



# ONE VOICE

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## MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS, PROTECTORS DURING NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**F**all is time for National Night Out. Join the movement that unites 38 million people worldwide by turning on your porch lights, locking your doors, and spending time outdoors getting to know local police officers, firefighters, EMS paramedics and other community partners. We want to send a clear message that our neighborhoods are united against crime!

All 18 of HACA's properties will host National Night Out events on Tuesday (Oct. 3). Check the schedule below for details. These resident parties will feature food, games, T-shirts and prizes.

National Night Out is designed to:

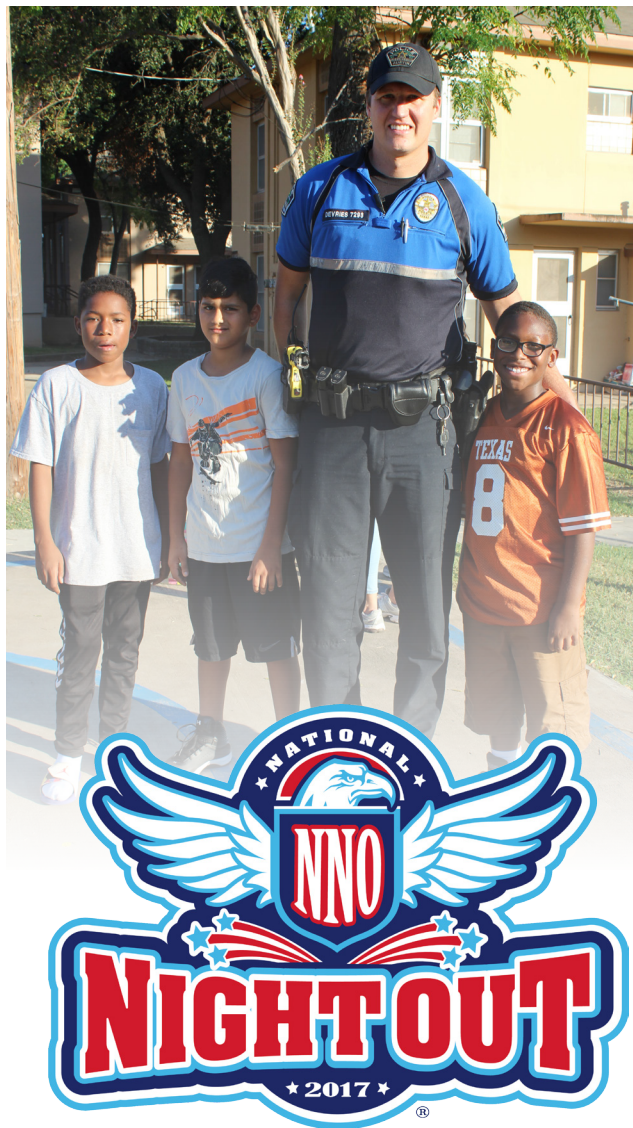
- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support and participation in crime efforts

### National Night Out 2017 Schedule

**5-7 p.m.:** Meadowbrook; Rosewood/Salina (at Salina); Thurmond; Georgian; Manchaca II/Manchaca Village/Shadowbend (at Manchaca Village)

**5:30-7:30 p.m.:** Northgate; Goodrich; Coronado; Santa Rita; BTW; Bouldin Oaks

**6-8 p.m.:** Chalmers; Lakeside; Gaston; North Loop



## 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.*

## HACA RESIDENT INSPIRES OTHERS THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE

You may know her as HACA's best-dressed resident, but 74-year-old Bessie Hawkins is more than a pretty face and a great wardrobe. Bessie is a published poet, the proud mother of a three-time Super Bowl champ, and a decorated community leader.

Bessie has lived at North Loop Apartments for about seven years. She recently moved back to the senior property after temporarily relocating to Thurmond Heights during Rental Assistance Demonstration renovations. Bessie is thrilled with her new home at North Loop.

"The new apartments are beautiful," she said. "When I lived on the first floor, my view was blocked by the other building. I'm on the end of the fourth floor now, and I have a view!"

Bessie moved to Austin from California in 2009 to be near her daughter, a special education teacher in Pflugerville. Bessie said she was invited to live with her daughter, or her son – former San Francisco 49ers defensive lineman Bubba Paris – but living at HACA allows her to be independent.

Bessie suffers from chronic pain, but that doesn't stop her from getting involved. In fact, Bessie received the key to the City of Louisville in 1970 as recognition for excellence in community service. At Thurmond, Bessie put her leadership skills to good use by serving as Resident Council secretary. She and a neighbor also



*Bessie Hawkins on the cover of local nonprofit organization Family Eldercare's 30th Anniversary book.*

started a Thursday-night Bible study group. Now that she's back at North Loop, Bessie is looking forward to continuing her work in the community.

"The key to being a community organizer is to not be intimidated by someone who knows more than you do," Bessie said. "I'm like a cheerleader. When you see someone's got a talent, you've got to push it up."

Bessie's other interests include water aerobics at the local YMCA and art. She saw her first opera and ballet while volunteering as an usher at the Long Center for the Performing Arts. In 2012, her poem "Caged" was published in "Transcend Silver Voices in Ink". She has nine accomplished grandchildren, including a pilot and a lawyer.

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## DID YOUR KID MAKE HONOR ROLL OR GET PERFECT ATTENDANCE?

Listen up, parents! Austin Independent School District's first nine-week school grading period ends Oct. 20.

If your child earned all A's and B's and/or achieved perfect attendance, please save, copy and submit your child's report card. All HACA youth grades K-12 who meet these requirements may receive a special monetary reward.

Turn in your child's report card to your ROSS coordinator, FSS specialist, or your community's property manager.

For more information about HACA's Youth Educational Success (YES) program, contact YES Manager Felisa Jones at felisaj@hacanet.org or call (512) 767-7825.





## RESIDENT COOPERATION IS KEY TO SUCCESSFUL PEST CONTROL

We need your help to successfully control tiny intruders like bed bugs at HACA's communities. The key to eliminating bed bugs is to be thorough and leave no mattress, baseboard, night stand or closet unturned.

Here are some simple tips to properly prepare your home for bed bug service:

- Remove all sheets, blankets, mattress covers and pillowcases from your beds. Wash and fold *ALL* linens, clothing and towels and place them in sealed plastic garbage bags or bins. Do not make the bed until the evening after your pest control service.
- Empty closets, dressers and night stands to give pest control specialists easy access.
- Remove all clothing, toys and boxes from bedroom floors.
- Vacuum floors, furniture, inside closets, dresser drawers and bed frames. Also vacuum mattresses and box springs. Throw away the vacuum bag.
- If possible, move bedroom furniture so there is a 3-foot space between the furniture and walls.

After pest control treatment, avoid contact with the insecticide until dry. Make sure there are no animals or people in the apartment during treatment and for at least two hours afterward.



*When your home is treated for bed bugs, wash ALL towels, clothes and bed linens. Clean items should be folded and sealed in plastic bags or bins.*

**If you suspect you have bed bugs, don't suffer in silence! Tell your property manager immediately. HACA will work with you to schedule pest control treatments.**

## WALLER CREEK CONSERVANCY PRESENTS FREE ART NEAR LAKESIDE



If you haven't been over to Lakeside Apartments near Waller Creek to see the latest art installation in the area, you're missing out!

"Forever Bicycles" is an impressive sculpture created by Chinese artist and activist Ai Weiwei. The public art piece is made out of 1,254 silver bicycles that appear to be moving even when standing still!

The artwork is free to view, and is open daily from sunrise to sunset. The piece is pictured at left lit up in the evening.

### 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: "PUMPKIN." 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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*Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Rent due	2 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin	3 National Night Out	4	5	6 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita	7
8	9 Columbus Day HACA Closed	10 Citywide 10 a.m.	11 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 2 p.m. @ Lakeside	12 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	13	14
15	16 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	17 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	18 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop	19 RAD Meeting 5:30 p.m. @ Goodrich Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Chalmers 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina	20 Report Cards Due	21
22	23 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	24	25	26 Resident Council: 11 a.m. @ Goodrich 1:30 p.m. @ Man. 11 1:30 p.m. @ Man. Village 1:30 p.m. @ Shadowbend	27	28 Financial Fitness Seminar 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. @ ACC Eastview Campus 3401 Webberville Road
29	30	31 Halloween				