



# September 2023

| Sun. | Mon.   | Tue.   | Wed.   | Thu.   | Fri.   | Sat.  |
|------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
|      |  |  |  |  | 1 Rent Due   | 2   |
| 3    | 4<br>Office Closed<br>"Labor Day"  | 5<br>Last Day to pay<br>Rent without<br>the \$15 late<br>charge              | 6  | 7<br>Riviera Comm.<br>Corner<br>Meeting<br>5:00 pm<br>Turf to be Installed<br>at Riviera | 8  | 9   |
| 10   | 11   | 12   | 13<br>Brailsford<br>Community<br>Corner<br>Meeting @ 5<br>pm                         | 14   | 15   | 16<br>Brailsford –<br>Back to<br>school<br>"Sundaes"<br>4:00-5:30<br>pm |
| 17   | 18<br>Arts & Crafts<br>for Adults at<br>E.W. Williams<br>-Pioneer<br>5:00 pm | 19   | 20<br>Creative Better<br>Health Classes<br>for Deegan @<br>2:00 p.m.                 | 21<br>Pioneer<br>Community<br>Corner Meeting<br>@ 5 pm                                   | 22<br>Pick "Yard of<br>the Month"  | 23<br>Riviera –<br>Back to<br>School<br>"Sundaes"<br>4:00-5:30          |
| 24   | 25<br>Mandatory<br>Meeting for V.E.<br>Brailsford "B"<br>site @<br>5:00 p.m. | 26<br>Mandatory<br>Meeting for<br>V.E. Brailsford<br>"D" site @<br>5:00 p.m. | 27<br>Parents Group<br>@ 5 p.m. E.W.<br>Williams<br>Community<br>Center<br>(Pioneer) | 28<br>Deegan<br>Community<br>Corner Meeting<br>@ 2:00 pm                                 | 29<br>Kids Game<br>Night @ E.W.<br>Williams<br>Community<br>Center @ 6:00 –<br>7:30 PM<br>Re-open<br>Laundry Room<br>Riviera | 30  |

PEST CONTROL: E.W. WILLIAMS – 1st Wednesday of the month

V.E. Brailsford (B site) – 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month

V.E. Brailsford (D site) – 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month

Riviera – 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

Deegan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month

Notes



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**Have your child color this page and  
return to the office.**



**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.**

**Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel:**

**Chief Executive Officer - Gene Reed**

**Chief Financial Officer - Paul Falade**

**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**





# SEPTEMBER EVENTS

- 1 - Rent Due
- 4 - Labor Day Office Closed in observance of the holiday
- 5 - Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge
- 7 - Riviera Community Corner Meeting/Turf for the playground will be installed and re-open
- 7-16 - West Texas Fair and Rodeo
- 13 - Brailsford Community Corner Meeting
- 16 - Back to School Ice Cream Sundaes - V.E. Brailsford Community Center
- 18 - Arts & Crafts for Adults 5:00 p.m.
- 20 - Creative Better Health Classes for Deegan 2:00 p.m.
- 21 - E.W. Williams Community Center Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 22 - Select the "Yard of the Month" Contest
- 23 - Back to School Ice Cream Sundaes - Riviera Community Center 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
- 25 - Mandatory Meeting for V.E. Brailsford "B" site @ 5:00 p.m.
- 26 - Mandatory Meeting for V.E. Brailsford "D" site @ 5:00 p.m.
- 27 - Parents Group Meeting 5:00 p.m.
- 28 - Deegan Community Corner Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.
- 29 - Re-open the Laundry room at Riviera
- 29 - Klds Game Night - E.W. Community Center 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

## Pest Control Dates:

- E.W. Williams - 1st Wednesday of the month
- V.E. Brailsford (B site) - 3rd Wednesday of the month
- V.E. Brailsford (D site) - 4th Wednesday of the month
- Riviera - 2nd Wednesday of the month
- Deegan - 2nd Friday of the month



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**October 7, 2023**

**10th Strong Families Event - (formerly known as the Father's Day Event). We will have food, drinks, and fun activities throughout the event for the families and friends, local partners come out to this event and provide information, handouts/brochures, goodie bags, and screenings for services and eligibility.**

**11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**V.E. Brailsford (formerly Vogel)**

**2100 Vogel ("B" site)**

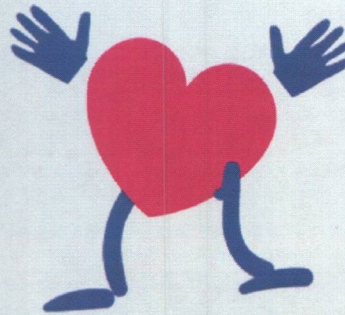
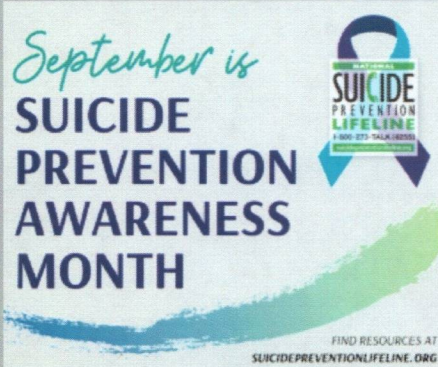


**"Gifts from the Grinch"**

**Christmas is a fun and joyous time! The Gifts from the Grinch Program will allow children to apply for the Grinch to bring one gift to them during December. Provide us a list with (3) three gifts your child would like. One of the gifts will be picked from their wish list. Your children will be required to write a letter or color a picture of what Christmas means to them. The price range for the gift should be up to \$20.00 or less.**

**Submission forms are included in this newsletter.**





**SEPTEMBER IS  
SELF ♥ CARE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

### **SELF-CARE AWARENESS MONTH**

**Self-Care Awareness Month in September is a time to remind us that taking care of ourselves, first and foremost, is essential. Self-care is often neglected in our everyday lives. We all tend to put others' needs before our own and it is crucial to remember, that we cannot fill another's cup from our own empty vessel. While getting a massage or taking a walk are beautiful examples of taking time for our well-being, self-care can be more expansive than that.**



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# **WEST TEXAS FAIR & RODEO**

The West Texas Fair and Rodeo this year begins September 7th and ends September 16th; gates will open weekday from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Carnival ride tickets \$1 each, kiddie rides 2-4 tickets all other rides 3-5 tickets.

## **Events:**

**Sept 7 - Sneak a Peek Armbands \$30**

**Sept 8 - College Nite free admission with ID**

**Sept 9-12 - School ticket days free with school tickets**

**Sept 11 - \$1 day admission**

**Sept 12 - \$2 Ride**

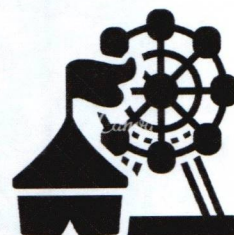
**Sept 13 - Sr Citizen Day - Free admission 60+ years**

**Sept 14 - Cantastic Night -**

**Free grounds admission for those that bring 6 empty cans of Coke products.**



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## Abilene/Big Country Hunger Coalition - Summer Meal Program

The Public Housing just completed our second year of partnering with the Abilene Big Country Hunger Coalition's Summer Meal Program that ended August 11, 2023. Public Housing passed out a total of 261 meals of which 103 were to children under 18; 60-age 18 to 45; and 98-age 46+



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## **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**

**Arts & Crafts for this month we will be putting together Wreaths for the fall.**

**Parents Group - Come out and meet other parents and let's discuss the challenges of everyday living as a parent or just talk.**



# ROSS WHAT IS IT?

**ROSS stands for Resident Opportunity and Self-Sufficiency. It is a free program, funded by HUD, to help public housing residents on a path to self-sufficiency. In the case of our elderly or disabled residents, it is geared toward helping you gain a better quality of life and remaining as independent as possible.**

How can I help? Do you need to continue your Education or GED, Job Opportunity, Substance Abuse, let me help you to the path of self sufficiency.

Contact Veronica at the following number:  
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### **Housekeeping Standards Continues:**

6. Food storage areas should be neat and clean without spilled food.
7. Trash/garbage will be stored in a covered container until removed to the disposal area.

### **Bathroom:**

1. Toilet and tank should be clean and odor-free.
2. Tub and shower should be clean and free of excessive mold and mildew. Where applicable, the shower curtain will be in place and of adequate length.
3. Lavatory closet should be neat and clean.
4. Exhaust fan should be free of dust
5. Floor should be clean and dry.

### **Storage Areas:**

1. Linen closet should be neat and clean
2. Other closets will be neat and clean. No highly flammable materials will be stored in the unit.
3. Other storage areas should be clean, neat, and free of hazards.

### **Housekeeping Standards: Outside of the Unit**

The following will apply to family and scattered sit developments only, some standards apply only when the area noted is for the exclusive use of the Tenant:

1. Yards will be free of debris, trash, and abandoned cars. Exterior walls should be free of graffiti.
2. Porches (front and rear) will be clean and free of hazards. Any items stored on the porch shall not impede access to the unit.
3. Steps (front and rear) will be clean and free of hazards.
4. Sidewalks will be clean and free of hazards.
5. Storm doors will be clean, with glass or screens intact.
6. Parking lots should be free of abandoned cars. There should be no car repairs in the lots.
7. Stairwells will be clean and uncluttered.

**Who receives a Housekeeping inspection?** If management or maintenance enter the unit and the unit is dirty this will be reported to the office or if Pest Controls enter your unit and it's reported that the unit is dirty the tenant is subject to housekeeping inspections.

**Lease Violations for Housekeeping:** If a Tenant's unit is inspected for the 1st time and fails, the Tenant will be scheduled for a re-inspection. If the unit passes no further action is taken. If, the second reinspect fails a housekeeping class will be mandatory. After completion of the housekeeping class, the tenant will be scheduled a weekly inspection for 1 month. These inspections will be determined and set at the housekeeping class. These inspections will last for one month. If during the weekly inspections, a unit fails: the tenant will receive a 30-day eviction. The Resident Coordinator will discuss the actual start date with you at the housekeeping class. After one month of inspections, you will be on a one-year probationary period. No further reports of unsanitary living conditions will be accepted and the Housing Manager will issue a thirty (30) day eviction order.







## MANAGER'S CORNER

### **Housekeeping Standards: Inside the Unit**

1. Walls should be clean of dirt, grease holes, cobwebs, and fingerprints.
2. Floors should be clean, dry, and free of hazards.
3. Ceiling should be clean and free of cobwebs.
4. Windows should be clean, not nailed shut, and white shades or blinds intact.
5. Woodwork should be clean, and free of dust, gorges, or scratches.
6. Doors should be clean, free of grease and fingerprints, with functional locks.
7. Heating units should be dusted and access uncluttered.
8. Trash should be disposed of properly and not left on the unit.
9. Entire unit should be free of rodent and insects infestation.
10. Pictures or other articles may be attached to the walls as long as they can be removed without damage, outside ordinary wear and tear. Tick-on type hangers are not allowed. The recommended nail size is 4, to prevent large holes in walls.

#### **Kitchen:**

1. Stove should be clean and free of food and grease.
2. Refrigerator should be clean and neat. Freezer door should close properly.
3. Cabinets should be clean and neat. Cabinet surface and counter top should be free of grease and spilled food. Cabinets will not be overloaded. Storage under the sink will be limited to small or lightweight items to permit access for repairs. Heavy pots and pans will not be stored directly under the sink.
4. Exhaust fan should be free of grease and dust.
5. Sink should be clean free of grease and garbage. Dirty dishes will be washed and put away in a timely manner.







**HAPPY**

**4 SEPT**

**LABOR DAY**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARDWORK!**



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