

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
Resident Call Center	(888) 842-4484
Maintenance Work Orders	(512) 477-8518
Section 8/Housing Choice	(512) 477-1314
Fire/Police	911
Non-Emergency Police	311
Poison Center	(800) 222-1222
Quit Smoking	(877) 937-7848

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OUR MISSION & VISION

To cultivate sustainable affordable housing communities and partnerships that inspire self-reliance, growth and optimism. We envision neighborhoods where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and safe, and all people can achieve their full potential.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Rent due Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	2	3 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	4	5	6
7	8 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	9	10 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	11 Resident Council Gaston 1:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Resident Council Thurmond 1 p.m. Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	16 Resident Council BTW 11:30 a.m.	17 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	18	19 Resident Council 11:30 a.m. Georgian 3 p.m. Santa Rita	20
21	22 Resident Council Meadowbrook 1:30 p.m. Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	23	24 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ Lakeside	25 Resident Council Shadowbend, Manchaca, Man. Village, Goodrich Rosewood/Salina 11 a.m.	26	27
28	29 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop					

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2016 Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted

Funding your education is not as difficult as you may think. HACA offers several resources available exclusively for public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) residents:

TX NAHRO: for resident high school seniors only. The Texas NAHRO scholarship application must be completed online. Follow the instructions concerning the application, essay and letters of reference. The HACA deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 8. Find the application at: <http://www.txnahro.org/Scholarship/Applicationoverview.html>. The Local Public Housing Certification form must be completed and submitted to HACA by 5 p.m. Feb. 8. Mail or deliver the Local Public Housing Certification form to: HACA at 1124 S. IH – 35 Austin, TX 78704, Attn: TX NAHRO Scholarship.

Southwest NAHRO: Visit www.swnahro.org/scholarshipinfo.html for more information. The HACA deadline is 5 p.m. Feb. 22.

HACA Austin Pathways Resident Scholarship: The application deadline is 5 p.m. March 11. Submit your application directly to HACA by the deadline. Deliver or mail to: 1124 South IH-35, Austin, TX 78704

Housing Authority Insurance (HAI) Group: The resident scholarship sponsored by HAI is done as a drawing, and only one entry per person is allowed. The drawing is done in mid-May, and funds are distributed prior to mid-August. Visit <https://haigroup.starsscholarshipsonline.com/STARS/default.aspx>, select 'Sign Up' to create an account, then answer the questions, and attach the required documentation.

Residents without Internet may call (800) 873-0242 ext.



Since 2001, nearly \$1 million in scholarships have been awarded to more than 300 low-income students, including Ruth Ross (back center).

639 or email scholarship@housingcenter.com for a paper application that can be mailed to the HAI Group office. Transcripts must be uploaded to the website or included with the mailed application to be considered. Transcripts sent separately will not be considered. Submit your entry by 11:59 p.m. EDT April 30.

For more information about these scholarships, contact Barbara Jackson, Youth Educational Success Manager/ROSS Service Coordinator, at (512) 767-7824.

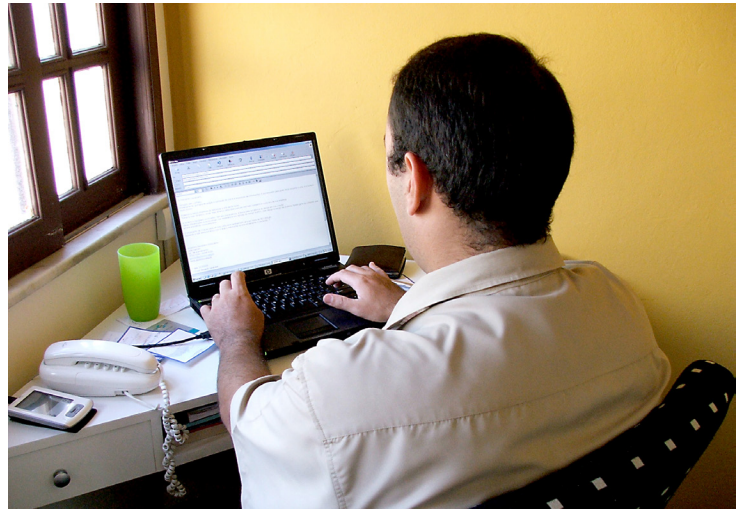
Start or Grow Your Business With Emerging Enterprises Training

HACA and the Economic Growth Business Incubator (EGBI) want to show you how to be successful in starting your own business.

The housing authority and EGBI will present the Emerging Enterprises Training Program from 6 to 8 p.m. every Monday and Thursday Feb. 25-April 4 at 1144 Airport Blvd., Suite 260.

The first module will focus on business finances, accounting and taxes. Topics include: personal finances, a business plan, business organization (legal), insurance, budgeting, accounting and taxes, and small business banking and financing.

Attendees will receive high-quality small business focused entrepreneurial training, free unlimited business coaching, free Chamber of Commerce membership, and access to a network of professionals you can trust.



There are an estimated 28 million small businesses in the U.S., according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The program is free for HACA residents. For more information or to register, visit www.egbi.org or call (512) 928-2594.

Day of Code Unlocks the Mystery of Computer Programs

A total of 36 young HACA residents participated in a Day of Code hosted by Skillpoint Alliance at Manchaca Village and Shadowbend last month.

During the Day of Code, children of all ages, who live at each of the properties, were given the chance to learn the basic principles of computer science. Participants were given access to hands-on computer coding programs like Scratch, as well as laptops, tablets and other digital equipment.

Computer science helps nurture problem-solving skills, logic and creativity, according to Skillpoint Alliance. Students who start early build a foundation for success in any 21st-century career path.

The event was part of Unlocking the Connection, the housing authority's digital inclusion initiative aimed at connecting all public housing residents to affordable Internet, computer training and devices.



Girls Leading Girls Through Tech


Latinitas will present Girls Leading Girls Through Tech from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday from Feb. 6 to March 19 at Meadowbrook Apartments. The group, sponsored by the National Center for Women and Information Technology, will include girls in grades 7 and older. Participants will learn about video games and creating apps, as well as how to create animation and 3-D storytelling. Lunch will be provided. For more information, visit www.latinitasmagazine.org or call (512) 900-0304.



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empowering young latinas through media and technology

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**Every 3rd Saturday
JANUARY-JUNE**

- 1/16-Through the Lens: Art of Photography
- 2/20-Music Video Creation
- 3/19-Music TV: Music & Reporting
- 4/16-Photo PSA: Using Media to Change the World
- 5/21-Tech Family: College & Career Readiness Using Tech Tools
- 6/17-Hay un App Para Eso: Create an original Smartphone APP

**Bouldin Oaks Apts
Community Space
2:00-2:30pm**

**FREE & FUN
FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY!**

**Meadowbrook
Apts
Henry Flores
Center
12:00-1:30pm**



Learn Excel Basics For Free

The Economic Growth Business Incubator will offer a free Microsoft Office Excel Basics Class from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 24 at 1144 Airport Blvd., Suite 260. The purpose of the class is to help small business owners use Excel software to keep more efficient records. Attendees will learn how to create and format spreadsheets, analyze and share information, and use the data to make more informed decisions. To register, visit <http://egbiexcel.eventbrite.com> or call (512) 928-2594.



ATX Youth Summit 2016

The Women in Jazz Association Inc. will host the ATX Teen Summit 2016 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 15 at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina St. The purpose of the free summit is to provide a learning experience for Austin youth between the ages of 8 and 18 by having them participate in health and fitness activities, the visual arts and dance. For more info. or to register by Feb. 14, visit www.atxyouthsummit2016.eventbrite.com or www.womeninjazz.org or call (512) 258-6947.

GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2601, and leave a message with your name, phone number, property name and unit number. Mention the key phrase, "I love HACA." The first 15 callers will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to public housing residents.