

ONE VOICE

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Residents Victorious at TDHCA Meeting

More than 50 public housing residents attended a Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) board meeting in Downtown Austin to speak up for HACA. HACA went before TDHCA to ensure the agency received enough tax credits to make much-needed improvements to its public housing properties through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD). These improvements, which include garbage disposals, ceiling fans and washer dryers, will also improve quality of life for HACA's public housing residents. Residents made signs in English and in Spanish that read, "Public Housing Residents Deserve Full Funding Credit Too." Several also prepared speeches. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who helped make this meeting's outcome a unanimous success!

Stand Up for Your Rights!
Public Housing Residents
Deserve Full Tax Credit
Funding too!

Join HACA in keeping full tax credit funding for affordable housing.

Join HACA at 8:45 a.m. Nov. 10
John H. Reagan Building, 140 W. 15th St.
This funding will improve your property!

HACA will provide transportation if you need it. Sign up in the property office or with a Resident Council Board Member! Questions/Preguntas? Call Julie Parlato at (512) 767-7735.

Public Comment Period and Public Hearings for Draft PHA Plan

HACA will have a public comment period for its Draft 2017 Annual Plan. There will be a 45-day public comment period commencing now through 5 p.m. Dec. 8. 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.

The HACA Board of Commissioners will vote on the adoption of the 2017 Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan at noon Dec. 15 at the HACA Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35. A forum will be available during citizens communication to voice your concerns. Public Hearings to present comments regarding the draft annual plan and the proposed revisions to both policies will be conducted as follows:

- Nov. 8: 10 a.m., Coronado Hills Dr., 1438 Coronado Hills (Citywide Advisory Board Meeting)
- Nov. 17: 12:30 p.m., HACA Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35
- Dec. 6: 5:30 p.m., Henry Flores Education and Training Center, 1201 W. Live Oak (adjacent to Meadowbrook)

Copies of the Draft 2017 PHA Annual Plan are available for review at the HACA Central Office, or an electronic version is available 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. Call (512) 477-4488 ext. 2112 for assistance.

Periodo de Comentario y Audiencia Pública para el Plan Anual

Periodo de Comentario y Audiencia Pública para el 2017 FY Plan Anual de Agencia HACA La Autoridad de la Vivienda de la Ciudad de Austin (HACA) tendrá un periodo de comentarios públicos para el Plan comenzando el 24 de Octubre de 2016. Habrá 45 días de periodo de comentarios públicos comenzando a las 8:00 a.m. del 28 de Octubre de 2016 hasta las 5:00 p.m. del 8 de Diciembre de 2016. 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:

- Noviembre 8: 10:00 a.m., Coronado Hills, 1438 Coronado Hills Dr. (reunión de Citywide Advisory Board)
- Noviembre 17: 12:00 p.m., Oficina Central de HACA, 1124 S. IH-35
- Diciembre 6: 5:30 p.m., Henry Flores Education and Training Center, 1201 W. Live Oak (adyacentes a Meadowbrook)

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 15 de Diciembre de 2016. Esta reunión comenzara a las 12:00 p.m. El lugar de la reunión será Oficina Central de HACA localizado en 1124 S. IH-35 Austin, TX 78704. 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 línea en www.hacanet.org. Para más información o la ayuda, la llamada (512) 477-4488 ext 2112.

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 your favorite holiday movie. The first 15 callers will be entered into a drawing to win one of 10 gift cards. Contest open only to public housing residents.

Jobs Plus ATX: Moving Forward Together



The Jobs Plus (or Jobs Plus ATX) program at Booker T. Washington and Chalmers Courts has a new look and a new employee.

BTW and Chalmers residents have branded Jobs Plus ATX with a colorful design depicting the Austin skyline and the tagline, "Moving Forward Together."

Chalmers resident Herman Garcia recently joined the program as a community liaison. Herman, 18, is a college student, and has signed up with HACA partners Austin Community College and Capital Idea.

Community Liaisons like Garcia have been encouraging their neighbors to join Jobs Plus and take advantage of services including training, job placement, education, and incentives for earning and keeping a job.

For more information about Jobs Plus, contact Murphy Roland (BTW) at (512) 621-3105 or murphyroland@hacanet.org; or Tiffany Middleton (Chalmers) at (512) 767-7732 or tiffanym@hacanet.org.



BTW Jobs Plus community liaisons take a break from networking during last month's outreach event.

Jobs Plus Stats

- 78 Residents assessed
- 81 Attended an event
- 35 On JPEID*
- 8 New full-time jobs
- 6 New part-time jobs

Residents saved \$18,900!

*JPEID = Jobs Plus Earned Income Disregard. Residents on JPEID have 0 percent of wages counted in rent calculation.

Catch a Free Ride to the Polls

Doing your civic duty just got easier! Capital Metro will offer free rides to the polls on Election Day (Nov. 8) on all MetroBus, MetroRapid, MetroExpress, MetroRail and MetroAccess services. For more info., call (512) 474-1200 or visit www.capmetro.org/RideToVote.



RAD Improvements Begin This Month at Manchaca Village

Cobwebs may be fashionable October decor, but that didn't stop spring cleaning at Manchaca Village last month. Residents hosted a community yard sale in anticipation of being the first HACA property to receive RAD improvements. Public housing communities up next for modernization are Shadowbend Ridge in December and North Loop Apartments in January 2017. Still unsure about RAD? Don't worry. HACA will continue to host meetings to inform residents during the RAD process. In the meantime, if you have questions or would like more information, please call the RAD Hotline at 1-(844) HACA-RAD or visit www.hacarad.org.



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.

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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NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rent due	2	3	4	5
6	7 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	8 Citywide Advisory Board Meeting 10 a.m.	9	10 Resident Council Gaston 1:30 p.m.	11 Veteran's Day HACA Closed	12
13	14 Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	15 Resident Council BTW 11:30 a.m.	16	17	18 FSS/ Homeownership Luncheon Resident Council Santa Rita 3 p.m.	19
20	21 Resident Council Thurmond 1 p.m. Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	22	23	24 Thanksgiving HACA Closed	25 HACA Closed	26
27	28 Resident Council Meadowbrook Bouldin 1:30 p.m. Quit Tobacco Class 1-2 p.m. @ North Loop	29	30			

