

# ONE VOICE

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## HACA & AISD CAN HELP YOU GET YOUR CHILDREN READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL

Summer is almost over! Are your kids ready for school? Austin Independent School District (AISD) students go back to school Aug. 20.

Aug. 13 through 17, HACA will provide free school supplies including notebooks, folders, pencils, pens, crayons and erasers, to school-age children living at HACA's housing communities.

Contact your ROSS specialist or your FSS Coordinator to register your child for your property's school supply giveaway event.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars for AISD's Back-to-School Bash and Safety Fair from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 4 at the Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road.

Almost 150 community organizations and district departments will provide information and activities to prepare students for a safe and successful school year.

Students must be present to receive a free backpack filled with school supplies, while supplies last. Call (512) 414-9955 for more information.

## THE KIDS AT MEADOWBROOK APARTMENTS LOVE THEIR NEW PLAYGROUND!



## 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.



## STUDENTS SHINE AT THE 18TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

This year's Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship ceremony was star studded. Scholarship recipients twinkled on stage as they received their certificates, and guest speaker SaulPaul encouraged the group of 36 students to continue to shine as they work to achieve their dreams.

"Don't let people set small goals for you," said SaulPaul, a former prisoner turned college grad/musician who was named the 2017 Austinite of the Year. "I would encourage you to live up to your own potential. This scholarship is just scratching the surface."

HCV client Sayuri Byrd, 35, has used her Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship to earn an associate's degree in business from Huston-Tillotson University. She is currently working on her bachelor's degree in business and expects to graduate from Huston-Tillotson in 2019.

"I am forever grateful for the Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship," Byrd said. "I am the happiest I've ever been in my life, and I know there is more happiness to come."

Sayuri will graduate from HACA's Family Self-Sufficiency program this year. She plans to use her escrow funds to buy a home for her growing family. For more information about how you can apply for an Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship, contact YES Manager Felisa Epps at felisae@hacanet.org or call (512) 767-7825.



(Top) Housing Choice Voucher client and repeat scholarship recipient Sayuri Byrd. (Bottom) "Musician with a Message" SaulPaul performs on stage at the Asian American Resource Center during the Austin Pathways HACA Scholarship event.

## CONGRATULATIONS ADMIN ASSISTANTS!

Six Jobs Plus ATX participants from Booker T. Washington Terraces and Chalmers Courts received their administrative assistant certification from Austin Community College last month. These students diligently attended classes from May 15 to July 5 through the Jobs Plus ATX program. Jobs Plus is a HUD program that helps provide BTW and Chalmers residents with the tools they need to work their way to long-term employment and self-sufficiency. For more information about how you can get involved with Jobs Plus ATX, visit [www.jobsplusatx.org](http://www.jobsplusatx.org).



**[WWW.JOBSPLUSATX.ORG](http://WWW.JOBSPLUSATX.ORG)**



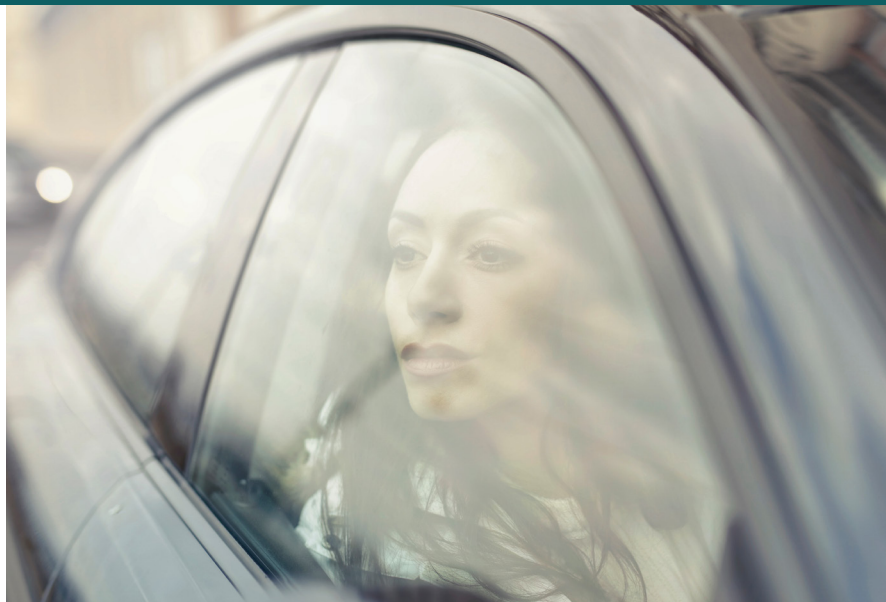
## PILOT PROGRAM TO GIVE AUSTINITES A FREE LYFT

United Way Worldwide is partnering with Lyft to help fill unmet transportation needs for 12 markets around the nation, including Austin!

People who need short-term transportation may call 2-1-1 and select option 1 to have a ride scheduled. The caller's pick-up and drop-off locations must be in Austin, Buda, Cedar Park, Del Valle, Pflugerville, or Round Rock.

Rides must be related to health care and employment appointments, or for help during a disaster. Veterans may use the service to access benefits, health care services, employment counseling, job fairs, and other needs.

For more information or to schedule a ride, call 2-1-1 and select option 1.



**RIDE SHARING OR CARPOOLING IS NOT ONLY INEXPENSIVE AND CONVENIENT — IT IS ALSO GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT!**

**THERE'S NO LINE ONLINE**

**SECTION 8 2018**

**WAITLIST OPENING**

NOON

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## WONDER WOMEN

Santa Rita Courts Resident Council President Lupe Garcia doesn't pilot an invisible jet — her super power is mobilizing neighbors! Lupe recently organized the very successful Mind at Ease Women's Conference, which was attended by more than 50 women from all of HACA's 18 properties. Recently, Lupe recruited 15 residents for a community walking club sponsored by Academy Sports + Outdoors!



## 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://bit.ly/2NdZdZq>. 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 SCHOOL. Contest open only to subsidized and public housing residents. To submit comments, articles and photos to One Voice, email [media@hacanet.org](mailto:media@hacanet.org). Copy may be edited because of space limitations.



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# August 2018

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rent due	2	3  Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Santa Rita Courts	4
5	6  Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Bouldin Oaks	7	8  Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Northgate 11 a.m. @ Coronado 2 p.m. @ Lakeside	9  Resident Council 1:30 p.m. @ Gaston	10  Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Georgian	11
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 1:30 p.m. @ Rosewood/Salina HACA Board Meeting	17	18
19	20  First Day of School  Resident Council 1 p.m. @ Thurmond	21  Resident Council 11 a.m. @ BTW	22	23  Resident Council: 11 a.m. Goodrich 1 p.m. Shadowbend/ Man. Village/Man. II	24	25
26	27	28	29	30  Resident Council 10:30 a.m. @ Chalmers	31	



LET'S GET SOCIAL!

