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North Loop's "Green" Initiative

North Loop Apartments is receiving an upgrade! The solar panel project is one of three projects HACA was awarded from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). When completed, the "green" grant for energy improvements will include photovoltaic (solar power) systems and thermal water heating systems, energy efficient lighting upgrades, HVAC improvements and replacements, window replacements, replacement of existing chillers, boilers and pumps, and motors at North Loop.

The system consists of 611 total solar panels. All of the panels, inverters, and structures used are made in USA and installed by local firms. The solar panel system cost approximately \$1.4 million, including all solar equipment, steel structures, landscaping, and replacement of original building electrical infrastructure.

The solar panels will save approximately \$15,000 in annual energy cost. The system will produce approximately 140,000 kilowatt hours of

electricity annually, which is equivalent to powering approximately 12 average-sized homes in Austin year-round. (Based on Austin Energy statistics). The site's electrical use will be offset by over 20% of

the pre-retrofit usage level. Additionally, approximately 160,000 pounds of carbon dioxide will be avoided annually. That is the equivalent to the annual greenhouse gas emissions from 14 passenger vehicles, or the equivalent of planting 1,856 tree seedlings grown for ten years.

The carport and field pavilion structures provide shade for the site residents, while the pavilion area provides residents

with a new place to enjoy the surrounding property, including walkways and shaded benches. New sidewalks are permeable concrete which do not affect the watershed. The carports provide shade to resident vehicles, protect them from the outside environment and climate changes.



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The November Board of Commissioners Meeting will be held at the Central Administration Building, 1124 South IH-35, Austin, TX 78704 on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 12:00 p.m.

HACA PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Comment Period and Public Hearings for HACA 2012 FY Agency Plan and 2010-2014 Five-Year Plan

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will have a public comment period for its Annual and Five Year Plans commencing October 24, 2011. There will be a forty-five day public comment period commencing at 8:00 a.m. on October 24, 2011 through 5:00 p.m. on December 14, 2011. All comments should be made in writing and delivered to 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78704 and made to the attention of James Hargrove, President/CEO. Three Public Hearings regarding the draft plans will be held on the following dates/times and locations:

- November 17, 2011 @12:00 p.m.
HACA Central Office: 1124 S. IH-35, 78704
- December 1, 2011 @ 5:30 p.m.
Booker T. Washington Terraces: 905 Bedford, 78702
- December 13, 2011 @ 11:00 a.m.
HACA Central Office: 1124 S. IH-35, 78704

Additionally, the final opportunity to present comments regarding these plans before the Housing Authority of the City of Austin Board of Commissioners will be conducted during the December 15, 2011 Board of Commissioners Meeting. This meeting will commence at 12:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be at the HACA Central Office 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78704. The Board of Commissioners will take action regarding the approval of the plans at this meeting. Copies of the plan are located at the Central Office, management offices or online at www.hacanet.org.

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Caritas of Austin Upcoming Life Skills Classes

Caritas of Austin offers two free class series open at all HACA Public Housing Residents. All Classes are offered in English and Spanish. No registration is required, and all public housing residents will receive a free \$50 gift card for each series they complete (a possible \$100)!

Chalmers Courts- November 2011

My Money, My Life Series / Serie Mi Dinero, Mi Vida

Class / Clase	English	Español
Personal Finances / Finanzas personales	Nov 7, 10am	Nov 14, 10am
Savings / Ahorros	Nov 8 10am	Nov 15, 10am
Avoiding Scams / Estafas	Nov 9, 10am	Nov 16, 10am
Energy Conservation / Ahorro de Energia	Nov 7, 12pm	Nov 14, 12pm
Smart Shopping / Comprador Astuto	Nov 8, 12pm	Nov 15, 12pm

Tools for Wellbeing Series / Serie Herramientas para el Bienestar

Class / Clase	English	Español
Take Charge / Toma el Control	Nov 1, 10am	Nov 21, 10am
Self Esteem / Autoestima	Nov 2, 10am	Nov 22, 10am
Goal Setting / Establecer metas	Nov 3, 10am	Nov 23, 10am
Find a Job / Encuentra un trabajo	Nov 2, 12pm	Nov 22, 12pm
Time Management / Manejo del Tiempo	Nov 3, 12pm	Nov 23, 12pm



Important 2011 Information:

Distribution Day: Saturday, December 10th
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Distribution Site: Palmer Events Center, 900 L
Springs Rd.

Children must be 18 years of age or younger and live in the Central Texas area.

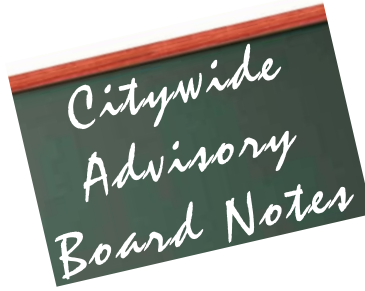
Proof of eligibility will be required on Distribution Day and may include a WIC, CHIP, Lone Star Medicaid, Social Security Income (SSI) Card, TANF MAP card, or proof of enrollment in a Free or Reduced School Lunch Program. Sponsored by the Junior League of Austin www.jlaustin.org

PHAS Inspections Scores

Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) inspects the physical condition of housing sites, as well as, management policies, finance records, and resident satisfaction. The Housing Authority and each resident work together to achieve a high performing score. The scores are listed by AMP number.

CENTRAL LOOP APARTMENTS	99a
WINDY PLACE	99a
WINDY APARTMENTS	99a
WINDY GATE/CORONADO HILLS, & SCATTERED SIGHTS	99a
WINDY MOND HEIGHTS	96b*
WINDY BLDG OAKS	95b
WINDY CENTER T. WASHINGTON TERRACES	97b
WINDY WOOD COURTS	96c
WINDY DOWNBROOK COURTS	92b*
WINDY SANTA RITA COURTS	97b
WINDY WINDMILLERS COURTS	98b
WINDY WINDYMAN MANOR	96c
WINDY DOWNBEND	94c*

*The letter "a" is given if no health and safety deficiencies were observed other than for smoke detectors. The letter "b" is given if there were one or more non-life threatening H&S deficiencies, but no life threatening deficiencies were observed other than for smoke detectors. The letter "c" is given if there were one or more life threatening H&S deficiencies observed.



PLEASE NOTE THE NOVEMBER MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BOULDIN OAKS, LOCATED AT 1203 CUMBERLAND RD., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78704.

Last month's CWAB meeting was held on October 11, 2011 at the Central Office. Jimi Teasdale, Planning and Development Director, discussed resident survey results. Al Lopez, from Economic Growth Business Incubator gave a brief presentation about the business boot camps offered to HACA residents.

Reminder: You must sign the list for transportation at your management office by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Citywide Advisory Board Meeting.



Operation Blue Santa delivers toys and food to thousands of families in need. HACA public housing residents must submit applications through the ROSS Specialist on property or see your property manager for assistance. Please check with your ROSS Specialist for dates and times applications will be accepted.

Applications will not be accepted from HACA residents unless they are submitted by the agency representative.

For more information visit www.bluesanta.org.

Veteran's Day

Friday, November 11, 2011

"This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave." -Elmer Davis



Economic Growth Business Incubator

Have you ever thought about opening your own business?

HACA will be hosting a **Business Start-Up Bootcamp**

at Santa Rita Courts
on December 13, 2011 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

EGBI's Boot Camp is an introductory class that reviews the benefits and challenges of starting a business that supports self-employment.

Please Join Us!

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Our Mission

The **Housing Authority of the City of Austin** is a public agency whose business is to:

- ◆ Ensure that safe, quality affordable housing opportunities exist for families of low income,
- ◆ Break the poverty cycle by serving as a catalyst for our residents to become economically self-sufficient,
- ◆ Create meaningful partnerships to maximize available community resources for our residents,
- ◆ Efficiently and effectively meet federal, state and local mandates

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin will pursue entrepreneurial opportunities to address emerging trends and respond to the challenges of the future.

Important Phone Numbers

HACA Administration	477-4488
24 Hour Resident Hotline	495-1897
Maintenance Work Orders	477-8518
Section 8	477-1314
Fire/Police	911
Non-Emergency Police	311
Poison Center	800-764-7661

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moniqueh@hacanet.org

Or by mail to:
HACA, Attn: Media Relations
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Austin, TX 78762

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