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# ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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### PUBLIC HOUSING HAPPENINGS

#### Free Tax Help at Abilene Public Library at 202 Cedar St. on 2nd Floor

February 8th to April 15th 2023  
Wed to Sat. 9:15 a.m to 1:15 p.m.

By appointment only

Bring the following:

1. Photo ID for self (and spouse if filing jointly).
2. Social security cards for all individuals listed on tax return
3. W-2 from all employers.
4. Any other financial info/documents relating to income,





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### Pest Control Dates:

1st Wed.– E.W and Office

2nd Wed -Deegan

3rd Wed -Riviera

*In order to change  
we must be sick and  
tired of being sick  
and tired.*

*Author Unknown*

### Current RAB Members:

Lester Crenshaw

Auriana Gardner

Carmela Hall

Kathleen Ritz

## Interested in Applying? *Online Application*

AHA has online applications for interested applicants on its website. When you access our website at ([www.abileneha.org](http://www.abileneha.org)) click on the second tab and follow the easy-to-use process. You can choose from the Public Housing Waiting Lists and/or the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List. Once you complete the online application you are automatically placed on the Waiting List (s) of your choice!



## APRIL Events

- ◆ 3-Rent Due
- ◆ 10– Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge. (if the 5th is on a weekend, rent is due by 8:00 a.m. Monday.
- ◆ 7– Deegan Potluck Luncheon-Deegan Residents 12:00-2:30 p.m.
- ◆ 7—Kids Arts and Crafts—E.W Community Center 6:00-7:00p.m.
- ◆ Grace museum -Every Thursday—Free Admission 1:00-8:00p.m
- ◆ 28– Kids Movie Night 6:00-8:00

## RAB and Resident Council

### RAB (Resident Advisory Board)

RAB Stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing and HCV. These residents reflect and represent the residents assisted by the Abilene Housing Authority. The role of this board is to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the PHA plan and any significant amendment or modifications to the PHA Plan. WE WANT YOUR INPUT! Interested? Call Tanya at 325-676-6032

### Resident Council

Resident Council is a council that consists of residents from Public Housing. Unlike RAB, Resident Council is a tenant association geared towards the revitalization of public housing. The Council exists to make public housing better. Tenants can come together and get things done, and get things changed!

We all know that there are some things that cannot be changed. However, we are dedicated to making changes that will bring improvement. Interested? Call Tanya at 25-676-6032. Participation in RAB or Resident Council count towards Community Service





### April National Child Abuse Prevention

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Thousands of Texans wear blue, the official color of prevention, to show support for children. National child prevention recognizes the importance of families and communities working to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. In 2022, 59,944 were victims of abuse or neglect in Texas. Counseling, education and early intervention is critical to reducing those numbers



*“If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.”*

Henry David Thoreau

#### Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program

This program has its own target population of those transitioning from nursing facilities back into the mainstream.

#### Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program

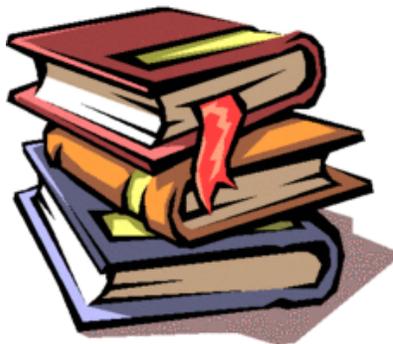
Ross Program is a program open to all Public Housing Residents. The goal of ROSS is to work with residents to identify barriers to self sufficiency, and connect residents with local service providers in the community to meet those needs!

#### Renter’s Insurance

As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing Renters Insurance.

Renters insurance covers a policyholder’s belongings against perils such as fire, theft/vandalism, flood/water damage, windstorm, hail etc. It provides personal liability coverage for damage the policy holder or dependents cause to third parties. It also provides additional living expenses, known as loss of use coverage if a policy holder must move while his or her dwelling is repaired. It can include coverage for their replacement cost or actual cash value that includes depreciation. For more information contact local insurance agencies and additional information is in the PH Office Lobby.

### Continued Training/Meeting : *Increasing our Knowledge!*



- No staff trainings are scheduled at this time





*“We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit.”*

*Aristotle*



### Manager’s Corner



### Maintain Electric and Gas

**Management will be strictly enforcing Tenants obligation’s to maintain all tenant paid utilities in working order. Please refer to your lease Section VI– Utilities and Appliances ,section B which states the following:**

**Tenant agrees to maintain natural gas and electric services in the dwelling unit at all times. Failure to maintain electricity or gas services for more than (24) hours shall be considered a serious violation of terms of the Lease and shall be grounds for termination of the lease.**

**Lease violations and termination notices will be sent to all Tenants who fail to maintain electric or gas services in their unit.**

### Resident Activities/ Birthdays

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| CADEAU BATENDJI | XAVIER GONZALES     |
| ELISHA BATENDJI | NTUMBA KASONGA      |
| NOVA BLOCK      | YESENIA LOYA        |
| JAYDEN BRUSH    | MUTESI LUCY         |
| HAILEY BUTCHER  | DAVID MORENO        |
| JOSHUA COLLINS  | DENISE NYIRAMUGISHA |
| KREED FLORES    | JENTRY ROBERTS      |



DUSTY  
KEAUNAH SHATTAH

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**





**AHA — Providing Homes for Families**

## **ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING**

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Abilene, TX 79603

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Fax: 325-738-8091  
Relay Services 711 or 1-800-RelayTx  
Customer Service Email Address:  
helpdesk@abileneha.org



### **Mission Statement:**

The Housing Authority's mission is to service the housing needs of low-income families in the Authority's jurisdiction in order to enhance self-sufficiency and promote community quality of life and economic viability.

### **Vision Statement:**

We will be recognized as a leading authority in moderate and low-income community development activities in West Texas.

**We're on the web: <http://www.abileneha.org>**

## **Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel:**

Chief Executive Officer—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Kimberlee Rodriguez

Assistant Housing Manager—Debra Hart

Housing Counselor—Kathy Bouldin

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

ROSS Coordinator—Veronica Berube

Crew Chief—Ali Mitachi

Maintenance—Onesimo Almazan and Evaristo Almazan





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Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5 New Resident Briefing 10:00 am	6	7 Deegan Potluck 12:00 – 2:30 pm Arts & Crafts for Kids 6-7:00 pm	8
9	10	11 Pioneer Community Corner 6:00-7:00 pm	12	13 Betty Hardwick "Depression" 3:00-4:00 pm	14	15 Single Parent Group 1:00-2:00 pm
16	17	18 Riviera Community Corner 6:00-7:00 pm	19	20 Arts & Craft Adults 6:00-7:00 pm	21 Deegan Community Corner 2:00-3:00 pm	22
23	24	25 Vogel Community Corner 6:00-7:00 pm	26	27	28 Movie Night 6:00 pm	29
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**Notes**

If there is a class or event that you would like to see happen please give me a call and I will do my best to get it set up.

Veronica 325-676-6032 x6016

