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MAKING NEW CHALMERS AND GOODRICH A REALITY:

Resident Teamwork is the Key!

Major construction is happening across several HACA properties thanks to HACA's Rental Assistance Demonstration Program. At Chalmers Courts and at Goodrich, old buildings are being replaced with modern, state of the art housing which will give residents a better quality of life. HACA staff hosted several well-attended meetings for residents about the latest on Goodrich and Chalmers.

On January 17th at Meadowbrook, residents from Gaston, North Loop, Lakeside, Northgate and Bouldin all came together to celebrate Goodrich.

Then on Friday January 18th and Tuesday the 22nd, HACA and over 85% of the residents at Chalmers came together for meetings to discuss the redevelopment and construction taking place at Chalmers Courts.

Tiffany Middleton, HACA's Resident Protection Project Manager, hosted the event and described the meeting as "Lively! It was definitely lively. There was a lot of networking among residents from different properties because they all had a shared experience of going through the relocation process."





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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PAY FOR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

All HACA residents are invited to attend the "Pay for College Workshop," **February 13th** at 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Section 8 Orientation Room of HACA's Central Office, 1124 S. IH-35, Austin, TX 78704

Foundation Communities Cash for College Program and Capital IDEA will be presenting information on scholarships, subsidy programs, and financial aid. We will also present information about scholarships available through HACA. This workshop is open to ALL HACA residents. Lunch will be provided, HACA residents are asked to register on our website at: www.bit.ly/HACA-College

Pay for College Workshop Registration Info packets on scholarships available through HACA are at the front desk of our Central Office, on the website, or at HACA properties.







HONORING MLK AT BTW

On January 25th, residents at Booker T Washington came together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Jobs Plus Career Coach, BJ Winston, gave a talk about Dr. King and then residents were able to connect with the Austin Area Urban League (AAUL) and Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (FLCCT) about upcoming events.

Overall, it was a great moment for residents to honor Dr. King, connect with neighbors, and learn about more options for self-empowerment.

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CONGRATS CORNER

Check out these successful stories of self-empowerment from some of HACA residents brightest stars:

Chalmers Mom Graduates from ACC

Christy Anderson, a resident of Chalmers Courts deserves a standing ovation for her outstanding accomplishments as a mom, a student and productive member of her community. She recently graduated from Austin Community College with an Associates of Arts Degree in Psychology. Christy met the challenge of attending college and being a great mom with community support from Austin Pathways scholarships and Jobs Plus career coaches.

Christy says, "I work this hard for the opportunity it will afford my children." She plans to continue her studies with a focus on business management and photography.

Learn more about Jobs Plus career support services on our website at: www.jobsplusatx.org



Congratulations on the GED!



Alyssa Perez, a former resident of Chalmers Courts, completed her GED in December 2018. Alyssa joined Jobs Plus as a teen dropout as she had to work to help support her family. She was provided services through Jobs Plus to help her enroll with HACA's partner Literacy Coalition to attend GED prep classes. Alyssa was provided an extra motivation with a \$500 incentive after completing her GED.

Additionally, she received supportive services such as job search and transportation assistance. Although Alyssa moved out November 2018, she remained in contact with the Jobs Plus team through the completion of her GED the following month.

Check out our partners like the Literacy Coalition here: www.bit.ly/HACALiteracy

Award Winner at Santa Rita

Lupe Garcia, President of Santa Rita's Resident Council, was recently honored for her hard work and dedication to the community with an award from Family Eldercare. Lupe created a Women's Conference to focus on the overall wellness of the women who live in affordable housing.

HACA President Mike Gerber said, "We are very proud of Lupe. She has worked to make her community stronger and to empower residents. Congratuatlions, Lupe, and keep up the great work!"

Said Lupe, "No matter what you've been through, you can move on and move up, just like me."



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Important Phone Numbers

HACA Administration (512)477-4488

Resident Call Center (888)842-4484

Maintenance Work Orders (512)477-8518

Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher (512)477-1314

Fire/Police **call 911**

Non-Emergency Police call 311

Poison Center (800)222-1222

Quit Smoking (877)937-7848

RAD Hotline (844)HACA-RAD



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FEBRUARY 2019 Editor's Note: Scheduled meetings are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7 Resident Council: Gaston 1:30pm	8	9
10	11 Resident Council: Meadowbrook 1:30pm	12 Resident Council: BTW 11:30am Citywide 10am Lakeside	13 Resident Council: 10am Northgate 11am Coronado 2pm Lakeside	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day Resident Council: Thurmond 1pm	19	Resident Council: North Loop 1:30pm	21 HACA Board Meeting	22	23
24	25	26 Resident Council: Bouldin Oaks 1:30pm	27	Resident Council: Chalmers 10am Shadowbend/Man V/Man II 1pm Rosewood/Salina 1:30pm	O AUTO	