

### 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

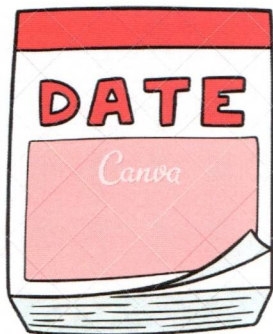
Resident Service Coordinator - Tanya Johnson

ROSS Coordinator - Veronica Berube

Crew Chief - Ali Mitachi

Maintenance - Onesimo Almazan & Evaristo Almazan





# November Events

- 1 - Rent Due
- 3 - Arts & Crafts for the Kids - 6 pm
- 5 - Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late fee
- 7 - Texas State Technical College - E.W. Williams Community Center - 5:30 pm
- 8 - Arts & Crafts for Adults - 5 pm
- 8 - Create Better Health - Deegan - 2 pm
- 9 - E.W. Williams Community Corner Meeting @ 5 pm
- 14 - V.E. Brailsford Community Corner Meeting (B site) @ V.E. Brailsford Community Center - 5pm
- 15 - Arts & Crafts for Deegan - 2 pm
- 15 - V.E. Brailsford Community Corner Meeting (D site) @ V.E. Brailsford Community Center @ 5pm
- 16 - Riviera Community Corner Meeting @ Riviera Community Center - 5 pm
- 17 - Deegan Luncheon/Bingo - 12:00 (noon)
- 21 - Inspire Training - Office Closed
- 22 - Inspire Training - Office Closed
- 23 - Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed
- 24 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed
- 28 - Deegan Community Corner Meeting - Deegan Community Center - 2 pm
- 29 - Parents Group @ E.W. Williams Community Center - 5 pm



EQUAL HOUSING  
OPPORTUNITY



**We would like to recognize Public Housing residents who have overcome a personal hardship, received a job promotion, or earned a certification for a trade.**

**We want to hear your story. Write a brief summary about your success and give it to Veronica, by November 27, 2023.**







**Texas State Technical College  
will be at E.W. Williams Community Center on  
November 7, 2023 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**To speak about the different programs and degrees  
that can be earned from the College and answer any  
questions you may have about the programs.**

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### **GED CLASSES**

#### **Orientation Times:**

Morning: 8:30am-12:30pm

Afternoon: 1:30pm-4:30pm

Evening: 5:30pm-9:30pm

#### **Registration Dates:**

November 7th (afternoon)

November 10th (morning)

November 27th (evening)

December 1st (morning)

December 5th (afternoon)

December 11th (evening)



West Central Tx Adult Education  
1929 S. 11th  
325-671-4419 - Call to Register

**Note\* AEL is an official GED testing center! If you need to  
schedule a GED exam, please log in to [GED.com](https://www.ged.com) to view our  
testing calendar for available dates and times.**

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## REMINDER PAGE

**Is your electricity and gas on? Remember it has to be on at all times per HUD. If not you will receive a lease violations and then a 30-day eviction for not having your utilities on.**



**Did you turn in your current phone number so you can receive texts from Public Housing.**

**What about your email address we will need that so you can receive the link for the newsletter which we will no longer be printing starting in January 2024.**



### **“Gifts from the Grinch”**

**Have you turned in your child wish list with a written letter or color a picture of what Christmas means to them. To receive a gift from the Grinch during December. Deadline is November 20, 2023**



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# MAINTENANCE TIP

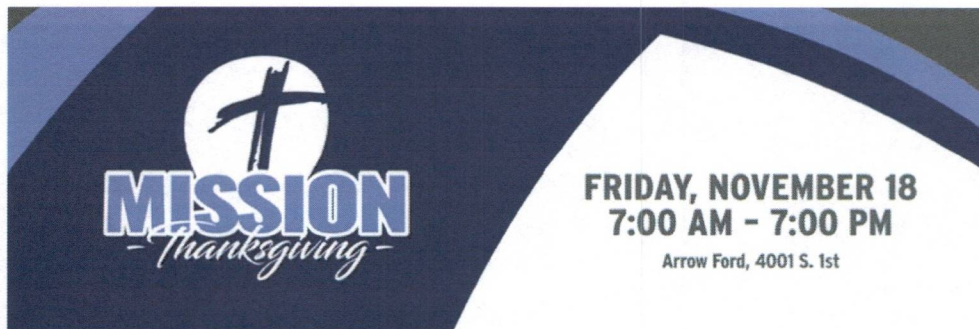
**Heater** - Once you turn on the heat you will notice a smell like something is burning. The smell is from it not being lit for a while, eventually the smell goes away. If the smells continues call the office for a work order.

**Oven** - Check your oven a couple of weeks before Thanksgiving to make sure it is working.

## **Oven - Do Not Use The Oven For Heat!**

If your heater is not working don't use the oven for heat call the office right away.





All donations received from Mission Thanksgiving will provide more food and clothes for Love and Care Ministries, below is the list of time for the food pantry:

Monday: 8:00-11:30, 1:00-3:00

Tuesday: 8:00-11:30, 1:00-3:00

Wednesday: 8:00-11:30, 1:00-3:00

Thursday: 8:00-11:30, 1:00-3:00

325-670-0246

233 Fannin Street

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# **Smoke-Free Housing Lease Addendum continues**

6. Evidence of a violation of this policy includes but is not limited to resident complaints, witness observation, and odor/or evidence of tobacco paraphernalia observed during unit maintenance and pest control visits and inspections.
7. The Housing Authority will provide referrals to smoking cessation services for any current residents who smoke and wish to quit.
8. All current and new residents living in Abilene Housing Authority shall sign the Smoke-Free Policy. Certification for placement in the resident's file and a copy will be provided to him/her.
- 9. Any deviation from this Smoke-Free Housing Policy by any resident, household member or their guest will be considered a lease violation.**
  - Three (3) violations could result in eviction.**
  - A. First violation will result in a verbal warning**
  - B. Second violation will result in a written warning**
  - C. Third violation could result in a final notice with intent to start eviction procedures.**





## ***manager corner***

# **Smoke-Free Housing Lease Addendum**

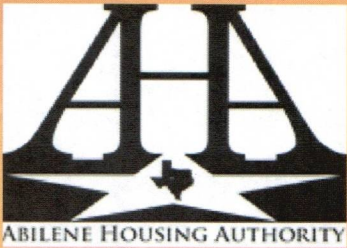
To insure quality of air and the safety of all public housing residents, pursuant to 24 CFR 965, Subpart G, Abilene Housing Authority has declared that all buildings belonging to the housing authority are smoke-free. The following will apply:

1. All current residents, all new residents, all employees, all guests and all contractors are prohibited from smoking in all apartments, utility buildings, community buildings and offices owned by the Housing Authority.
2. Smoking outside any building or apartment is allowed as long as it is 25 feet from the building or apartment.
3. Prohibited tobacco products include cigarettes, cigars, pipes and water pipes (hookahs)
4. All residents, employees and guests are responsible for properly disposing of smoking product wrappings and residue such as cigarette butts.
5. "No smoking" signs will be posted on the main office door and in other pertinent areas of the Public Housing sites.





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*happy*  
**THANKS  
GIVING**

