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HACA Resident Scholarship Ceremony Thursday, July 9, 2009

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin, HACA, is pleased to present 62 academic scholarships to residents of the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) and Public Housing Programs.

A total of \$112,500 is being awarded to this year's scholarship recipients who have demonstrated academic and extracurricular achievements and the potential for future success in their studies and careers. The recipients range from newly graduated high school students, to students currently enrolled in post-secondary education, to adults attending college for the first time. Many of the scholarship recipients are related. HACA is awarding scholarships to four sets of mothers and daughters. It is refreshing to witness generations

Over half of the scholarship recipients will be attending Austin Community College. Also, many of the recipients will attend other Central Texas Schools such as the University of Texas, St. Edward's University, Texas State University, Texas A&M University and more.

While many recipients will stay in Texas to obtain their degrees, some students choose to venture out of state to obtain their degree. Andrea plans to attend the University of Southern California. She will study Sociology and Cinema Arts. Her career goal is to produce documentaries concerning the world's social issues. She became interested in this field after her video technology teacher motivated her to combine her love for cinema with her passion to help others. Andrea admires her mother because



Andrea and her mother, Wendy, were both awarded scholarships.

she is a loving person and laughs in the face of hardship. Andrea says, "College is a chance to stand on your own two feet. I will have a chance to meet others from various backgrounds and to make an impact on the world." Wendy, Andrea's mother, currently attends the University of Texas at Austin and is studying to obtain her Master's Degree in Social Work. Her career goal is to travel abroad and practice case management internationally. She says, "I want to be the best in my field. I tell others once you start you have to complete the task."

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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

ONE VOICE Newsletter

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Comments, articles and photographs are welcomed for the
One Voice newsletter. E-mail submissions to Monique Duvall.
moniqued@hacanet.org

Or by mail to:
HACA, Attn: Media Relations
P.O. Box 6159
Austin, TX 78762

All submissions must have a name and phone number to be
considered. Due to space limitations, the editor reserves the right to
reject or edit copy as necessary.



HACA will be closed Friday, July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin sponsored three scholarship recipients at the Austin Area Urban Leagues' 2009 Equal Opportunity Day Banquet. The students were recognized at the banquet's VIP Reception. Janus Pan, Leticia Hogeda, and Ryan Hall all received \$1,500 each to use towards higher education.

HACA partnered with the AAUL and participated in sponsoring the scholarships as part of the agency's vision to dedicate ourselves to creating and sustaining healthy communities that promote individual responsibility, economic growth, human dignity, and hope for the future.



Children present the history of Juneteenth at Santa Rita's Juneteenth celebration.



Youth presenter reads a poem at the Chalmers Courts' Juneteenth celebration.

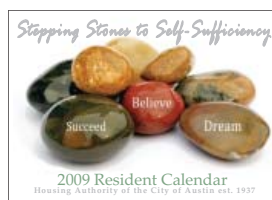
Juneteenth Rewind

Many of the public housing communities held Juneteenth celebrations at the properties. Booker T. Washington, in Community 1, partnered with Austin Free-Net and the Texploration Program to allow children to express their knowledge of Juneteenth through digital slideshows.

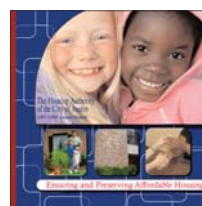
Community 2 featured presentations from various guest speakers, as well as youth presentations about the history of Juneteenth. Community 3, combined their Juneteenth celebrations with their Resident Council/AROW meetings and invited HACA APD Liaison, Hank Moreno, to speak to the audiences. Community 4, held "Freedom Festivals" in memory of the emancipation of the slaves in Texas. All of the celebrations successfully combined the history behind Juneteenth with the spirit of community and union of residents of all races and ages.

Southwest NAHRO Awards

The Southwest Regional Council of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials' Annual Awards results were recently announced. SW NAHRO consists of seven states: New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Louisiana.



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2009 Calendar



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Operation Strike Out
KTBC FOX 7 News



MAINTENANCE PERSON
OF THE YEAR
Curtis Neff

BEST PUBLICATION
HACA Resident
Scholarship Program
Booklet

Considering purchasing a home? Visit EXPO TU CASA 2009

EXPO TU CASA 2009, is designed to respond to the needs of local families by providing honest and accurate home buying information. EXPO TU CASA 2009 will feature realtors, home builders, home improvement companies, insurance agents, bank mortgage and title companies from Austin and the surrounding areas. This event is free and open to all the members of the community, providing valuable information in both English and Spanish.

4th Annual EXPO TU CASA
Saturday, July 25th
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel
6121 North IH-35
Austin, TX 78752

For more information contact Sahabel Porto at (512) 947-5979 or sahabel@elmundonewspaper.com

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Public Comment Period and Public Hearings for Revisions to the HACA 2009 Public Housing Authority Annual Plan

The Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) will have a public comment period for revisions made to its FY 2009 Annual Plan regarding the admissions and continued occupancy to the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs and the disposition of a public housing property. The public comment period will commence on June 23, 2009, at 8:00 a.m. and close on August 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed revised plan may be reviewed online at www.hacanet.org or at the HACA Central Office located at 1124 S. IH-35 Austin, TX 78704 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All written comments regarding the revisions should be sent or hand delivered to 1124 S. IH-35 Austin, TX 78704. There will be three public hearings regarding the revisions to the plan: July 14, 2009 at the HACA Central Office at 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and August 20, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. at the HACA Central Office. HACA is committed to compliance with the American Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call 477-4488, ext. 2112 for assistance.

Independence Day—July 4th



Independence Day honors the birthday of the United States of America and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. It's a day of picnics and patriotic parades, a night of concerts and fireworks, and a chance to fly the American flag.

The H-E-B Austin Symphony July 4th Concert & Fireworks will be held at Auditorium Shores at The Long Center. The event is free and open to the public. Fireworks will be shot over Lady Bird Lake. The orchestra will begin playing at 8:30 p.m. and fireworks start at 9:30 p.m., lasting through 10:00 p.m.

Remember fireworks are not allowed at HACA properties. Fireworks are also not permitted to be set off inside the city limits.

HACA

Property Improvements

The Planning and Development team is dedicated to making the Housing Authority of the City of Austin a place residents are proud to call home. The following are improvements that are either currently under way or are scheduled for the near future:

- **Roofing Replacements—Thurmond & Bouldin Oaks**—Combining two re-roof projects for both developments for expediency and better pricing. Bids opened May 15, 2009 and were approved at the June board meeting.
- **Interior Unit Renovations, Phase II—Booker T. Washington**—Interior renovations to approximately 200 units of the site now planned and will be completed with the 2009 ARRA CFCP. Work scope identical to Phase I, but with pier and beam foundation repairs, as necessary. Currently in solicitation with bid open date—May 29, 2009.
- **Parking Lot Repairs—Northgate**—Re-Bid of parking lot repairs, with altered scope, to arrive at a more comprehensive and affordable repair method for the resurfacing of an entire parking and drive area with curb cuts for accessibility and restriping of all spaces. **Complete.**
- **Exterior Site Grading, Erosion Controls and Retaining Walls—Booker T. Washington**—Large scale project to remove excess soils, regrade site areas for proper drainage, repair sidewalk areas, and replace retaining walls on the site. Currently underway with completion in approximately 60 days.

Citywide Advisory Board Notes

The next meeting is July 14, 2009 at 9:30 am

Last month's Citywide Advisory Board meeting was held June 9, 2009 at the Central Office.

The upcoming Resident Council Training is July 1, 2009. Resident Council Satisfaction Surveys were distributed to obtain the specific topics needed to be addressed in the upcoming training. Fifty surveys were returned in response.

Jimi Teasdale addressed the audience about the possible disposition of the Rio Lado Apartments.

Transportation is provided.

Call at least one day in advance.

North properties call Mary Gonzales at 589-7451. South properties call Angie Cortez at 589-7985.

Energy Conservation Tips

by Energy Manager
James Bean

Don't set your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It will not cool your home any faster and could result in excessive cooling and, therefore, unnecessary expense. Consider using an interior fan in conjunction with your window air conditioner to spread the cooled air more effectively through your home without greatly increasing your power use.