident activities on our website at www.centexhousing.org

Maintenance Surveys

The Consortium is in the process of mailing Maintenance Service Opinion Surveys to residents of all its properties. This process was started in February and will continue through September. Thank you to those residents who have already received the surveys and took the time to complete and return them. Any concerns noted on them are being addressed. We would really appreciate a response from all future mailings also. The feedback we receive will help us serve you better.

FIRST PLACE FINISH—TWICE!

On April 16, Temple Independent School District held its Special Olympics, and Sierra White won first place for two events - the softball throw and the 50-yard dash. She and her mother, Sarah Pierce, are residents of Jonathan Moore Homes. Congratulations, Sierra!



SIGN UP FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!



CTHC will sponsor a number of youth activities for qualifying families this summer. The KICK-OFF for all of the summer programs will be held at Rose Hall (107 N. 9th St.) on Tuesday, May 25 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All programs will be explained and parents will have the opportunity to enroll their children. Pizza and games are included!

SUMMER CHILDCARE: Parents needing childcare for their school-agers will be able to send them to Ralph Wilson Youth Camp (Temple) or Belton Christian Youth Camp (Belton). The City of Temple offers Camp Heatwave. Partial scholarships are available for these programs.

JUNIOR FIRE CADET PROGRAM: CTHC will again sponsor the Temple Fire Department's Fire Cadet Program for children ages 9–13. The program will run June 4 through June 25 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and includes transportation, breakfast and lunch.

COLLEGE VISITS: CTHC staff will be taking students ages 13–18 on college tours. This year we will visit Temple College, Central Texas College (Killeen) and Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco. The tours are designed to give young students the idea that college can be a reality for them and acquaint them with the numerous fields of study available.

S.T.A.R. (Stimulating Teens About Reality) CAMPS: This year there will be two S.T.A.R. Camps with different goals. The first camp will be held July 20-22 at Texas State College in San Marcos. This camp, which will focus on leadership skills, is designed for ages 13-17, who will be staying in the dorms at the college. Our second S.T.A.R. Camp will be held July 26 through August 5 (excluding Friday) from 1:30–4:30 p.m. at the Friendship House and is designed for ages 8 – 17. This camp will focus on individual strengths and team-building. Transportation and snacks are included.

** Housing Reminders **

Individuals that are not listed on your lease cannot stay/live in the apartment without management approval.

They cannot use the apartment address as a mailing address - this is considered living in the apartment. If you allow an individual to use your mailing address, you are in violation of your lease by allowing this individual to reside in your apartment.



Smoke detectors must be operational at all times. Neither you nor others may disable or remove smoke detectors. You may be liable to us and others for any loss or damage from fire, smoke, or water if that condition arises from you disconnecting or damaging the smoke detector, or failing to replace a battery or report malfunctions to us. Failure to maintain a functional smoke detector(s) in your unit is a serious violation of your lease contract. You must immediately report smoke detector malfunctions to management for repair or replacement.

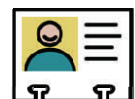
Annual Inspections are currently underway. Residents do not need to be present for these inspections, but each dwelling unit must be inspected. Keeping the dwelling unit in a clean and safe condition is the resident's responsibility. Items that become inoperable in your dwelling unit should be reported immediately. **If, during the annual inspection, items are found to be deficient, they will be replaced and residents will be responsible for charges relating to those items.** Examples: refrigerator crisper covers, broken mini blinds, light bulbs, doorstops, light globes, smoke detector batteries, outlet and switch cover plates. You can buy and replace light bulbs yourself or call the office to place a work order request. Please contact your complex manager with any questions you may have.



Residents will be held accountable for the actions of their household members and guests. If individuals are found violating any policies or cause damage to any Housing Authority property (air conditioning units/playground/fences/apartments), this could result in termination of the lease, and repair costs will be charged to the resident.

Remember to be courteous toward your neighbors and keep them in mind when you have guests visiting. A 10 p.m. quiet time is to be observed by your household - this includes guests. No loitering or gathering is allowed on porches, hallways, parking lots or outdoors anywhere on the complex after this time. In consideration of other residents, noise levels must be kept to a *minimum* after 10 p.m. **Noise Radar: If the radio/television/conversation can be heard outside the apartment/vehicle, it is too loud. This level is not acceptable anytime during the day or night.**

Contact Information Updates: Residents should update the Housing staff immediately when their phone number (home, cell, work, etc.) or emergency contact information changes. In case of an emergency, we cannot contact you as soon as possible if the information we have on file is incorrect. Please contact your Complex Manager to make sure the current information is correct or provide new information.



Resident Spotlight - Norman Resor

Norman Resor was born in Charles City, Iowa, and raised in a strong Christian family. His father was a railroad telegraph operator with the Rock Island Railroad just as his grandfather was. Their love of trains fascinated Mr. Resor, and he also became a telegraph operator at the age of 20 with the Rock Island Railroad in Illinois and Iowa.

Mr. Resor's family was very musically gifted, and he remembers playing several instruments along with his brother and mother, who was a piano teacher. The last two years of high school, he played with a German band professionally and organized a circus band in Mason City, Iowa.

After high school, Mr. Resor worked for a short time at a tractor factory. Times were hard during the Depression. His father informed him that there was a shortage in telegraph operators and agreed to teach

him the business, if he was interested. He jumped at the opportunity and worked in the field over 30 years. During this time, however, he did not give up his love of music and played with several bands. After retirement in 1967, he managed his own band and did piano tuning. He also ran a retail music store and did custom arranging for other bands as well as his own.

In 1980, Mr. Resor came to Texas to join big band gospel until the band leader's illness caused a breakup. Due to his connection with Mr. Von of Von Music, he was hired to do instrument repairs, building parts and pieces until 1997. At the age of 85, he retired.



Shortly after coming to Temple, Mr. Resor began demonstrating telegraphy at the Temple Depot at 31st Street and Avenue H. He has received several awards from the Santa Fe Depot for Outstanding Educational Service.

Mr. Resor met his wife, Marilyn, in church. He fell in love with the piano playing and the woman. In his words, "It has been a good life, and I have received blessings far beyond what I have expected or deserved. I have a good wife, a son who is an ordained minister, and a host of friends who know me and like me anyhow. What more can a man ask?"

VITA & AARP Tax Assistance

The tax season is finally over, but many Temple residents received good news during the time VITA and AARP provided free tax preparation services at Rose Hall.

2009 Tax Year Statistics:

- 470 returns were submitted
- \$103,315 in Earned Income Credit was received
- \$461,318 was received in federal tax refunds

Thank you to these two programs for providing valuable tax assistance to the community.

For details or more information on any resident programs or activities, contact the Resident Services Department at 773-2009, extensions 220, 221, 222 or 233 for Temple. For Belton, please call 939-5321, extension 25.

Juneteenth at the Friendship House

The Central Texas Housing Consortium will celebrate its annual Juneteenth Festival on Thursday, June 17, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Friendship House Community Center located at 1609 East Avenue I in Temple. The program will begin with our guest speaker, Genevieve Gregg, followed by the children of Kaleidoscope Early Childhood Development Center, the Friendship House Choir, and an oration of the history of Juneteenth. The day will also include a variety of games, food and fun.

Raffle tickets for three prizes will be drawn at the end of the day. First place is a Dallas Cowboys Fantasy Package, which includes two tickets for the Dallas Cowboys and Philadelphia Eagles game with a one night stay at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Arlington. Second place is an Apple iPod Touch 8GB. Third place is a \$100 gift card for gas. Tickets are available for purchase at the Friendship House from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THA 4-H Thunder Hearts

Congratulations to Rachael Westberg, Heather Westbest and Brianna Sanders who entered the Bell County 4-H "Share The Fun Talent Show." All three won in their age divisions. Brianna Sanders was able to compete at the District level and won third place.

THA 4-H Thunder Hearts have a busy

summer ahead, beginning with the Bell County 4-H Camp. Campers will be in Brownwood July 7 - 10 to enjoy fun-filled days of field trips and organized activities. For experienced swimmers, there are water activities including canoeing, kayaking and sailing. Camp is open to youth ages 8 - 18. (If you are not a 4-H member but would like to attend the

camp, you may sign up for membership at the Resident Services office.) Applications for camp can also be picked up at the Resident Services office. Acceptance is on a first-come, first-serve basis, so completed applications need to be turned in as soon as possible. The deadline is May 14, 2010.

KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

Week of the Young Child

Kaleidoscope celebrated the Week of the Young Child April 12 - 16. Temple Mayor Bill Jones visited on Monday to kick off the celebration by touring the center, visiting with the children, and reading a Proclamation. The week was filled with many activities and ended with a teacher appreciation and parent picnic.



and it is time to show your support for that special teacher. Nomination forms are on the front desk. You can give the completed form to Carol (our Administrative Assistant), Christine (our Director), or put it in the wooden suggestion box located by the forms.

Animals, Animals, and More Animals!!

The children and staff have enjoyed learning about animals – from the jungle to the farm. Thanks to one of our parents, the children had an opportunity to meet not only a horse, but a cow and her calf too!

It went to the Easter pageant held at UMHB after enjoying lunch and playtime at Yettie Polk Park.

Kaleidoscope also held its annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Playground Update

The last of the equipment to improve the infant/toddler playground will be installed soon. Watch for information about our mini-ribbon cutting ceremony!

Great Teachers!

Do you know a great teacher at Kaleidoscope? One that goes above and beyond? Kaleidoscope's Teacher of the Quarter program is underway,



Easter at Kaleidoscope

A big thank you to the parents who joined our effort to support the community and the arts. Preschool I &



Pesticide Misuse

Are thousands of people each year really poisoned by the misuse of pesticides? Sadly **YES!** The same pesticides used to kill those bothersome rodents and insects, when used incorrectly, can poison you or someone you love... so before you use any pesticides, please read the label instructions first. Don't suffer the same tragedy as an Alabama family. Last year, two of them died in their sleep after breathing toxic fumes from an industrial strength pesticide they put out in their home to kill



bugs. That pesticide is used to kill insects in grain and peanut warehouses.

Learn more about pesticide safety by calling the pesticide telecommunications network at 1-800-858-PEST. They can even help you teach your kids about pesticide safety. Ask about a free activity booklet for children when you call.

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NOTE:

CTHC is improving its use of chemicals and pest control products to ensure treatment is effective. Pest control is done quarterly at all complexes. Please contact your complex manager if you have any pest control questions.