

# CENTRAL TEXAS HOUSING CONSORTIUM NEWSLETTER

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## 2020 Jr. Einstein Camp

It's time for the Jr. Einstein Science Camp -- five fun weeks of Animal Science! Camp will be held each Thursday in the month of July starting July 2 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. This camp is for youth living at BHA and THA who are ages seven to 17 years old.

Our theme this year is: "The Life of an Animal." Our goal is to engage youth through speakers, team building activities, and hands-on experiments to make learning about

science fun. Transportation and lunch will be provided, and the camp is FREE.

For more information, please contact Resident Services.

**Due to the pandemic, masks are to be worn during the camp.**  
**(Resident Services will have masks available, if needed.)**

## Congratulations, Graduates!

Each year, CTHC honors residents who graduated with a High School Diploma, GED, Vocational Certification, Associate's Degree, Bachelor's Degree, or Master's Degree. This year on May 29, CTHC practiced safe distancing by hosting a "drive by celebration" at each graduate's residence. They were able to share their future goals as we presented them with a gift bag. Graduates included:

**Aamar Jackson** (Temple High School) enjoys drawing and said his favorite subject in high school was math.

**Brittanie Hernandez** (Temple High School) is currently working and plans to attend TC for nursing.

**Joseph Ayres** (Temple High School) is going to take a break for the summer while he works with the family business, I Truck N Under; however, he plans to attend college majoring in business.

**Alexa Packard** (Belton High School) is currently working and plans to attend college majoring in environmental science.

**Joel Fraticelli** (Belton High School) is currently working and uncertain about college plans.

**Brooke Faulkner** (Belton High School) is currently working and plans to attend college to become a music teacher.

One thing all of the graduates had in common is gratitude -- for their parents, teachers, and others that played a part in encouraging and supporting them through their successes.

## Resident Spotlight - Stacie Storm



Stacie was born and raised in Temple and is the only child of Susan Fields. The two of them have a special bond that isn't often

seen. She stated with tears in her eyes, "Me and my mom have always been together, so I'm going to try to give my mom some relief." Stacie and her mother lived with Susan's father until his death. Her mother's failing health, coupled with the death of her grandfather, made it necessary for them to live with relatives in Belton. In 2008, they were able to move into their own place at Belton Housing Authority.

During her high school senior year, Stacie got a part-time job at Burger King. She would walk home from school, about three miles, change her clothes, and walk to work, another two miles. She did this for three months but quit to focus on her school finals and graduated at age 17. At age 18, she was required to complete community service as

part of the Public Housing Quality Housing Work Responsibility Act and chose to volunteer at Baylor Scott and White (BS&W) Hospice Thrift Store. The store manager recognized Stacie's work ethic and hard work and offered her a temporary contract labor job to help move the store's inventory from Central Avenue to the current location on Main Street. This temporary position transitioned to full-time employment as the store's retail clerk. Between community service and her current employment, Stacie has been with BS&W Hospice Thrift Store for nine years and has trained as a potential candidate for management.

An eye injury in 2016 prevented her from getting a driver's license, so she has had to walk or rely on others for transportation for years; however, she recently received a driver's license and bought a car. She is delighted to be able to take her mom to doctor appointments. She is now working toward saving enough money to buy a house for the two of them, adding that it has to have a fenced back yard for their Chiweenie.

## Fire Prevention Program

Fire prevention activities are coming up. Nine of our properties will have an event complete with fire house demonstrations, hands-on experience with a fire extinguisher, refreshments, and door prizes! Join us at a location near you.

Kyle	Wednesday, August 19, 2:00 pm in the Kyle Community Room		
Raintree	Thursday, August 20, 5:30 pm, Close to South Fence of Complex	Tembell	Tuesday, September 15, 5:30 pm, near Northeast Corner of Complex
Adams Bend	Thursday, September 3, 5:30 pm at Northeast Area of Complex	Autumn Leaves, Jonathan Moore & Harvest House	Thursday, September 17, 5:30 pm THA Office, Resident Services
Frances Graham Hall & Chateau	Wednesday, September 9, 10:00 am at Rose Hall	Willow Brook	Tuesday, September 22, 5:30 pm, Willow Brook Family Section Parking Lot
Golden Haven	Thursday, September 10, 2:00 pm, at Golden Haven Dining Room	Crestview & Ratliff	Thursday, September 24, 5:30 pm Friendship House

## We like you! Do you "Like" us?

"Like" and "follow" Central Texas Housing Consortium's Facebook page. We post pictures of you from our events along with great resource information!

## The Fair Housing Act states:

It is illegal to discriminate in the sale or rental of housing, including against individuals seeking a mortgage or housing assistance, or in other housing-related activities. The Fair Housing Act prohibits this discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability.

The law requires housing providers to make reasonable accommodations and reasonable modifications for individuals with disabilities. Federal nondiscrimination laws that protect against disability discrimination cover not only residents and home seekers with disabilities, but also buyers and renters without disabilities who live or are associated with individuals with disabilities. These laws also prohibit housing providers from refusing residency to persons with disabilities, or placing conditions on their residency, based on their requirement of reasonable accommodations or modifications.

The prevalence of disability increases with age and around half of people over 75 have a disability. As we age, we increasingly need housing that is affordable, accessible and well located to maintain dignity and quality of life. Even though age is not a protected class, disability is under the Fair Housing Act.

People all over the country have relied on the Fair Housing Act to ensure that they have equal access to housing that is affordable, appropriate and accessible to them, and that provides the services they need in their communities.

To learn more about the many fair housing laws enforced by HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) and how those laws can help you, visit [www.HUD.gov](http://www.HUD.gov).

## Calendar of Events for Residents

### Rose Hall

July 1	Prairie View - "Social Activity, Safety" - 10:30 am
July 2-July 30	Jr. Einstein Camp - Animal Science - (for youth) - 12 Noon to 4 pm on Thursdays
July 7	Bancorp South - Spending & Savings Plan - 10:00 am
July 8	Advance Directives - T.E. Financial - 10:00 am
July 14	VITA-United Way - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 pm
July 15, Aug 19	Amedisys - Exercise- 9:00 am
July 15	Amedisys - Neuropathy/Tingling - 10:00 am
July 22	Karaoke - 9:30 am
July 29	Knowledge Nuggets - "Glowing Skin is Always In" - 9:30 am
August 3	New Computer Classes Start
August 5	Prairie View - Stress Management - 10:30 am
August 11	Nutrition Class - 12 Noon
August 19	Amedisys - Stomach Health - 10:00 am
August 26	Knowledge Nuggets - "Brain Power" - 9:30 am
August 27	Sock Hop - 2:00 pm

### BHA Resident Center

July 13, 27	Bingo - 3:00 pm
July 15	Agrilife - Be Well, Live Well - "Be Creative, Plan Meals" - 3:00 pm
July 27	Amedisys - Neuropathy/Tingling - 2:00 pm
August 3	New Computer Classes Start
August 10, 24	Bingo - 3:00 pm
August 10	BHA Nutrition 5:30 pm
August 19	Agrilife - Be Well, Live Well - "Be Fit, Move More" - 3:00 pm
August 24	Amedisys - Crohn's/Colostomy - 2:00 pm

### Friendship House

July 15	Amedisys - Neuropathy/Tingling - 11:15 am
July 22	Agrilife - Get the Facts - "Fat" - 11:30 am
August 19	Amedisys - Stomach Health - 11:15 am
August 26	Get the Facts - "Sodium" - 11:30 am

### Other Locations

July 15	Popsicle Hour - Crestview - 2 pm
July 13	Frances Graham Hall Association Meeting @ <b>Rose Hall</b> - 2:00 pm
July 23	Agrilife - Be Able, Read the Label - Frances Graham Hall - 2:30 pm
July 30	Bingo - Frances Graham Hall - 1:30 pm
August 6	Agrilife - Be Safe, Eat Safe - Frances Graham Hall - 2:30 pm
August 10	Frances Graham Hall Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
August 27	Bingo - Frances Graham Hall - 6:00 pm
July 8	Golden Haven Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
July 9	Bingo - Golden Haven - 2:00 pm
July 15	Amedisys - "Rx versus Over the Counter Meds" - Golden Haven- 2:00 pm
July 17	Movie "Edge of Tomorrow" - Golden Haven - 7:00 pm
Jul 25	Ice Cream Birthday Social - Golden Haven - 2:00 pm
August 12	Golden Haven Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
August 14	Bingo - Golden Haven - 6:00 pm
August 19	Amedisys - "All About the Eye" - Golden Haven - 2:00 pm
August 21	Movie "Smokey & the Bandit" - Golden Haven - 7:00 pm
July 2, 16, 23, 30	Bingo - Kyle - 2:00 pm
July 10	Bingo by Christ Episcopal Church - Kyle - 2:00 pm
July 16	Agrilife - Be Well, Live Well - "Be Able, Read the Label" - Kyle - 3:00 pm
July 22, Aug 26	Amedisys - Exercise - Kyle - 11:00 am
July 23	Birthday Celebration - Kyle - 2:00 pm
August 6, 13	Bingo - Kyle - 2:00 pm
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August 11	Movie - "Hidden Figures" - Kyle - 3:00 pm
August 20	Agrilife - Be Well, Live Well - "Be Safe, Eat Safe" - Kyle - 3:00 pm
August 21	Bingo by Christ Episcopal Church - Kyle - 2:00 pm

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

## Housing Reminders

CTHC offers automatic rent deductions from checking or saving accounts so you don't have to remember to pay your account every month. If you are not taking advantage of this service and would like to know more about it, please contact your Complex Manager. You can also pay by credit card for a small fee.

Any materials other than domestic sanitary sewer waste are prohibited from entering the wastewater stream. Items that should NOT go down the drain include:



- Towels, gloves, wash cloths, moistened wipes, adult diapers, or similar items.
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Toilet deodorizers that contain wires.

These items get stuck and cause backup that leads to overflow. If the toilet is backed up, **DO NOT** continue to flush it.

Residents will be required to clean up the overflow from drains/toilets/etc. **If** the cause of the overflow is determined to be a result of actions of the residents and/or guests, residents **will be** charged if maintenance has to unclog sinks/drains/toilets due to prohibited items.

Pest Control and Filter Change schedules are posted on the CTHC website for your convenience. Please refer to "ANNUAL SCHEDULES" for your specific date.



The 4th of July holiday is upon us. All across the country the night skies will light up with dazzling displays of color, sight and sound. Management and staff in conjunction with the **National Council on Fireworks Safety** want to remind you to **CELEBRATE SAFELY**.

Fireworks regulations differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and the use of such may be a direct violation of city ordinance and subject to fines. Regardless of State or local regulations, **THE USE OF FIREWORKS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED WITHIN THE APARTMENT COMMUNITY** and could result in the termination of your lease agreement. Please remember that you would be held personally responsible for damage to property or injury to other residents.

### Resident Advisory Board Elections

Temple Housing Resident Council membership is open to any member of a Public Housing household whose name is on the lease and is compliant with the terms of their lease.

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) represents the Resident Council and consists of two members from each Public Housing property. Members of the Resident Council may seek a position on the Resident Advisory Board, which is a three-year term. Elections for expiring terms are held in September each year.

The Temple Housing Authority is currently accepting nominations for expiring terms on the RAB for Autumn Leaves, Frances Graham Hall, Ratliff, Jonathan Moore, and Willow Brook. Residents from these sites who are interested in running for one of these positions need to contact Sharon Sapp at 773-2009, ext. 221, no later than July 13.

### Farmer's Market Health Fair

Join us at Rose Hall on August 4 from 2 – 4 p.m. for CTHC's annual health and resource fair -- farmer's market style. This will be an excellent time to put faces with organizations you already frequent and meet new faces for benefits you did not know were available.

### CTHC Senior Sock Hop

**Thursday, August 27  
2:00 pm at Rose Hall**

**For Senior and Disabled Residents Only**



### Adams Bend and Raintree



The pools are open. The pool rules are posted both at the pool and in the Resident Handbook and Community Policies. It is your responsibility to ensure you, your household members, and your guests follow the pool rules. Remember that the Pool Monitor is an employee of the Central Texas Housing Consortium, and it is her responsibility to monitor safety in the pool and make sure the pool rules are being followed. Failure to follow the rules, and failure to do what the Pool Monitor asks of you, is a violation of your lease and can be grounds for suspension of your pool privileges.

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