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# A Day of Recognition Restoration Celebration



**JUNETEENTH**





**Left to Right -Maintenance Crew**  
**Onesimo Almazan - Building Maintenance Specialist**  
**Ali Mitachi - Maintenance Crew Chief**  
**Evaristo Almazan - Building Maintenance Worker**



### What is an Emergency Work Order

1. Stopped up toilet (if only 1 bathroom)
2. AC/Heat not working in extreme temperatures (ex: AC not working in degree temps, Heat not working if 50 degrees or below.
3. Water leaks inside the unit (not dripping faucets)
4. Sewer or gas odors of any kind
5. Exposed wiring
6. Any damages causing sharp edges (broken windows, etc
7. Any breach of security (broken windows, doors, screens, and locks)
8. LockOut (to let them in but not to make a key)
9. Assisting law enforcement, fire department, etc.
10. No water at all (no hot water will not be considered an emergency)
11. Major damage to the unit or a part of the unit (ex: ceiling fell in, toilet fell through floor, etc.)
12. Fire
13. Any other item hat would pose a health & safety risk to residents or guests

If the above does not apply to your work order then the order will be taken care of once ALL EMERGENCY ORDERS ARE COMPLETED.

**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**  
**325-201-2600**





### Juneteenth

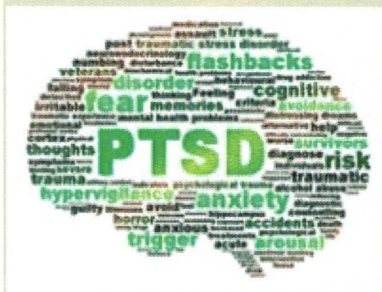
June 19, 1865 marks the day freedom finally came to Texas. Union Major General Gordon Granger and some 2000 Union troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform the more than 250,000 enslaved black people in the state that they were free by executive decree.



### June is PTSD Awareness Month

PTSD- Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a mental health condition that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, natural disaster, car accident, or physical abuse/assault. Its normal to have upsetting memories, feel on edge, or have trouble sleeping after this type of event. If symptoms last more than a few months, it may be PTSD. The good news is that there are effective treatment!!

The National Center for PTSD has a list of treatment resources at [ptsd.va.gov](https://ptsd.va.gov)





## **Communities Corner Updates**

E.W. (Pioneer)

Started a Neighborhood Watch-Let's welcome Daniel Fox as the leader for the watch

V.E. Brailsford (Vogel) - We are still looking for volunteers

Riviera - We also need volunteers

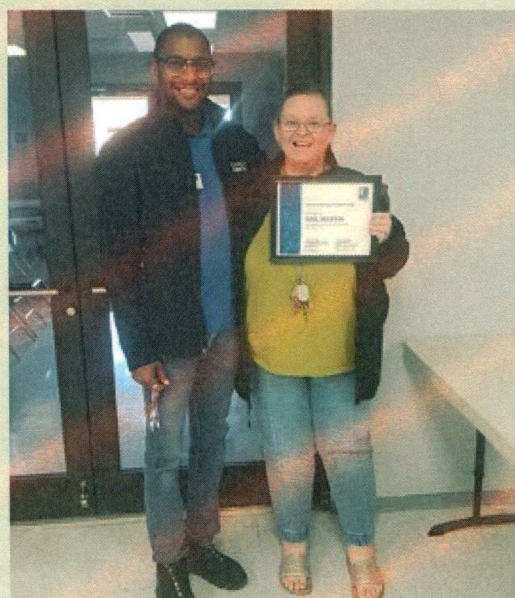
Deegan - Will be having a "Yard Sale" on June 9, 2023, from 9:00 am-12:00 noon time @ Deegan

All we ask is an hour of your time to be a volunteer, please contact Veronica if you are interested.  
325-676-6032 x6016



## **Ross Participants**

Congratulations to Joyce McCune & Gail Martin for completing the Digital Skills Course





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### RAB and Resident Council

#### RAB (Resident Advisory Board)

#### RAB stands for Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board comprises residents from Public Housing and HCV. These residents reflect and represent the resident 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 amendments of modification to the PHA plan.

**WE WANT YOUR INPUT! INTERESTED?**

Call Tonya at 325-676-6032

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### Current RAB Members

Lester Crenshaw

Auriana Gardner

Carmella Hall

Kathleen Ritz

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### Renter's Insurance

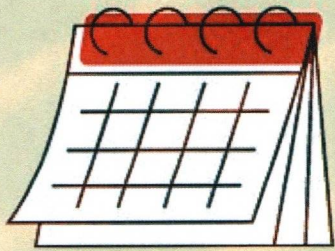
As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing Renter's Insurance

Renter's 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.



325-676-6032 • Relay Services: 711 or 1-800 Relay TX





### **June Events**

1-Rent Due

18-Father's Day

19-Juneteenth Holiday - OFFICE CLOSED

24-Strong Families Event at "B" site-Field of  
V.E. Brailsford

Grace Museum-Every Thursday-Free

Admission 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar  
10:00-4:00 p.m.

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### **Upcoming Activities**

June 24th-Our Strong Families Festival has returned. We'll have food, fun and music. Also area agencies will be there for our Outdoors Resource Fair. Event will be from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

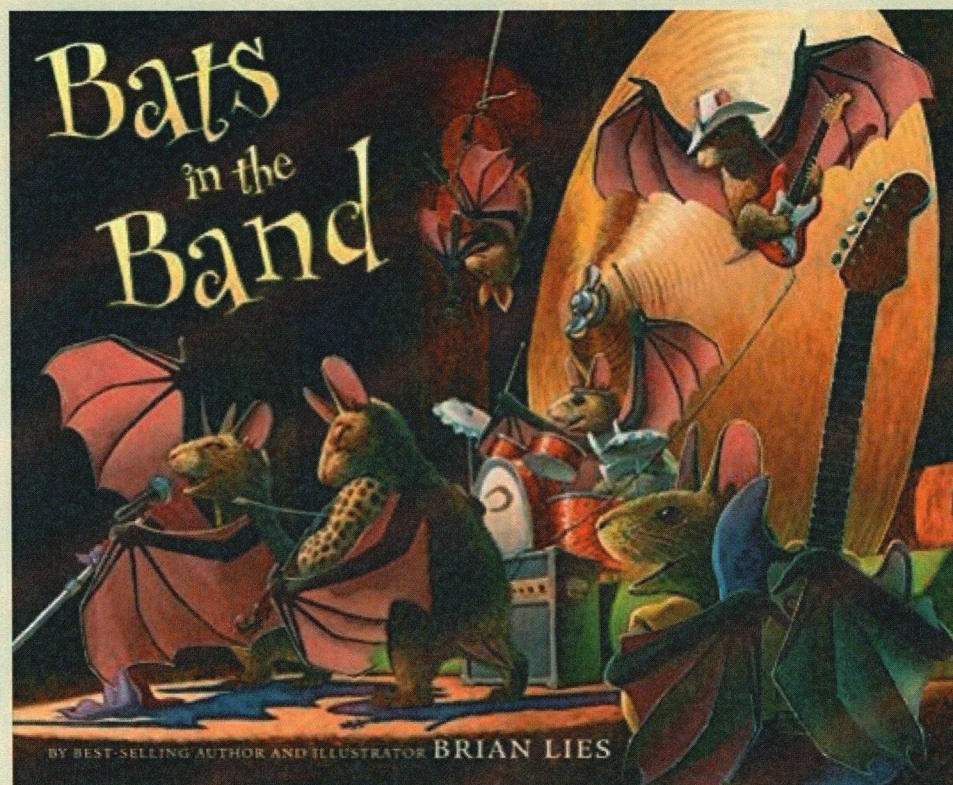
July 10-21 from 1:30-4:30 (Monday to Friday) Camp Heatwave return. This is a camp for kids ages 6-12. I will have space for 15 kids (notice of sign up will be coming soon)

Public Housing will be a Host Feeding the Gap Site for the Summer Meal Program from July 28, 2023 to August 11, 2023. Once the Abilene ISD summer program ends we will have prepared lunches for families fr Curbside Pickup. The time will be 12:00 to 1:00 .m. in the parking area at the Office 4398 North 7th St.  
**FIRST COME FIRST SERVE UNTIL WE RUN OUT.**





# Children's Art and Literacy Festival presents Brian Lies



June 8 - 11, 2023  
Downtown Abilene

T&P Depot,  
1101 N. 1st St.

## A festival bringing to life the work of Brian Lies!



## **Mission Statement**

The Housing Authority's mission is to serve the housing needs of low-income families in the Authority's jurisdiction 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

## **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, Evaristo Almazan

