

# ONE VOICE

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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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## Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

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## 2011 Year in Review

### Renovations



### Scholarships



### Youth



HACA has made great strides in the past years and continued to do so in 2011. The following presents a comprehensive review of the most significant events of the past year.

- Homeownership:** In its seventh year of providing services, the Homeownership/Down Payment Assistance program has helped 6 families closed on their own homes. A total of 78 families have entered into homeownership throughout the duration of the program.
- Family Self-Sufficiency:** 24 residents made positive strides and achieved financial independence by graduating from HACA's Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
- Major Property Improvements:** North Loop Apartments' 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.

- Grants/Vouchers:** a. Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency (ROSS) Grant b. Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program Grant. c. Your Educational Success (Y.E.S.) to College Program Grant d. Family Unification Program Vouchers e. Capital Fund Program Grant f. Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Vouchers

- Scholarships:** The scholarship amount totaled to \$108,500 and was awarded to 54 residents of the Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Programs.

- Youth Educational Success:** 122 students were eligible to participate in the trip to Main Event to reward the students who maintained A/B Honor Roll and/or Perfect Attendance all year.

- Recognition:** a. Texas National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (TXNAHRO) Best Newsletter, Best Annual Report, and Best Resident Calendar.

- b. Austin Business Journal's Best Places to Work.

**HACA offices will be closed Monday, January 16, 2012 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.**

The January Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be held at Booker T. Washington Terraces, 905 Bedford Avenue, Austin, TX 78702 on January 12, 2012 at 12:00 pm.

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“Bikes for Kids” donated three bikes to a family nominated by FSS Coordinator, Jean Liburd.

Jean Liburd, HACA FSS Coordinator, nominated three siblings for the Mix 94.7’s Bikes For Kids Program. When she received the call that the nomination was accepted, it was of great joy to her because Jean thought of the look on the kids faces when they would receive their bikes on Christmas day. Jean says, “When I was growing up, we had one bike for six kids, but that one bike brought us closer together.” The mother of the kids Jean nominated is currently living in public housing. She is a full time student at Texas State University where she is working hard towards her educational and personal goals. Any extra money she receives goes towards her text books and transportation to and from school. She did not have any extra money to buy the kids Christmas presents. Jean says, “These kids would benefit greatly by receiving bikes, which will allow them to do activities away from home as a family.”

## 2012 Scholarships Available to HACA Residents

*If returning to school this year was your New Year’s Resolution, it is time to start thinking about how you will fund your education.*

*Scholarships are a great way to pay for college. The money can be used towards tuition, books and school supplies.*

*HACA residents who are graduating high school seniors as well as returning students are eligible to apply.*

*In 2011, HACA awarded \$108,500 to 54 residents of the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Programs. Don’t delay-this could be you in 2012!*

Visit <http://www.hacanet.org/services/scholarships.php> for more information and instructions on how to apply!

### 2012 Scholarships with approximate HACA deadlines:

PHADA Scholarship	January 25
Texas NAHRO Scholarship	February 18
Southwest NAHRO Scholarship	March 9
HACA Resident Scholarship	March 9
HAIG Scholarship	TBA

## 2012 Summer Youth Employment Program

The Work-Based Learning Program/Summer Youth Employment (WBLP/SYE) is a joint venture between the City of Austin and Travis County Health & Human Services Department.

### Who Can Participate:

- Youth between the ages of 14 to 17 (14 to 22 for youth with disabilities)
- (must be 14 years of age no later than April 1, 2012)
- Youth must reside in the City of Austin and/or Travis County
- Youth must attend school in the City of Austin and/or Travis County

### Requirements:

- Complete 15 hours of job-readiness training
- Valid Student ID or report card for the current school year
- Social Security Card
- Must commit to a 5-week work session during the 2012 summer program

**To register your child, please call 512-854-4590.**

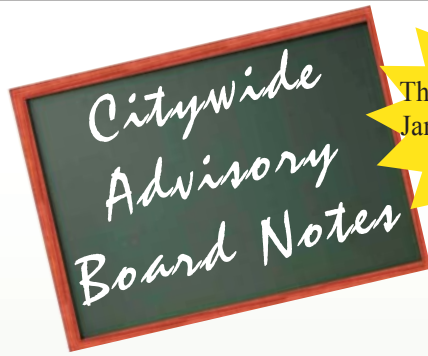
**Registration begins on January 3, 2012.**

# 2012 Board Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2012	Booker T. Washington Terraces 905 Bedford 78702
February 9, 2012*	Central Office
Friday, March 2, 2012*	Central Office
April 19, 2012	Sweet Water Apartments 2323 Wells Branch Parkway 78728
May 17, 2012	Central Office
June 21, 2012	Central Office
July 19, 2012	Santa Rita Courts 2341 Corta St. 78702
August 16, 2012	Central Office
September 20, 2012	Central Office
October 18, 2012	Thurmond Heights 8426 Goldfinch Court 78758
November 15, 2012	Central Office
December 20, 2012	Central Office

The board meetings are held at the HACA Central Office, 1124 South IH-35 78704, on the third Thursday of each month, at 12:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The HACA Board of Commissioners reserves the right to change meeting dates and times to ensure a quorum and to meet deadlines.

- \* Changed due to board request
- \* Annual Meeting



The next meeting is  
January 10, 2012 at  
10:00 am

Last month's Citywide Advisory Board meeting was held December 13, 2011 at Chalmers Courts.

Jimi Teasdale, Planning and Development Director, discussed property updates and received positive feedback from residents at Thurmond Heights and North Loop. Angela Castilleja, Workforce Development Manager, announced that Walgreens offered to partner with HACA and provide free flu shots to residents.

NEW! 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.

- It is time to conduct HACA's twice annual **Senior Home Visits**. Our Resident Specialists will begin visiting our residents who are 62 years of age and older at the Family Sites and residents who are 70 years of age and older at the Senior Sites. The deadline to complete these visits is January 31, 2012. This is a great opportunity for residents and specialists to visit about concerns or receive referrals to services and programs in the community if needed.

## Energy Conservation Tips

by Energy Manager James Bean



Management offices will be distributing the 2012 Resident Calendar in January.

### Air Leaks

First, test your home for air tightness. On a windy day, hold a lit incense stick next to your windows, doors, electrical boxes, plumbing fixtures, electrical outlets, ceiling fixtures, attic hatches, and other locations where there is a possible air path to the outside. If the smoke stream travels horizontally, you have located an air leak that may need caulking, sealing, or weather-stripping.

## 2012 Citywide Advisory Board Schedule

The CWAB meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, at 10:00 a.m.

January 10, 2012	Thurmond Heights
February 14, 2012	Santa Rita
March 13, 2012	Georgian Manor
April 10, 2012	Lakeside
May 8, 2012	Meadowbrook
June 12, 2012	Gaston
July 10, 2012	Shadowbend
August	No Meeting
September 11, 2012	Rosewood/Salina
October 9, 2012	North Loop
November 13, 2012	Chalmers Courts
December 11, 2012	Central Office

# HACA Property Improvements

- Site Fencing—**Meadowbrook**— Working with managment team to identify areas of need and develop repair or replacement approaches to various fencing styles on property.
- Walkway, Stair and Handrail Repairs—**Gaston**— Demolishing existing concrete walkways on 2nd and 3rd exterior floors, with all new stair stringers, steps, and railings on all walkways.
- Interior Renovations—**Coronado Hills**—Kitchen & Bath renovation for another round of 10 Units' Kitchen and Bathroom renovations.