

# CENTRAL TEXAS HOUSING CONSORTIUM

## NEWSLETTER

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## Volunteers Honored

On April 13, the CTHC held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception to honor those who have contributed their time during the past year helping with our programs. Volunteers included local agencies, individuals from the community and numerous CTHC residents.



The guest speaker this year was Selese Schraeder Thompson-Mann, owner of Precious Memories Florist and Gift Shop. Ms. Thompson-Mann has made volunteering a priority in her life. She sits on several Board of Directors, including Keep Temple Beautiful, Temple Small Business Incubator, the Central Texas Orchestral Society and the United Way. She has served as president of the Cultural Activities Center and raised funds for children's hospitals through the Women's

Visionary Philanthropic Organization. She is also a member of the Temple Business League. Ms. Thompson-Mann stressed the importance of volunteering and said she has raised her children to make volunteering a natural part of their lives. Her motto is, "We make a living by what we get, and we make a life by what we give!"

Temple ISD Bond Election

**Early Voting:**  
May 2 - May 10  
at City Hall  
2 N. Main St.

**Election Day:**  
May 14th

*Your Vote Counts!*

Vote May 14

### CURRENT & UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- ◆ Tembell - construct two duplexes
- ◆ Tembell buildings 1 & 3 - install new windows and thin brick
- ◆ Tembell landscaping improvements / exterior lighting (Fall)
- ◆ Carver - cabinet replacement in selected units
- ◆ Electronic deadbolt installation CTHC-wide
- ◆ BHA - replace soffit, fascia and siding
- ◆ BHA - install clothesline pads
- ◆ BHA & THA Public Housing - install exterior lighting
- ◆ FGH - renovate common areas
- ◆ JMH/CV - remove sagging overhangs and re-side
- ◆ AL/Ratliff - commode replacement
- ◆ RT - replace siding, soffit, patio doors, windows and stairs

### Calendar of Events for Residents

Mon. / Wed. / Fri.	Temple GED Class at Rose Hall - 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm
Tue. & Thu.	Belton GED Class at BHA Resident Center - 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm
Mon. & Wed.	Temple Computer Classes at Rose Hall: Beginner Class - 3:30 pm to 5 pm Intermediate Class - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Mon. & Wed.	Belton Computer Class at BHA Resident Center - 1:30 pm to 3 pm
Tue. & Thu.	BHA STRIVE at BHA Resident Center - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mon. & Wed.	THA STRIVE at Rose Hall - 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm
May 3	BHA Housekeeping Workshop at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 9	THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 10	BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 17	THA Housekeeping Workshop at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
May 24	Common Cents Living for BHA & THA Families at Rose Hall - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
May 25	4H Meeting at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
June 9	Graduation Celebration at Rose Hall - 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
June 13	THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
June 14	Common Cents Living for BHA & THA Families at Rose Hall - 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
June 14	BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
June 16	Juneteenth Celebration at the Friendship House - 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
June 22	4H Meeting at Rose Hall - 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Check out the schedule of resident activities on our website at [www.centexhousing.org](http://www.centexhousing.org)

## Scholarship Awarded

CTHC would like to congratulate Lilly Kim for being chosen to receive a 2011 Scholarship from Texas NAHRO in the amount of \$1,000. Ms. Kim and her parents traveled to Austin on April 20 to accept the award at the Texas NAHRO 35th Annual Conference. Ms. Kim is a senior at Temple High School and participates in several clubs. She is also active in sports and has maintained high academic scores throughout her high school career. After graduation, she hopes to attend Texas A&M University and major in Mechanical Engineering.



## RECOGNIZING 2011 GRADUATES

Each June, the Central Texas Housing Consortium honors high school and GED graduates. If you are a graduating high school senior this year, or if you attained your GED between June 2010 and May 2011, we would like to honor your accomplishment at the graduation reception. Please contact a member the Resident Services staff if you will be a 2011 graduate.



### \*\* POLICY REMINDERS \*\*

**Pet Policy Reminder:** A Pet Agreement must be executed between management and the resident before a pet can enter the property. "Visiting" pets are not allowed. All pets must be leashed at all times when outside the apartment. **Pets are not allowed in common areas or other dwelling units.** Pet owners must clean up after their pets and are responsible for disposing of pet waste. Refer to your pet agreement or contact management for more information about the pet policy. Violation of this policy could result in termination of your lease or revocation of the pet agreement which results in removal of the pet from the property.



**Use of BBQ grills** is **prohibited** in breezeways, on balconies and patios, or within 10 feet of a building. Never leave a grill unattended, even for a moment, and do not place hot or warm coals in the dumpsters. Refer to the Community Policy Handbook for more guidance.

**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, 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.*



**Security Guidelines for Residents:** We care about your safety and that of other occupants and guests. The best safety measures are the ones you perform as a matter of habit. We recommend that all residents and occupants use common sense and follow crime prevention tips, such as those listed below:

- **In case of emergency, call 911.** Always report emergencies to authorities first and then contact the Complex Manager.
- **Report** any suspicious activity to the police first, and then **follow up** with a written notice to the Complex Manager.
- Know your neighbors. Watching out for each other is one of the best defenses against crime.
- **Use the keyless deadbolt** in your apartment when you are at home.
- Don't give entry keys, codes or gate access cards to anyone.
- **Always lock the doors on your car**, even while driving. Take the keys and remove or hide any valuables. Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- **Check the backseat** before getting into your car. Be careful stopping at gas stations or automatic-teller machines at night or anytime you suspect danger.

## Resident Spotlight - Birmond Turner

Birmond Turner was born in Mineral Springs, Arkansas. After being drafted into the Army in 1949, he served one tour of duty in Japan after completing his basic training in Fort Riley, Kansas. When he returned from Japan, his duty station was Fort Hood, Texas. He separated from the military for nine months, but unable to find work, he re-enlisted.



After leaving the military a second time, Mr. Turner decided to remain in the Temple area since jobs were more plentiful than they were back home in Arkansas. He worked in the construction and lumber business for 14 years. In 1967, he was hired by Wilsonart where he worked until he retired in 1981. After retirement, he opened his own business and was one of

the first African American businesses to offer small engine repair and lawn service. He became known throughout the city as "The Lawnmower Man."

Mr. Turner is one of few residents who has lived in both the Belton and Temple Housing Authorities. He

enjoys the fellowship through the programs offered by CTHC and has made many friends. He has also been a member of the Friendship House Community Center for the last 20 years. Mr. Turner enjoys helping others, baking, making quilts, playing dominoes, traveling and working in his church. He has eight children and was father to two step-sons. He now has twenty-two grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

Please refer to our website  
[www.centexhousing.org](http://www.centexhousing.org)  
 for the list of the Board of  
 Commissioners and staff directory.

### Summer Scholarships & Programs

CTHC will offer limited RWYC and BCYC summer scholarships for qualifying households who need assistance with childcare. The summer programs will begin Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and go through Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Scholarships are also available for children who would like to attend 4H County Camp at Brownwood from July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. The 4H County Camp is for ages 9 to 12. Please see resident services for more details and registration.

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, or 222 for Temple.  
 For Belton, please call 939-5321, extension 25.

## How to Clean Up a Broken CFL

The use of compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) is becoming more widespread as CTHC moves toward being more green and eco-friendly. CFLs have a good return on investment due to their lower energy usage and their longer bulb life (compared to the old incandescent bulbs).



Although these bulbs are relatively tough compared to the older bulbs, they will break if you hit them hard enough and can release fine white powder that contains a very small amount (typically less than 5 milligrams) of mercury.

Mercury is a toxic metal element. Risk assessments of CFL and fluorescent bulb breaks have shown that there is actually a very small exposure hazard. Nonetheless, a proper cleanup of the area affected is a good idea. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued new guidelines for conducting this cleanup, and it doesn't require

special equipment. Visit [www.epa.gov/cfl](http://www.epa.gov/cfl).

### Cleaning Up a Broken CFL

#### **Before cleanup:**

- Have people and pets leave the room.
- Air out the room for 5 to 10 minutes by opening a window or door to the outdoor environment.
- Shut off the central forced air heating/air-conditioning system, if you have one.
- Collect the materials needed to clean up the broken bulb.

#### **During cleanup:**

- Be thorough in collecting broken glass and visible powder.
- Place cleanup materials in a sealable container.

#### **After cleanup:**

- Promptly place all bulb debris and cleanup materials outdoors in a trash container or protected area until materials can be disposed of properly. Avoid leaving any bulb

fragments or cleanup materials indoors.

- If practical, continue to air out the room where the bulb was broken and leave the heating/air conditioning system shut off for several hours.

# KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

## From the Director

I would like to say thank you to all of the parents, staff, volunteers, and community businesses that support Kaleidoscope in its mission to provide the best care possible to a whole bunch of great children and their families. As we prepare to end the school year and head into summer, please remember safety in and out of the car.

## Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood - ACCYN

ACCYN is our newest partnership with Fort Hood Child and Youth Services and the National Association for Child Care and Resource and Referral Agency (NACCRRA). This program has enabled our military families to benefit from all Kaleidoscope has to offer.



## Week of the Young Child

During the week of April 11 – 15, the Buckle Bear was able to visit and tell



the children about the importance of seatbelt safety! Pajama Day was the best and most comfortable. Silly Hat Day and the parade provided the most fun for the week! However, no Week of the Young Child is complete without a Super Sensory Day and Parent Picnic!

## Where Would We Be Without Volunteers

For the past several months, we have enjoyed having four Holy Trinity High School students volunteer. They are quite famous for their terrific art work, which can be seen all over Kaleidoscope - the Easter bunny, Teacher of the Year posters, Week of the Young Child Posters, dental awareness, etc.

## Parent POWER

A BIG thank you goes out to the parents who have taken an active role

and interest in their child's future by participating in our programs - from classroom support to donating food and time for special events. We enjoy having you around!

## Congratulations to Teacher of the Year

Parents, staff, and children participated in a week-long voting period to select their candidate for Teacher of the Year. Congratulations to Rachel Alexander (Pre-School 2) for a job well done! The announcement was made at Rose Hall on the evening of April 8. Vonnie Taplin (After School) and Christa Waters (Infant B) received honorable mention.



## Bloomin' Temple

Our first annual booth at the Bloomin' Temple Festival was a success. Kaleidoscope raised over \$120 with its "Lemonade Stand."

## Angel Food Ministries

This program offers various foods at substantially lower prices for families with tight budgets.

Angel Food Ministries is sponsored by Cornerstone Fellowship Christian Church located at 819 South 29th Street, Temple.

Their phone number is 254-778-0449.

Orders must be placed and pre-paid by 11:00 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

Cash, food stamps, money orders and the Lonestar card are accepted.

Orders must be picked up on the 4th Saturday between 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Plan ahead and save a lot!**



THA 4H Youth Mother's Day Project