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FORMER RESIDENT THRIVING AFTER PARTICIPATING IN JOBS PLUS ATX

With the help of Jobs Plus ATX, former HACA resident Sonia Segura reached her self-sufficiency goals while also encouraging her neighbors to be successful.

Sonia, 18, has moved out of Booker T. Washington Terraces, and is now renting in the private market. She has also opened a checking account and is working on building her credit.

“Jobs Plus has helped me with seeking employment while in their program and I just got recently hired at the Fairmont Hotel and started attending Austin Community College,” Sonia said. “I would encourage others to go through the Jobs Plus Program because everyone is very friendly and they give you the resources you need to succeed.”

Sonia graduated from Eastside Memorial High School and participated in HACA’s Summer Youth Employment program, assisting Austin City Council Member Sabino “Pio” Renteria with the Tejano Trails project.

She also completed Pathway to Careers, an Austin Area Urban League program that consists of professional development, Microsoft Office skills and job readiness training.

Jobs Plus ATX Career Coach Nancy Garcia first met Sonia about a year ago when she was sitting on a bench outside of the BTW Community Room after school.

Sonia was shy and quiet, but Nancy and the Jobs Plus ATX team recognized Sonia’s potential, and asked her if she would be interested in volunteering for an incentive event called Spring Bling.



Sonia now lives in her own market-rate student apartment in Austin.

“Sonia has always been committed to serve her community,” Nancy said. “She has really blossomed over the past 12 months, and has shown a true passion for helping others at BTW and Chalmers Courts.”

Sonia later accepted Nancy’s invitation to become a Jobs Plus ATX Community Liaison. She even got the opportunity to attend a Jobs Plus conference in Washington, D.C.

Jobs Plus ATX is a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program designed to completely immerse public housing residents at BTW and Chalmers Courts with the knowledge and tools they need to work their way toward long-term employment and self-sufficiency.

If you’re a BTW or Chalmers Courts resident, and would like to learn more about Jobs Plus ATX, visit the Jobs Plus ATX website at www.jobsplusatx.org or call (512) 477-4488 ext. 3415.

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.



GREAT JOB AAUL GRADS!

Congratulations to a special group of Booker T. Washington and Chalmers Courts residents who recently graduated from a nine-week job readiness course with HACA's longtime community partner, the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL). The AAUL also contracts with the Austin housing authority to provide public and subsidized housing residents with other services including case management, skills training, and job placement under the new HACA Workforce Continuum. Learn more about AAUL at <http://aaul.org>.

HACA RESIDENTS VISIT CITY HALL

Austin Mayor Steve Adler last month welcomed Chalmers Courts residents to City Hall. (From left) Chalmers Courts residents Maria Ramirez, Mary Apostolou and Nancy Lange accompanied Resident Protection Manager Julie Parlato and other HACA staff to the Oct. 12 City Council Meeting to discuss the importance of RAD improvements at Chalmers Courts. Learn more about how RAD is bringing protections, improvements, and choice to HACA residents at www.hacarad.org.



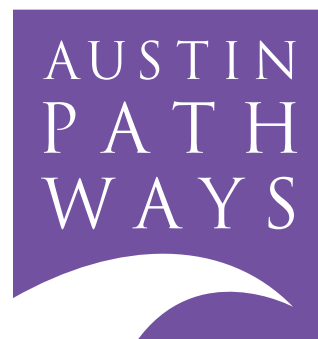
BLUE SANTA IS COMING UP

There are only about 50 days until Christmas. That means Blue Santa is right around the corner! All HACA residents are encouraged to register for Blue Santa with a HACA staff member on the dates designated for your property. Duplicate registrations can result in deletion from the program. Look for flyers on your property with Blue Santa dates and times! Contact your property manager for more info.



BECOME A TECH LAB APPRENTICE

HACA needs 15 residents to serve in the Lab Apprenticeship Program (LAP). Computer lab apprentices assist residents to help their neighbors enjoy technology and computers, while advancing their own tech careers. LAP members receive a \$200 or \$250 stipend per month, based on experience. All interested residents should apply by Dec. 22 at <http://tinyurl.com/yctm4lnw>. For more information, call Claudia Conner at (512) 477-4488 ext. 3406 or email claudiac@hacanet.org.



The road to success.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: DRAFT '18 PHA ANNUAL PLAN

HACA will have a 45-day public comment period for its Draft 2018 Annual Plan now through 5 p.m. Dec. 4. Comments should be made in writing and delivered to 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX, 78704 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 as follows:

- 10 a.m. Nov. 14 at Georgian Manor (Citywide Advisory Board Meeting), 110 Bolles Circle
- Noon Nov. 17 at HACA's Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35
- 5:30 p.m. Nov. 28 at the Henry Flores Education and Training Center (adjacent to Meadowbrook), 1201 W. Live Oak

The HACA Board of Commissioners will vote on the adoption of the 2018 PHA Annual Plan at noon Dec. 21 at the HACA Central Office. A forum will be available during Citizens Communication to voice your concerns.

Copies of the Draft 2018 PHA Annual Plan are available for review and inspection at the HACA Central Office or at www.hacanet.org.

HACA is committed to compliance with the American Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request at (512) 477-4488 ext. 2112.

PERIODO DE COMENTARIO PARA EL 2018 FY PLAN ANUAL DE HACA

HACA tendrá un periodo de comentarios públicos para el Plan comenzando el 20 de Octubre. Habrá 45 días de periodo de comentarios públicos comenzando ahora hasta las 5 p.m. del 4 de Diciembre. Todos los comentarios deben ser hechos por escrito y entregados en 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78704 y hechos a la atención de Michael Gerber, Presidente/CEO. Tres audiencias públicas relacionadas al plan de anteproyecto serán sostenidas en las siguientes fechas, horarios y lugares:

- 10 a.m. 14 de Noviembre Georgian Manor (reunión de Citywide Advisory Board) 110 Bolles Circle
- 12 p.m. 17 de Noviembre, Oficina Central de HACA, 1124 S. IH-35 78704
- 5:30 p.m. 28 de Noviembre, Flores Education and Training Center (adyacentes a Meadowbrook), 1201 W. Live Oak

Adicionalmente, la oportunidad final para presentar comentarios en relación a eso plan ante el Consejo de Comisarios de la Autoridad de la Vivienda de la Ciudad de Austin será conducida durante la Reunión del Consejo de Comisarios el 21 de Diciembre. Esta reunión comenzara a las 12:00 p.m. El lugar de la reunión será Oficina Central de HACA. El Consejo de Comisarios tomara acción en lo relacionado a la aprobación del plan en esta reunión. Las copias del plan se encuentran en la Oficina Central o en www.hacanet.org. Para más información o la ayuda, la llamada (512) 477-4488 ext. 2112.

BADGERDOG CREATIVE WRITING GROUP PRESENTS PUBLISHED WORK



Badgerdog Creative Writing partners with HACA to bring workshops to residents at our Lakeside, North Loop and Gaston Place communities.

Our resident authors recently got together to celebrate the release of a printed collection of work that contains writings that are beautiful, powerful, moving and funny.

Participants in the writing classes were given the opportunity to submit up to three items for the collection. Each author was given three copies of the publication to share with friends and family.

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 word: "TURKEY." The first 15 callers could win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents.

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
 RAD Hotline (844) HACA-RAD

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All submissions must include a name and phone number to be considered. Copy may be edited because of space limitations.



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

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | | | 1 Rent due | 2 | 3 Resident Council: 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita Courts | 4 |
| 5 | 6 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin | 7 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Coronado | 8 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 2 p.m. @ Lakeside | 9 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston | 10 HACA Closed | 11 Veteran's Day |
| 12 | 13 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook | 14 Citywide 10 a.m. | 15 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop | 16 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Chalmers 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina | 17 Resident Council 3 p.m. @ Santa Rita | 18 |
| 19 | 20 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond | 21 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW | 22 | 23 Thanksgiving HACA Closed | 24 HACA Closed | 25 |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Resident Council: 11 a.m. @ Goodrich 1:30 p.m. @ Man. 11 1:30 p.m. @ Man. Village 1:30 p.m. @ Shadowbend | | |