



Monday, Nov. 25, 2024

## Take time to prepare for winter weather

The first day of winter is less than a month away.

To be exact, it's Saturday, Dec. 21 – and the season runs through Thursday, March 20.

Ahead of our first wintry blast – whenever that happens to occur – take some time to get prepared.

We've got some useful tips below to help you out.

Look for more winter preparedness guidance in upcoming editions of **One Voice**.



### OPEN INTERIOR DOORS

Allow for heat to circulate



### KEEP WATER RUNNING

Have at a steady drip to maintain water flow



### MAINTAIN YOUR THERMOSTAT

Keep at at least 65° especially when not at home.

# Prepare for Freezing Weather



### AVOID FREEZING PIPES

Keep cabinet doors below your sinks open



### POWER OUTAGE PREPAREDNESS

Keep batteries on-hand, a flashlight and back-up chargers.



### PLANTS & PETS

Do not leave outside.







**HACA offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27th and will remain closed through Friday, November 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.**

*Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 2nd.*



**Las oficinas de HACA cerrarán al mediodía del miércoles 27 de noviembre y permanecerán cerradas hasta el viernes 29 de noviembre por el Día de Acción de Gracias.**

*El horario normal de oficinas se reanudará el lunes 2 de diciembre.*

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## **Lakeside residents celebrate Thanksgiving**

Thanksgiving is a special time of the year that brings families and friends together.

That's exactly what happened at the Lakeside Apartments on Thursday, Nov. 21.

**Members of Austin**

Christian Fellowship served up turkey and all the fixings for residents.

Austin Christian Fellowship has a **long-standing relationship** with Lakeside Apartments that includes **regular visits** with activities for residents, such as **Bible study, bingo, arts and crafts, and Sunday services.**



## **3 HACA residents earn \$3,500 NAHMA scholarships**

Three HACA residents are recipients of scholarships from the **National Affordable Housing Management Association.**

A total of 118 scholarships – each one for \$3,500 – were awarded.

NAHMA is an organization that **advocates** for public housing authorities nationwide, including HACA.

“We take **immense pride** in the NAHMA Education Foundation’s ability





to grant scholarship awards to students enrolled in a variety of **community colleges, universities, and trade/technical schools** across the nation,” said **Anthony Sandoval**, chairman of the NAHMA Education Foundation.

The **HACA** winners are:

**Mehrdad Arasteh**

- Pathways at Goodrich Place
- Austin Community College
- Cybersecurity

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- Pathways at Meadowbrook
- Austin Community College
- Cybersecurity

**Bizimana Musa**

- Santa Rita Courts
- University of Texas at San Antonio
- Computer Science



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## **H-E-B Feast of Sharing happens Tuesday**

The **holiday season** is a time for community, warmth, and giving back – and H-E-B is thrilled to invite you to the **34th Annual Feast of Sharing**.

This beloved event, organized by H-E-B with support from **Coats for Kids**, brings neighbors together for a **delicious, free, Texas-style holiday meal**.

Join your fellow Austinites tomorrow at the **Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Road**, from 4-8p for an evening filled with **food, music, family-friendly activities, and services** such as health and wellness screenings.

Coats will be distributed for sizes **newborn to 3T** by **Coats for Kids**



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## **Seize your opportunity: Register for new FSS program**

**Quick reminder for HACA PBRA families:** the FSS program is now open to residents at a

number of HACA properties.

Thanks to a U.S. HUD grant earlier this year, residents can sign up for FSS at these properties:

- Pathways at Booker T. Washington
- Pathways at Bouldin Oaks
- Pathways at Chalmers East and West
- Pathways at Coronado Hills
- Pathways at Georgian Manor
- Pathways at Goodrich
- Pathways at Manchaca Village
- Pathways at Manchaca II
- Pathways at Northgate
- Pathways at Santa Rita Courts
- Pathways at Shadowbend
- Pathways at Thurmond Heights



To register, or for more information, contact the HACA Resident and Client Support Center at 512-588-8298 or email [fss\\_pathways@hacanet.org](mailto:fss_pathways@hacanet.org).

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## Bringing healthy choices and support closer to home

HACA is excited to share these **valuable resources** to enrich the **health and well-being** of our residents. Embrace a variety of support services designed with you in mind:

**Fresh and Affordable Produce:** Explore local farmers markets where **Lone Star SNAP and WIC benefits** are accepted. Make your grocery budget go further with the **Double Up Food Bucks program**, which doubles the amount of fresh produce you can purchase. Visit **Sustainable Food Center website** [HERE](#) for more information.

**Baby Formula Assistance:** If you have infants or young children, assistance with **baby formula** is available to ensure your little ones receive the nutrition they need. Check out the flyer [HERE](#) for more details.

**Food Pantry Access:** No one should have to worry about their next meal. Access the **food pantry** available through the **Austin Public Health Neighborhood Services Unit** [HERE](#) and fill your pantry with nutritious food options.

**Self-Sufficiency and Case Management:** Take control of your future with Self-Sufficiency and Case Management services. From **job search assistance** to **budget counseling**, gain the tools and guidance to thrive. Find more information on becoming self sufficient click [HERE](#).

**Holistic Support:** Find information and access to **Neighborhood Centers** that provide a suite of services to cover various needs, from basic necessities to personal development [HERE](#).

Each of these services is a step towards a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle.

For more information on how to access these resources, please refer to the flyers provided or get in touch with the **Resident and Client Support Center**.

Let's continue to build a supportive and nourishing community together.

### **Got a story? Share it with OneVoice!**

If you or someone you know has a story of triumph, community, or growth at HACA, we'd love to feature it. Your story could inspire our community in the OneVoice newsletter. Contact our communications team to share. Let's celebrate our stories together!

Contact us



### **IMPORTANT HACA Phone Numbers**

HACA Administration	(512) 477-4488
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

HACA RESIDENT & CLIENT SUPPORT CENTER:

**(512)588-8298**

CENTRO DE APOYO AL CLIENTE Y PARA RESIDENTES DE HACA:

**(512)588-8298**

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