

CENTRAL TEXAS HOUSING CONSORTIUM NEWSLETTER

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Housing Department Personnel Change

The Central Texas Housing Consortium has made a personnel change within the Housing Department that will streamline the way inspections are done. Effective October 15, 2019, we now have a Housing Inspector on staff that will be doing all of the annual inspections in both Temple and Belton. In

order for this to happen, we are changing the annual inspection schedule to stretch it throughout the whole year. At this time, the annual inspections for fiscal year 2020 are scheduled to start Monday, December 2, 2019. The new schedule will be uploaded to our website as soon as it is finalized.

Sheila Dorn, the former Complex Manager for Golden Haven and the Kyle, is our new Housing Inspector. Golden Haven is now managed by Elizabeth McPherson and the Kyle by Abby Wilder.



**Ready, Set,
Decorate!**

With the Christmas Holidays quickly approaching, it's time to be thinking about CTHC's annual door decorating contest.

Entry forms will be available on Wednesday, November 13, at the THA and BHA offices. They will also be available on the CTHC website at www.cthc.org under Resident Programs.

The deadline to turn in entry forms to Resident Services is Thursday, December 5, at 5:30 p.m. Judging will be done December 10. Winners will be announced at CTHC's Christmas parties. Have fun getting creative with your doors!

Family Christmas Celebration Scheduled

We hope you will join CTHC staff for our 2019 Annual Family Christmas Celebration to be held at 5:30 p.m. on December 19 at Rose Hall in Temple. This event is for CTHC residents living in family housing with children and will include food, entertainment, and a visit from Santa!

We look forward to you and your children coming out and enjoying the holiday season with us.

Resident Advisory Board Elections Held

Elections to fill vacancies on the Resident Advisory Board were held September 12th. Five people were needed to represent Temple Housing Authority Public Housing with Belton Housing Authority Public Housing needing three.

This was the first year Belton residents were able to cast their votes for three representatives. Their terms will be staggered with one lasting three years, one lasting two years, and the third will be for one year. In Temple, representatives serve for a three year term.

Elected residents in Temple are:
Martina Ramos – Crestview
Magali Sanchez – Crestview

Marc Medley – Frances Graham Hall
Kelsey Bailey – Jonathan Moore
Christina Pearson – Willow Brook

In Belton, the following three residents will represent all of Belton Public Housing:
Maribel Serra – three year term
Jamie Levy – two year term
Lillie Mullen – one year term

The Resident Advisory Board exists to assist CTHC with ideas about ways to improve the quality of life for all residents. The next Resident Advisory Board meeting will be on November 5 at 4 p.m. in the THA Board Room. In January, leadership training will be held for all members of the Resident Advisory Board.

What To Do About Gas Leaks

Natural gas is an odorless, colorless fuel. For your protection, the gas company adds a harmless odorant so you can detect and report gas leaks.

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.
- Leave the apartment until repairs are complete.
- Call the office or emergency maintenance number as soon as possible from another location.



Temple Orchestra's String Quartet

Get ready to tap your toes and be enchanted because the Temple Orchestra's String Quartet is coming to CTHC! These talented musicians always bring their best so come on out and enjoy!

When they are coming to you:

- ♫ Golden Haven – November 18 at 1:00 p.m.
- ♫ Kyle – December 2 at 1:00 p.m.
- ♫ Friendship House – February 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- ♫ Rose Hall – May 6 at 11:00 a.m.

Resident Spotlight - Maria Applegate

Maria Applegate was born in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico and is the second born of three children. As a child, she traveled back and forth between Mexico, where her parents lived, and California, where her abuelos (grandparents) lived. She went to elementary school in California and graduated from high school in Mexico. Afterwards, she completed two years of Translation School at Universidad Autonoma de Baja California. When she was 24, she became an American citizen. She also received a GED because her high school diploma from Mexico was not valid in the U.S. and it would help her get a better job for her and her three-year-old son.

In 1996, the family moved to Pennsylvania, and she went to work for the Allentown School District in a dual position. For two hours a day, she was in the Emotional Support Department for children with disabilities. For the other two hours, she was the ESL teacher's aide working with immigrants from all over the world. She also worked at the YMCA before and after school programs which transitioned into volunteering for the 2000 Census as an Enumerator for six months. She enjoyed working with people from all over the world and said it makes you more open to cultural differences.



Maria needed a full time job and a steady position, so she became an assistant manager for Los Niños (The Children) under the Hispanic American Organization (HAO). She learned to cook

Puerto Rican food and made many friends from the island. After working there for over six years, her Mexican accent changed to Puerto Rican. She stated, "Once during an organization meeting, my manager introduced me as her adopted Puerto Rican Mexican sister."

Family difficulties meant changing jobs. Working with an elderly couple for the next two years allowed for more time to spend with her son and his school activities. When that job ended, Maria went to night shift employment at Allentown Hospital as a secretary and translator in the emergency department, which she loved.

After 14 years in Pennsylvania, it was time

for another change. In 2010, she found out she was expecting twin girls and moved to Texas to live with her mother for two years. While Maria worked with Visiting Angels, her mother helped with the babies. Maria and the girls moved to Belton in 2014. She continued to work for Visiting Angels for a short time and took college classes until her current position as a Patient Care Technician, Health Care Unit Clerk and Interpreter at Baylor Scott & White was available.

Maria closed our conversation with the following: "I come from a family of migrant farmers. I'm very proud of them all. My abuela (grandmother) still lives in California, but no longer works in the fields picking strawberries, lettuces, etc. She had nine children with my mother being the oldest. My mother has moved back to California to take care of her. I enjoy working with all types of people and ages. My passion is to help others. When I'm not working, I volunteer at my girls' school events and am a co-leader for their Girl Scout troop. As much as I can, I take Bible classes and a yoga class at my church. I am a devoted Christian and love my daughters no matter what. They are my engine, my whole life, my motivation. God is good."

Calendar of Events for Residents

Rose Hall

November 5	Nutrition Class "Beets & Root Vegetables" - 12 noon
November 6	Veteran's Appreciation with Heart of Texas Hospice - 9:30 am
November 12	Heart of Texas Hospice "Advance Directives" - 10:00 am
November 13	Chair Exercises & Presentation on "Diabetes" by Amedisys Hospice - 9:00 am
November 20	AgriLife "Maintain No Gain" - 9:30 am
November 20	Rose Hall Thanksgiving Luncheon - 10:00 am
November 26	Senior Commodity Pickup for FGH/Carver/AB/WBE/Chateau - 9:30 am to 10:30 am
December 10	Nutrition Class "Gifts from the Kitchen" - 12 noon
December 17	Retirement Reception for Mary McGlory - 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
December 18	CTHC Senior Christmas Luncheon - 10:00 am
December 19	CTHC Family Christmas - 5:30 pm
December 31	Senior Commodity Pickup for FGH/Carver/AB/WBE/Chateau - 9:30 am to 10:30 am

BHA Resident Center

November 4	Nutrition Class "Beets & Root Vegetables" - 5:30 pm
November 11	Heart of Texas Hospice "Advance Directives" - 2:00 pm
November 11	Knowledge Nuggets "Ketogenic & Paleo Diets" - 2:30 pm
Nov 11, 25	Bingo - 3:00 pm
November 20	AgriLife "Maintain No Gain" - 11:00 am
November 20	BHA Thanksgiving Luncheon - 11:00 am
November 25	Presentation by Amedisys Hospice on "Bladder Health" - 2:00 pm
November 26	Senior Commodity Distribution
November 28	Thanksgiving Lunch from Cracker Barrel Sponsored by Foundation United Methodist Church - 11:00 am
December 9	Knowledge Nuggets "Vaping" - 2:30 pm
Dec 9, 23	Bingo - 3:00 pm
December 9	Nutrition Class "Gifts from the Kitchen" - 5:30 pm
December 31	Senior Commodity Distribution

Friendship House

November 1	Bingo Sponsored by Home Well Care Services of Bell County - 10:00 am
November 7	Veteran's Day Program - 11:00 am
November 13	Presentation by Amedisys Hospice on "Diabetes" - 11:15 am
November 21	Thanksgiving Luncheon Sponsored by WilsonArt - 11:00 am
December 17	Friendship House Christmas Party - 11:00 am
December 18	Presentation by Amedisys Hospice on "Respiratory Illness Prevention" - 11:15 am
Dec 23 - Jan 1	Friendship House Closed


Other Locations

Nov 7 & Dec 5	Extraco Mobile Banking at Frances Graham Hall - 3:30 pm
November 11	Frances Graham Hall Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
Nov 26 & Dec 31	Senior Commodity Distribution at Rose Hall - 9:30 am to 10:30 am
November 28	Frances Graham Hall Thanksgiving Lunch from Cracker Barrel Sponsored by Foundation United Methodist Church - 11:00 am
Nov 21 & Dec 19	Frances Graham Hall Bingo - 6:00 pm
December 9	Frances Graham Hall Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
Nov 1, 15, 29	Golden Haven Bingo - 6:00 pm
Nov 7 & Dec 5	Extraco Mobile Banking at Golden Haven - 3:00 pm
November 13	Golden Haven presentation by Amedisys Hospice on "Bladder Health" - 1:00 pm
November 13	Golden Haven Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
November 14	Golden Haven Catered Thanksgiving Dinner - 4:00 pm
November 18	Temple Symphony String Quartet in the Dining Room - 1:00 pm
November 19	Golden Haven Senior Moves - Chair Exercises - 9:00 am
November 21	Knowledge Nuggets "Care During Cold & Flu Season" - 12 noon
November 21	Golden Haven Arts & Crafts - 2:00 pm
November 22	Golden Haven Movie Night - 7:00 pm
Nov 26 & Dec 31	Golden Haven Senior Commodity Distribution - 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
November 28	Golden Haven Thanksgiving Lunch from Cracker Barrel Sponsored by Foundation United Methodist Church - 11:00 am
December 11	Golden Haven Association Meeting - 2:00 pm
December 12	Knowledge Nuggets "Be a Better Consumer of Health Information" - 12 noon
December 12	Golden Haven Arts & Crafts - 2:00 pm
Dec 13, 27	Golden Haven Bingo - 6:00 pm
December 17	Golden Haven Senior Moves - Chair Exercises - 9:00 am
December 19	Golden Haven Christmas Party - 4:00 pm
December 20	Golden Haven Movie Night - 7:00 pm
Nov 7, 14, 28	Kyle Bingo - 2:00 pm
November 19	Kyle Thanksgiving Dinner - 4:00 pm
November 21	Knowledge Nuggets "Care During Cold & Flu Season" - 1:00 pm
November 22	Kyle Bingo Sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church - 2:00 pm
Nov 26 & Dec 31	Kyle Senior Commodity Distribution - 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm
November 27	Kyle Senior Moves - Chair Exercises by Amedisys Hospice - 11:00 am
November 28	Kyle Thanksgiving Lunch from Cracker Barrel Sponsored by Foundation United Methodist Church - 11:00 am
December 2	Temple Symphony String Quartet in the Kyle Lobby - 1:00 pm
Dec 5, 12, 19, 26	Kyle Bingo - 2:00 pm
December 12	Knowledge Nuggets "Be a Better Consumer of Health Information" - 1:00 pm
December 13	Kyle Christmas Party Sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church in the Lobby - 2:00 pm
December 5	Door Decorating Forms Deadline - 5:30 pm
December 10	Door Decorating Judging

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

Housing Reminders


Utility Service If you live in a complex where you pay for utility services, you are required to maintain utility services at all times. Residents are **NOT** allowed to use the "Pay as You Go" utility service because this does not meet the requirement for maintaining utilities in accordance with your lease agreement. Violation of your lease agreement could result in termination of the lease contract.



Operating a business on property is not allowed. Conducting any kind of business (including child care services or hair cutting) in your apartment is prohibited - except that any lawful business conducted "at home" by computer, mail, or telephone is permissible if customers, clients, patients, or other business associates do not come to your apartment for business purposes. **Money lending between residents and/or guests is prohibited.**

Maintenance Emergency Definition:

Emergency maintenance is defined as a situation where maintenance must be performed to correct a condition that poses an immediate threat to life, health, safety or property. Examples of valid emergency maintenance requests are flooding in the apartment, gas smell, heater not working, refrigerator not working, or smoke detector alarm going off. Examples of non-emergency maintenance requests: hot water heater not working, toilet is stopped up but there is more than one toilet in the apartment, water leaks (minor leaks such as kitchen sinks, faucets, etc.) Refer to your Emergency Maintenance memorandum for more information on what is considered an emergency. If you require emergency maintenance on weekend, holiday, or other non-business hours, please call 770-8280.




Please ensure we have your current telephone number(s) so we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

Feeding stray animals is prohibited. All members and/or guests of the household must refrain from keeping, maintaining, harboring or boarding any dog, cat, livestock, or pet of any nature unless authorized in writing by your Complex Manager. Individuals found to be in violation of this rule could be held liable as the "owner" of the animal.

Preventing Fires Residents must take reasonable precautions to prevent fires.

Candles or incense cannot be burned on property at any time. No type of open flame is allowed in the apartment. Upon leaving the kitchen with the stove or oven on, take an item like a spoon or hot pad to remind you that something is cooking.



Santa Pal

Beginning Monday, November 4th
 Applications accepted at:
 Temple HELP Center, 604 N. 3rd St.
 Monday - Thursday
 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Applicants to bring:
 ✓ Picture ID
 ✓ Proof of income for last 30 days
 ✓ Current lease agreement
 (children must be on the lease)