

ONE VOICE

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ANNUAL FAN DRIVE HELPS KEEP AUSTIN RESIDENTS COOL DURING THE SUMMER

Laura's air conditioner went out earlier this summer, just as temperatures in Austin reached nearly 100 degrees.

But Laura, and about 15 other seniors, families with young children, and persons with disabilities living at Chalmers Courts, are still able to stay cool thanks to HACA's longtime community partner, Family Eldercare.

KXAN's Sally Hernandez and John Dabkovich delivered box fans door to door one Thursday afternoon last month as part of Family Eldercare's 28th Annual Summer Fan Drive.

So far, this year's fan drive has raised more than \$154,000, with more than 650 fans donated. The fan drive lasts until Aug. 31.

In 2017, the Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive distributed 6,740 fans to more than 3,200 households, impacting a total of 9,002 people, including 3,905 Central Texas children.

For more information about the Summer Fan Drive, visit www.summerfandrive.org. If you or need a fan, call the Summer Fan Drive Hotline at (512) 459-4FAN (4326).

1 FAN CAN LOWER BODY TEMPERATURES UP TO 8-9°, WHICH CAN SAVE A LIFE.



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.

I-DADS STUDENTS GRADUATE JUST IN TIME FOR FATHER'S DAY

Congratulations to the latest group of I-DADS (Involved Dads of Action, Developing and Succeeding) graduates! The Booker T. Washington Terraces cohort gathered at Austin Community College, Eastview Campus, in early June for a celebration with their classmates and loved ones.

I-DADS is an award-winning program designed to help strengthen families by reaching out to fathers and father figures living in HACA housing communities. For five weeks, participants attend two, 90-minute sessions for a total of 10 classes. I-DADS covers topics like anger management, making positive choices, developing self-esteem and confidence, and being a positive role model.

Each training is designed to build strong families by giving participants an opportunity to connect with helpful resources, develop communication and parenting skills, and participate in an environment that encourages responsibility and accountability.

To learn more, contact Joshua Banks at (512) 767-7737 or email joshuab@hacanet.org. You may also visit <https://bit.ly/2JnHtw8>.



A DEGREE'S IN REACH BECAUSE OF HACA!

Congratulations to Booker T. Washington Terraces resident Alyaa Albairi on using an Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship to pursue an agriculture degree from Texas State University. Alyaa, pictured standing on the far right, graduated with a Certified Nurse's Aid certificate from the Austin Goodwill Career & Technical Academy in 2017. She credits HACA and Jobs Plus ATX with providing her with the tools she needs to achieve her lifelong dream of becoming a college graduate. HACA will host its 18th annual scholarship ceremony on July 13. Learn more about HACA resident programs at: <https://bit.ly/2wqJ1fE>.



“Achieve your dream!” -Alyaa Albairi

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS FOR COOKING IN A MICROWAVE

Microwave ovens are convenient because they cook food quickly, and they can be used to defrost frozen food. Below are a few tips on how to use your microwave safely and as intended:

- Use microwave-safe containers (no metal or styrofoam)
- Avoid super-heated water (over heating water can cause it to explode out of your cup)
- Check the hinges, latch and seal to make sure they are working properly
- Don't use a microwave that works when the door is open
- The microwave light should only be used to see what you are cooking — it should not be used as a night light.

For help with your microwave, or if you have questions, call Maintenance at (512) 477-8518.



OVERALL LIFE OF A MICROWAVE LIGHT IS 2,000 HOURS (1.5 YEARS) — IF USED AS INTENDED. THE COST TO REPLACE A BULB IS \$6.



FOSTERING FELLOWSHIP

American Christian Fellowship hosted a resident luncheon and bingo game last month at Lakeside Apartments. Since 2008, the church has hosted one event per quarter to celebrate residents and promote connectivity among neighbors! For information about how to get involved, contact Outreach Specialist Angie Cortez at (512) 589-7985.



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

ONLINE GIFT CARD GIVEAWAY

Are you reading One Voice? For a chance to win a \$10 gift card, visit <https://goo.gl/rorfqY>. The first 15 residents to enter their name, phone number, property, and word of the month could win one of 10 gift cards. The word of the month is LEMONS. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents. To submit comments, articles and photos to One Voice, email media@hacanet.org. 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
1 Rent due	2	3	4 Independence Day HACA Closed	5	6 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita Courts	7
8	9 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin Oaks	10 Citywide 10 a.m.	11 Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 11 a.m. @ Coronado 2 p.m. @ Lakeside	12 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	13 Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Georgian	14
15	16 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Meadowbrook	17	18 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ North Loop	19 Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina HACA Board Meeting	20	21
22	23 Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	24 Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		Resident Council: 10:30 a.m. Chalmers 11 a.m. Goodrich 1 p.m. Shadowbend/ Man. Village/Man. 11		



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

