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Never stop Learning because life never stops Teaching.

WELCOME TO THE HOUSING INFORMER NEWSLETTER



Left to Right-- Office Staff
Tanya Johnson- Resident Services Coordinator
Kathy Bouldin- LRPH Counselor
Veronica Berube- ROSS Service Coodinator
Debra Hart- LRPH Assistant Manager
Kimberlee Rodriguez- LRPH Manager



The ROSS Corner

A new single parent group starting

March 4th from 1 pm to 2 pm Join us to help single parents network and meet new friends.

The group will meet once a month For topics, see the enclosed monthly calendar

Community Corner

Come out and get involved to make your community GREAT!

Anyone can Join!!!

V.E. Brailsford Community (Vogel)
Earl Williams Community
Riviera Community
Deegan Community

The groups will meet monthly to discuss ways to make the communities GREAT. Any questions call

Veronica at 325-676-6032 X 6016

Valentine's Kid Party at Pioneer

FUN PHOTOS FROM FEBRUARY



Valentine's Potluck Meal for the Deegan Residents





Birthday Bash - Deegan











Thanks to everyone for all the hard work and participating in the "Annual Christmas Light Decorating Contest"

1st Place Winner - Celestine Daughtery

2nd Place Winner - Alfred Lopez

3rd Place Winner - Lawanda Wigfall



Hygiene Closet with West Central Aging & Disability











19th-25th National Poison Prevention Week

Do you need any help identifying a pill?
Have you mixed up your meds? Found a loose pill? Worried that your refill looks different? Fortunately, most medications can be identified from the letters and numbers imprinted on the pill.

You can look up the medication on the website below https://pill-id.webpoisoncontrol.org

NOT SURE IF YOU TOOK TOO MUCH OR THE WRONG MEDICINE?

Use the web**POISON**CONTROL tool to find out. Answer a few simple questions, including age, substance, and amount, and get a personalized recommendation in less than 3 minutes. web**POISON**CONTROL is brought to you by poison control experts. It's free and confidential. To talk to a poison control expert by telephone, call 1-800-222-1222.

Money Follows the person (MFP) Program

This program has it's own target population of those transiting from nusing facities back into mainstream housing.

Call for more information

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 expense, know 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 acutal cash value tht includes depreciation For more information contact local insurance agencies and additional information is in the PH Office Lobby.

Tax Time

AARP @ Main Library/202 Cedar
February 8 - April 15/By Appointment Only
Wed - Sat (9:15 to 1:15)
Contact #325-601-8799
Region 14/4300 S Treadway
Mon - Fri (4:00-7:00 pm)
1st & 3rd Saturday (9:00-1:00 pm)
Contact #325-625-4167

Current RAB
Members
Lester Crenshaw
Celestine Daugherty
Oscar Fields
Carmella Hall
Kathleen Ritz



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 brand is to assist and make recommendations regarding the development of the PHA plan and any significant amendments or modifications to the PHA Plan.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Interested?

Call Tanya at 325-676-6032

MARCH FUN FACTS!!

It's March-Happy New Year, ancient Romans!

Welcome to the third month of the year—or, if you were born before 150 B.C., the first!

According to the oldest Roman calendars, one year was ten months long, beginning in March and ending in December. It may sound crazy, but you can still see traces of this old month-naming system in our modern calendar: because December was the tenth month, it was named for the number ten in Latin (decem), just like September was named for seven (septem). So, what about January and February? They were just two nameless months called "winter," proving that winter is literally so awful it doesn't even deserve a spot on the calendar. Of course, after you read these 26 reasons March is the best month, you might think it deserves to be the first month of the year, too!



The Southwest Regional Council NAHRO Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities to families that reside in, work with, or who otherwise, receive housing benefits from one of the member agencies of the Council. The SWRC NAHRO annually awards scholarships totaling more than \$10,000.00. Scholarship awards are available to the public housing residents, participants in rental assistance or similar programs, both heads of household and other family members, and children of staff The program is competitive, and awards are based on academic

achievement, extra-curricular activities, family needs, and community involvement.

Category I—High School Senior- \$4000
Category 2—Child of Staff- \$1000
Category 3- Head of Household- \$1000
Category 4 - Graduating Senior-Non Traditional-Resident/Participant- \$1000

Application Deadline: March 24, 2023

We are looking for High School aged children who are interested in college tours

Please contact Tanya Johnson to schedule a tour at the college of your choice.

325-676-6032



COLOR THE PICTURE AND RETURN TO TANYA FOR A TREAT!

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 lowincome community development activities in West Texas. Customer Service Email Address

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> > Fax: 325 738 8091

Relay Services 711 or 1-800-RelayTx Customer Service Email Address helpdesk@abileneha.org

After Hours Emergency number for Maintenance: 325-201-2600

Meet the Team

Gene Reed - Chief Executive Office
Kimberlee Rodriguez - Housing Manager
Debra Hart - Assistant Housing Manager
Kathy Bouldin - Housing Counselor
Tanya Johnson - Resident Service Coordinator
Veronica Berube - ROSS Service Coordinator
Crew Chief - Ali Mitachi
Maintenance - Onesimo Almazan &
Evaristo Almazan

