



# ONE VOICE

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## "SPRING BLING" SHINES BRIGHT AT BTW



HACA residents and staff braved the heat at one of the coolest family-friendly events of the year: the Jobs Plus ATX "Spring Bling."

The Community Development Team hosted the party for all residents at Booker T. Washington, where there was a bouncy house, food and ice cream, prizes and raffles, partner booths and more. The event was free of charge for all in attendance.

## Thurmond Heights Community Room and Office Reopens

Eager residents and staff at Thurmond Heights Apartments are able to return to their newly remodeled main office and community room this week. New floors, windows, doors, HVAC and freshly painted walls await.

"We are very excited to come back to our beautiful office and be able to be there for our residents," said Jazmin Padron, Property Manager of Thurmond.

View pictures of the remodel [HERE](http://bit.ly/ThurmondPics):  
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Scan this code with your phone and watch a bird-eye view of Thurmond here:



### 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.



## NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY

The safety of all of our HACA communities is the top priority of all residents and staff. It's always good to remind ourselves of what we can do to stay safe, and what help you have available should trouble arise.

- In any serious emergency, always call 9-1-1 immediately.
- If you see something, say something: to management, HACA staff, a neighbor, or the resident call center hotline **(888)842-4484**. Know that you are not alone when a problem happens.
- Get involved: attend your monthly resident council meetings, join the Apartment Residents On Watch (AROW) program.

## JOBS PLUS: ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Did you know HACA's Jobs Plus Program, in addition to job placement and job training, also provides English as a Second Language classes throughout the year?

HACA works with professional teachers from Austin Community College to teach English on location at Booker T. Washington.

Learning a second language like English is a very valuable skill, especially when looking for a new job.

Interested in joining future ESL Classes?

Visit <https://www.jobsplusatx.org/>



Recent ESL graduates at BTW, in partnership with Austin Community College

## Free Event: Be Your Own Boss

Join us for a conversation on  
**growing small businesses.**  
Specifically, yours.



FROST BANK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND EGBI  
invite you to attend:

### Be Your Own Boss

Discover the skills, steps and resources you will need to successfully open your own business.  
Bring your business idea and let's get started!

#### Special Guest Speakers:

Robert Shipman, Vice President Corporate Lending, Frost Bank  
Joni Foster, Program Director, EGBI

#### HACA CENTRAL OFFICE

1124 S IH 35 FRONTAGE ROAD | AUSTIN, TX 78704

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2019 | 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Lunch will be provided and prizes awarded.

Please reply by Friday, July 19, 2019 to Brenda Silva at [brendas@hacanet.org](mailto:brendas@hacanet.org) or (512) 693-8207

Free event sponsored by



Must be at least 18 years old to enter. No purchase necessary. Frost employees and immediate families of Frost or Frost affiliates are not eligible. Deposit and loan products are offered through Frost Bank, Member FDIC.



# CONGRATS CORNER

*Successful stories of self-empowerment from some of HACA's brightest stars*



## Resident Council Recognition

All 18 properties across HACA are represented with a voice, by the residents that live there, as part of the Resident Council. Each property has a Resident Council that meets monthly on the property, plus once a month, leaders from each property meet together at the Citywide Advisory Board.

Last month, HACA would like to honored the resident leaders and board members at all of the resident councils with Certificates of Achievement. This is our way to say thank you to the hard work and dedication of these resident leaders.

Interested in joining your resident council?

Send an email to [media@hacanet.org](mailto:media@hacanet.org) for more information on how to get involved.

## Congratulations 2019 HACA Pathways' Scholars!

HACA and Austin Pathways are so proud to announce the winners of this year's scholarships, to honor outstanding academic achievement of current residents on their path of continuing education:

**Louisa Aguirre**

**Ibrahim Alkhazaali**

**Alyaa AL Bdairi**

**Hiba Alrubaye**

**Rawan Alsankari**

**Rakan Alsankari**

**Qamar Alsankari**

**Francisco Amegnisso-Tossou**

**Christie J. Anderson**

**Vivian Balboa**

**Kimberlyn Barton**

**Daniel Campos Rivera**

**Veronica Carrera Martinez**

**Karla Contreras**

**Felix Cook III**

**Hilario Cruz**

**Tabitha Ernst**

**Charlene Franz**

**Lesli Garcia**

**Ulysses Garcia**

**Shontrelle Green**

**Kartara Haywood Grant**

**Roshanda Hodges**

**Dorothy Howard**

**Kela Hunte**

**Hanan Mohammed**

**Sarida Morejon**

**Mariyamu Mpawenayo**

**Regina Orozco**

**Barbara Reyes**

**Paola Saldana**

**Martha Saldana**

**Damaris Santiago-Arzate**

**Rashonda Smith-Livingston**

**Jaden Williams**

**Teah Wilson**

**Belkis Zaleta Oviedo**

**Anastasia Zuniga**



## 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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## JULY 2019

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

| Sun | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat   |
|-----|--|---|---|--|--|-------|
| 30  | 1<br>RENT DUE                                | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Independence Day  | 5<br>Santa Rita<br>Resident Council<br>11 a.m.   | 6     |
| 7   | 8  | 9<br>Citywide Advisory Board<br>Northloop 10 a.m.   | 10<br>Resident Council<br>Northgate 10:30 a.m.<br>Lakeside 2:30pm           | 11   | 12<br>Georgian Manor<br>Resident Council 11 a.m. | 13    |
| 14  | 15<br>Thurmond<br>Resident Council<br>1 p.m. | 16<br>BTW<br>Resident Council<br>11:30 a.m.         | 17<br>Coronado Hills 11 a.m.<br>North Loop<br>Resident Council<br>1:30 p.m. | 18<br>Gaston Place<br>Resident Council<br>1:30 p.m.  | 19   | 20    |
| 21  | 22   | 23  | 24  | 25<br>Resident Council<br>Chalmers 10 a.m.<br>Rosewood/Salina 11 a.m.<br>Shadowbend/Man V/Man II 1p.m. | 26   | 27    |
| 28  | 29   | 30<br>Bouldin Oaks<br>Resident Council<br>1:30 p.m. | 31<br>Meadowbrook<br>Resident Council<br>10 a.m.                            | 1  | 2<br>  | 3<br> |