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 Resident Call Center (888) 842-4484
 Maintenance Work Orders (512) 477-8518
 Section 8/Housing Choice (512) 477-1314
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 Poison Center (800) 222-1222
 Quit Smoking (877) 937-7848
 RAD Hotline (844) HACA-RAD

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Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Rent due
2	3 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Bouldin	4 Independence Day - HACA Closed Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Coronado	5	6	7 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita HACA Austin Pathways Scholarship Ceremony 1 p.m. @ BTW	8
9	10 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Lakeside 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	11 Citywide 10 a.m.	12 RAD Meeting 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop	13 RAD Meeting 4 & 5:30 p.m. @ Thurmond Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	14	15
16	17 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	18 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	19	20 Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Chalmers 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina	21	22
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DON'T LET THE BEDBUGS BITE: TIPS FOR KEEPING YOUR HOME PEST FREE

Bedbugs are tough to control. They hide in many places — in beds, closets, furniture, behind pictures, and in tiny cracks in the wall or ceiling. That's why it is important to take steps to prevent bedbugs before they become a problem.

Follow these tips to keep bedbugs away:

- Do not pick up used furniture, clothing or bedding off of the curb
- Organize and reduce unnecessary clutter
- Seal up boxes
- Do not store items under the bed
- Heavy traffic of people and items coming into your home increases your chances of getting bedbugs
- Deep clean your home on a regular basis
- Inspect anything you bring into your home for bedbugs or signs of bedbugs
- When visiting public places like schools and clinics, and riding public transportation, be aware of your surroundings

Bedbugs are flat, oval, reddish brown and about the size of an apple seed. These insects usually feed at night and are attracted to body heat and the air people exhale.



Bedbugs travel from place to place in clothing and personal belongings. Although they're not known to spread disease, their bites can be very uncomfortable.

The earlier bedbugs are discovered, the easier they are to treat. If you suspect you have bedbugs, don't suffer in silence! Tell your property manager immediately. HACA will work with you to schedule pest control treatments.

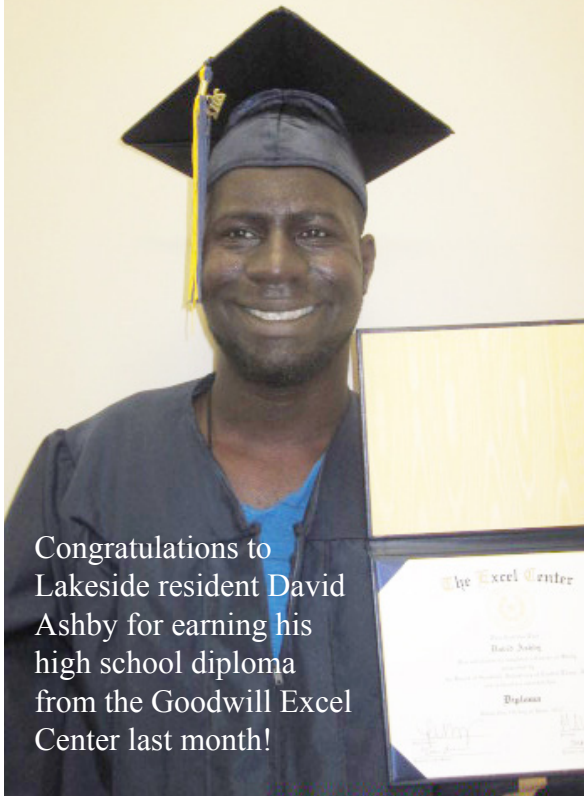
Before a pest technician comes to your home, strip your beds, remove everything from bedroom and hall closets, wash all clothing, towels and linens, and vacuum your apartment. Keep your family and your pets out of the apartment for at least two hours after treatment. Check with your pest control technician for the exact time you can safely return.

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.

CLASS OF 2017

Resident earns diploma at age 30



Congratulations to Lakeside resident David Ashby for earning his high school diploma from the Goodwill Excel Center last month!

CITYWIDE LEADERS DISCUSS STRATEGY

All HACA public housing communities were represented during the inaugural Citywide Strategic Planning Session last month at the HACA Central Office.

The meeting was organized and facilitated in part by HACA's Community Development staff. Resident leaders discussed topics including safety, resident engagement, and connection to essential community resources.



HACA TO AWARD \$80,000 IN RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIPS THIS MONTH



Ashley Wall (pictured at right with Jobs Plus ATX Lead Career Coordinator Tiffany Middleton) is a previous scholarship recipient. Ashley will be honored again this year. She is a small business owner currently pursuing a photography degree from Austin Community College.

HACA and its nonprofit subsidiary, Austin Pathways on July 7 will kick off the agency's 80th anniversary by awarding 43 renewable scholarships totaling \$80,000 to residents of its public housing and Housing Choice Voucher programs at its 17th Annual HACA Austin Pathways Scholarship Ceremony.

Scholarship recipients range from newly graduated high school students to returning adult students and those attending college for the first time. Santa Rita resident Ndabitezimana "Sophie" Asifiwe represents nearly half of the awardees. She is the first generation in her family to attend college. Asifiwe will start at the Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas in the fall, and aspires to become a nurse.

Austin Pathways oversees and manages an endowment for HACA resident scholarships that originated with seed funding from HACA's nonprofit, revenue generating subsidiaries — Southwest Housing Compliance Corporation and Austin Affordable Housing Corporation. Annual fundraising through donations and grants allows Austin Pathways to continue to provide resident scholarships.

The Family Self-Sufficiency waiting list is now open! Contact an FSS Coordinator today! (512) 767-7659.

TEXAS CAPITAL BANK SHOWS HACA'S JOBS PLUS ATX THE MONEY

Jobs Plus ATX recently received a \$10,000 grant from Texas Capital Bank that will bring money management training to program participants at Chalmers Courts and Booker T. Washington Terraces.

For many Jobs Plus participants, this may be the first time they will have access to discretionary funds, but with limited background on how to manage their money to facilitate and promote self-sufficiency.

The grant will be used to contract with local organizations like EGBI to give residents access to onsite



tailored financial literacy services including credit counseling, debt reduction and money management during flexible hours.

Funds will also be used to purchase

financial literacy software for Booker T. Washington Terraces and Chalmers Courts computer labs, offering residents the ability to continuously refresh their financial literacy skills and learning.

PUBLIC COMMENT, HEARINGS FOR PHA PLAN REVISIONS: ROUND 2

HACA will have a public comment period for a revision to the 2017 Annual Plan to include revisions to the Violence Against Women Act and other policies that govern Eligibility, Selection and Admissions to both programs. There will be a 45-day public comment period beginning 8 a.m. June 23 through 5 p.m. Aug. 7. All comments should be made in writing and delivered to 1124 S. IH-35 Austin, TX 78704, and made to the attention of Michael Gerber, President/CEO.

Public Hearings to present comments regarding the draft annual plan and the proposed revisions to both policies

will be conducted as follows: 10 a.m. July 11 at Salina Apartments (Citywide Advisory Board Meeting) 1143 Salina St. The HACA Board of Commissioners will vote on the adoption of the revision to the 2017 PHA Annual Plan at noon July 17 at the HACA Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35. A forum will be available during Citizens Communication to voice your concerns.

Copies of the revision to the 2017 PHA Annual Plan are available for review and inspection at the HACA Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35 or at www.hacanet.org.

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. Say the key phrase: "BEAT THE HEAT." The first 15 callers could win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents.