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A NEW PATIO TO ENJOY THE GREAT FALL WEATHER

Golden Haven residents can now enjoy the beautiful fall weather on their new patio. This attractive, privacy-fenced area was created to provide an outdoor social area for the high-rise residents. In addition to patio furniture and potted plants, three pieces of exercise equipment were installed. Ramps were built to connect the building to the patio, allowing residents in wheelchairs access to the space.



CURRENT & UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- ◆ Autumn Leaves / Ratliff sewer line replacement
- ◆ Autumn Leaves and office - Add parking spaces
- ◆ FGH - Energy conservation upgrades
- ◆ FGH landscaping improvements & common area renovation
- ◆ Tembell landscaping improvements / exterior lighting
- ◆ Tembell - Fence
- ◆ Tembell 4-plex
- ◆ Adams Bend / Raintree - HVAC and water heater replacement (1/3 of units)
- ◆ Raintree - Fence
- ◆ BHA - Clothesline pads
- ◆ BHA - Weatherization for Rural Development

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.

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: Beginner Computer Class - 3:30 pm to 5 pm Intermediate Computer Class - 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Mondays & Wednesdays	Belton Computer Class at BHA Resident Center - 1:30 pm to 3 pm
November 2	BHA Housekeeping Workshop at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
November 8	THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
November 9	BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
November 16	THA Housekeeping Workshop at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
November 17	Rose Hall Wednesday Thanksgiving Luncheon at Rose Hall - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
November 17	BHA Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon at BHA Resident Center - 12 noon to 1:30 pm
November 19	Kyle Thanksgiving Dinner - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
November 23	Friendship House Thanksgiving Luncheon - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
November 23	Common Cents Living at Rose Hall - 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
December 6	THA Family Nutrition at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
December 7	BHA Family Nutrition at BHA Resident Center - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
December 13	Christmas Door Decorating Contest Entry Forms Submitted, Doors Decorated
December 15	Rose Hall Wednesday Christmas Luncheon - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
December 15	BHA Senior Christmas Luncheon at BHA Resident Center - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
December 16	Common Cents Living at Rose Hall - 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
December 16	Family Christmas at Rose Hall - 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
December 17	Christmas Dinner at the Kyle - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
December 21	Friendship House Christmas Luncheon - 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

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

Section 3 Opportunities

Resident and minority business owners are encouraged to participate in contracting opportunities. If you have a business, submit your information to CTHC. CTHC maintains a bidders list for solicitation purposes for future projects. We can also provide your name to general contractors bidding on our projects that are looking for subcontractors. Residents seeking employment can register with the CTHC and their names will be provided to contractors awarded bids. Contractors will be encouraged to hire residents, minority-owned and Section 3 businesses. Contact Carrie Kline, 773-2009, extension 211, if you have any questions.

GED: Did You know?

The Central Texas Housing Consortium offers FREE GED classes to all residents in both Temple and Belton. The Temple classes are held at Rose Hall, 107 N. 9th Street, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. The Belton classes are held at the BHA Resident Center, 807 West Avenue I, every Tuesday and Thursday from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Both programs offer FREE CHILDCARE! In addition, the CTHC will pay for your GED exam when you are ready to take it.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT IN TEMPLE

The Central Texas Housing Consortium sponsored the third annual National Night Out at Rose Hall on October 5th. Participants numbered over 200. CTHC's National Night Out is the only program in Bell County recognized by the National Association of Town Watch. This program promotes involvement in local crime and drug prevention activities and encourages neighborhood camaraderie to create safer communities. Representatives from the Temple Police Department and the Temple Fire Department joined the event, and dozens of local



businesses participated by offering door prizes. The Bell County BPO Does assisted with the purchase of the refreshments. Buttons the Clown entertained the children when they

weren't jumping in the "bouncy house." There was also live music from the "House Band" led by resident Casimiro Benavides. Thanks to all of our volunteers for helping make this event a success.



Prevent Gas Leaks

Natural gas is an odorless, colorless fuel, about one-third lighter than air. For your protection, the gas company adds a harmless odorant so you can detect and report gas leaks.

To prevent a gas leak:

- Keep all appliances cleaned, properly vented and serviced regularly.
- Don't use an open gas oven for heating your home or drying clothes.
- Never cover fresh air vents that supply air to your gas appliances.
- Write your fire and police department phone numbers and CTHC emergency

service number in the front of your phone book for quick access.

- Don't use or store flammable vapor products near gas appliances.

If you suspect a gas leak:

- Do not turn electrical switches on or off.
- Do not use the telephone.
- Do not light matches or cigarettes.
- Turn off gas supply if able.
- Leave the apartment until repairs are complete.
- Call the office or emergency maintenance number as soon as possible from another location.

Looking for a job?

Temple College will host a Fall Career Expo on Thursday, November 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be held at the Arnold Student Center on the TC campus.

** Housing Reminders **



Towing is enforced if vehicles are found in violation of the parking policy. Examples of vehicles prohibited on property: inspection or registration is expired; obstructs traffic, entry or exit of the parking lot; **obstructs or is parked in a marked fire lane**; is parked on the grass, sidewalk or patio; **or is not authorized to park on property.**

We have limited space for resident vehicles. Recreational vehicles cannot be brought onto the premises without obtaining prior written consent from Housing.

Vehicle maintenance or cleaning is not allowed. Residents can change a flat tire while the vehicle is parked at our apartment community.



Valid Identification Required. A current, valid state or federally issued picture ID for all adult members of each household must be maintained in CTHC resident files. When you receive your new ID from DPS or another agency, please come by the Housing office so we can make a copy for your file.

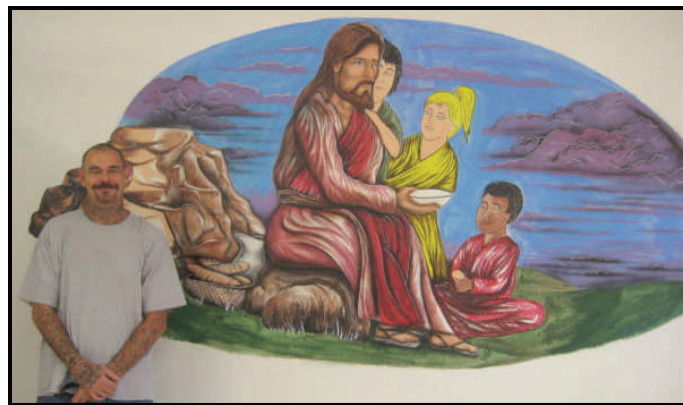
Verification of Citizenship & Social Security Numbers. During the annual recertification process, each resident file is being audited to verify that required documentation, such as birth certificates and social security cards, has been received. You will be notified if your file is missing any information, and you will be asked to provide the necessary documents.



HUD Requirement. HUD requires Public Housing Authorities to utilize a HUD monitored database that provides information about all household income and tenancy information on individuals that currently live (or have lived) in subsidized housing. This system enables a PHA to view earned income on current residents and report negative tenancy information on previous residents. Due to this requirement, residents must sign a HUD approved acknowledgement form. For convenience, Housing staff has mailed these forms to residents to sign and return. Any questions about this requirement can be directed to your Complex Manager.

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT - GARRY HILL

Garry Hill was born in Pecos, Texas. He attended public schools there and has enjoyed drawing as far back as he can remember. After high school, Garry pursued a career with the Reeves County Detention Center as a correctional officer after earning his certification through the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officers Standards and Education (TCLEOSE). He became a Gang Investigator and, eventually, an Investigator of Internal Affairs.



Although Garry's love of drawing began as a child, he never pursued it as a career until 2006 when he opened a tattoo shop called "Lockdown Tattoos" in Pecos. He specialized in airbrush painting and tattoos. Pecos is located in West Texas - oil country. As the economy began to decline, so did the oil fields, and many businesses in the area were forced to close their doors. Unfortunately, "Lockdown Tattoos" was one of them.

During this time, Garry met the love of his life, Veronica Moreno. Between them, they have six children. When the children were on school breaks, the family began traveling to motorcycle rallies and car shows, seeking opportunities for Garry to use his skills as an artist to earn a living.

In the early part of 2010, the family came to Temple because of relatives

living in the area. Since moving here, there have been opportunities for Garry to utilize his skills through volunteer work. He has created event posters for the Temple Independent School District and Al Edwards Juneteenth Association. He also completed a mural at the Churches Touching Lives for Christ (CTLC) facility on Avenue G (pictured above).

Despite circumstances caused by the current economy, Garry feels it is important to give back to the community because God takes care of him and his family. He loves being around people and volunteers at CTHC, often working with youth projects.

KALEIDOSCOPE NEWS

Christine's Comments

The school year is in full swing, and we are looking forward to an exciting holiday season!

Opportunities!

Kaleidoscope is participating in the Taking Charge of Change Central Texas program. This program is sponsored by the Texas Workforce Solutions, Raising Austin, and our local community colleges. Taking Charge of Change is an innovative model of professional development designed to improve the quality of care and education of young children by focusing on leadership and management skills. This is a 10 month long intensive program that will enhance the knowledge of the staff and quality of care offered at Kaleidoscope. The first round of training for the infant/toddler staff will begin soon.

New Partnership

In our continuing effort to collaborate with partners in the community, Kaleidoscope has joined with Fort Hood Child and Youth Services and NACCRRRA (National Association of Child Care Resources and Referral Agencies) to offer quality child care to the military community.

Thank You, Volunteers!

Again, we give a big thank you to all of the students and faculty from UMHB and Holy Trinity who continue to volunteer their time to make Kaleidoscope a better place.

Bake Sale

Thanks to all of the parents and staff who donated their baked goods and time to make our fall bake sale such a success! The proceeds were used for our

pumpkin patch and fall festival on October 28.



Please refer to our website www.centexhousing.org for the list of the Board of Commissioners and staff directory.

KYLE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Kyle residents enjoyed their annual Halloween Party on Wednesday, October 27th. A fun-filled evening was planned with games such as ring toss, musical chairs, and a fishing pond. The event also featured wonderful snacks, treats and good music.

THA Fall Festival 2010

