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HACA RESIDENTS, COMMUNITY CELEBRATE AGENCY'S 80th ANNIVERSARY

HACA has reached an exciting milestone as the agency marks 80 years of delivering safe, healthy, and affordable housing to nearly 19,000 Austinites. To commemorate this momentous occasion, the agency recently hosted a family-friendly community celebration in East Austin.

HACA clients, community and elected leaders, and various other community partners, joined the agency for a barbecue lunch. Guests also had the opportunity to peruse a gallery of historical HACA photos, participate in fun activities — face painting, a photo booth, and arts and crafts — all set to music from the 1930s and 1940s.

HACA was one of the first three housing authorities created in the United States as a result of the Housing Act of 1937, co-authored by then-Congressman Lyndon Baines Johnson. On December 23, 1937, HACA's first organizational meeting was held, and the ground work began soon after for construction of its first public housing property. The first residents moved into Santa Rita Courts in 1939.

Today, HACA has 18 public housing developments with nearly 1,900 units, and administers the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to subsidize housing in the private rental market for almost 6,000 low-income individuals and families, including children, seniors, and persons with disabilities. Many of HACA's HCV special vouchers serve high-need populations.

In addition, HACA has added more than 2,000 high-quality affordable rental units to meet our city's housing needs through our nonprofit subsidiary Austin Affordable Housing Corporation.



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.

GIRL SCOUTS AT HACA ARE MADE OF MORE THAN SUGAR & SPICE

Think Girl Scouts are all about Thin Mints and Tagalongs? Think again! In addition to selling America's favorite cookies, Girl Scouts at HACA spend troop meetings playing games, cooking, making crafts, participating in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities, and learning life skills. The Girl Scouts of Central Texas serves HACA youth ages K-12 from Georgian Manor, Santa Rita Courts, Shadowbend Ridge, Manchaca Village, Booker T. Washington, Rosewood Courts, and Northgate Apartments. For more information about how your child can join Girl Scouts, contact your ROSS specialist.



CREATIVE ACTION TO CONTINUE CREATIVITY AT SANTA RITA COURTS



Creative Action will host Continuing Creativity courses at Santa Rita beginning April 6 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Friday in the Santa Rita Community Room. Snacks will be provided.

The creative, community-driven art classes are open to adults age 65 and older, and will be facilitated by professional teaching artists from Creative Action.

Participants will have an opportunity to connect with others and learn storytelling and visual arts techniques inspired by quilting, macrame, and portrait making. Discover and share your voice with the community!

FREE RESOURCE FAIR TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR WOMEN IN NEED

The Austin Young Lawyer's Association will host a free Women's Resource Fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 5 at the Schmidt-Jones Family Life Center, located at 1300 Lavaca St.

The Women's Resource Fair is open to local women and children and offers free medical services, legal services, mental health services, education and employment counseling, debt and credit counseling, a free clothing closet, free haircuts, free breakfast and lunch, and child care for children ages 1 to 11 during the event. More than 60 social service providers will be in attendance at the fair. There are no qualification requirements.



Bus tickets are available, and group transportation to the fair may be arranged. For more information, email womensresourcefair@hotmail.com. Se habla Español.

MOM FINDS PATH TO SUCCESS THROUGH HACA & JOBS PLUS ATX



When Booker T. Washington Terraces resident Gabriela Escobedo started Jobs Plus ATX in 2016, she wanted to become a Certified Nurse's Assistant (CNA). However, Gabriela's education took a back seat so her kids could go to school.

While waiting for the right time to follow her dreams, Gabriela completed Kitchen Divas with chef Angela Shelf Medearis, where she received her Food Handler's License. She also participated in Austin Area Urban League's (AAUL) Pathway To Careers program, where she was offered weekend CNA classes! She was able to take her kids to school during the week, and study at night and on the weekends.

"I can provide a better future for my beautiful family and myself," Gabriela said. "I hope that I'll be able to support and encourage others as HACA has supported and encouraged me."

Gabriela earned her CNA certificate, and she plans to continue her studies with the Goodwill Career and Technical Academy to get certified in phlebotomy and acute care.

"Thank you HACA, Jobs Plus, and all the partners for opening my eyes to new stages of opportunity and strength," Gabriela said.



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

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 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 Texas Independence Day Resident Council: 11 a.m. @ Georgian 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita Courts	3
4	5 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin Oaks	6 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ Coronado	7	8 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	9	10
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins	12 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	13 Citywide 10 a.m.	14 Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 2 p.m. @ Lakeside	15 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina	16	17 St. Patrick's Day
18	19 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	20 First Day of Spring Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	21 HACA Board Meeting Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop	22 Resident Council: 11 a.m. Goodrich 1 p.m. Shadowbend/ Man. Village/Man. 11	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Chalmers Resident Council 10:30 a.m.		