



Welcome
2024

May this year be filled with accomplishments,
laughter, and moments of pure happiness.



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

COMMUNITY POLICY

Community can be defined as a group of people who live in the same areas or as the actual shared area of a group of people.

This Community Policy was designed to provide for the general wellbeing of each Resident, by determining guideline of general conduct. Appropriate individual conduct is essential in maintaining the harmonious existence in the Public Housing Communities. Periodically, these policies may change, at the sole discretion of the Management and in accordance with the Occupancy Policies. Any violation of these Policies will be considered a breach of lease. Each of these policies applies to all Resident. Residents are responsible for their households and any guest knowing and following the policies.

NEIGHBOR DISAGREEMENTS

At no time will the Abilene Housing Authority take sides in the disputes or arguments between Residents. The Management will provide mediation for problems. If conflict continues after intervention of the Management, the termination or non-renewal of the leases of the involved parties may occur.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE

Building Exteriors - porches, yards and all external areas must be kept safe, sanitary, and uncluttered. These areas are not storage areas. Nothing will be attached, suspended, or displayed from buildings, fences, and trees. Any violation of this policy will lead to confiscation of resident property and possible eviction.

COMMUNITY APPREANCE

Decorating and Housekeeping -no_ modification of a permanent nature (interior or exterior) is permitted without prior written authorization of the Management. All Residents are responsible for the cleanliness of their apartments and the surrounding areas.

All Residents are also responsible for keeping their apartments, including light fixtures and appliances in good repair.

A. Pictures and other articles may be attached to the interior walls if they can be removed without damage. The largest allowed nail size is 4. Larger sized nails and stick on hangers are strictly prohibited.

B. Riviera Residents are not furnished with mini-blinds. All liners, drapes, curtains, shades, and window coverings must have a white backing. Aluminum foil and solar film is not permitted in any window.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance - If maintenance is required the Resident will advise the Management of the situation, so that a work order can be issued. When repairs are needed, the Resident should notify the office. Non-emergency maintenance problems will be reported Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Outside the regularly scheduled office hours, an emergency number (676-6032) is available. This number is for emergencies (201-2600) only. The A.H.A. will be responsible for repair of the unit within reasonable time. If the damage is due to "normal wear and tear" there will be no charge for this service. However, if the Resident or the Resident's household or guests causes the damage, the reasonable cost of the repairs shall be charged to Resident, in accordance with the listed schedule of charges.

MAINTENANCE

The A.H.A. resolves work orders according to priority.

Emergencies will be taken care of first. Emergency jobs include conditions that pose an immediate threat to life, health, safety, property, or are related to fire safety. Examples of emergency conditions include, but are not limited to, and unhealthy or undrinkable water supply, gas leak, broken/blocked sewer line, failed heating system, hazardous electrical system, damaged locks and doors, ceiling leaks, broken windows except storm windows, clogged commode or tub (if only on in unit), and clogged kitchen sink. Non-emergencies will be repaired as quickly as possible.

Non-emergency conditions are those that do not pose an immediate threat to life, health, safety, property, or are not related to fire safety.

NOISE

The hours of 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. are designed "Quiet Hours". The A.H. requires that TV's, instruments, stereos, and voices are kept to a minimum between these hours. Social gatherings of residents are permitted except in the parking area. It is the Resident's responsibility to ensure that these gatherings are not inappropriate or objectionable to other residents. The Resident also accepts full responsibility for any guest on Public Housing property.



College Tour at Tarleton State University

Parents & High School Seniors

We have scheduled a meeting on **January 12, 2024** to complete interest form and discuss what the tour will involve at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. The meeting will be at E.W. Williams Community Center from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions regarding the tour please contact Tanya Johnson at
325-676-6032



**ATTENTION PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS AND/OR
HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD INTERESTED IN COLLEGE**

TXNAHRO (Texas National Association of Housing
and Redevelopment Officials) provides
scholarships each year to deserving high school
seniors.

Scholarships are available to Graduating Seniors,
Adult Head of Households and Graduating Senior-
Non Traditional Students.

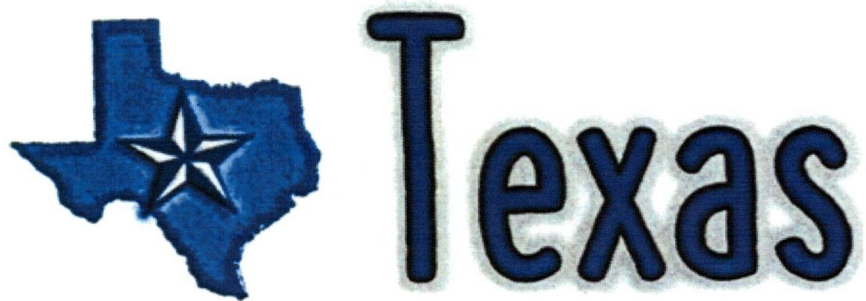
If your child is a Senior Student or if you are an
Adult Head of Household that is interested in
applying for these scholarships please call or email

Tanya Johnson

325-676-6032

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Additional information is provided on the next 2
pages.



NAHRO Scholarships

The Texas Chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (TXNAHRO) is a professional membership organization consisting of agencies and individuals who administer housing and community development in the state of Texas. NAHRO is the leading housing and community development advocate for the provision of adequate and affordable housing and strong, viable communities for all Americans: particularly those with low and moderate incomes.

TXNAHRO provides scholarships each year to deserving high school seniors, graduating in the Spring following this application deadline, and who are currently living with their families as Public Housing or Section 8 program residents.

Available scholarships are one (1), \$2,500 Jim Hargrove Scholarship, and eight (8) \$1,000 scholarships. To be eligible, you must:

- 1. Be a resident of public housing or a participant in the Section 8 program in which you are living.**
- 2. Be a graduating high school senior. (You cannot have graduated in the previous year or be in college already for this scholarship. It is intended to help high school seniors get started immediately in college).**
- 3. Demonstrate exceptional school attendance.**
- 4. Demonstrate high academic achievement.**
- 5. Demonstrate leadership and/or high level of motivation.**
- 6. Be a resident of a Housing Authority/ or Community Development (CD) agency that is a member of TXNAHRO.**

Visit www.txnahro.org/about-us/programs/ to apply online. Don't delay, get started on your application today!



Application Deadline:

February 16, 2024

Applicants are required to submit the following items:

Housing Agency Certification signed by the Executive Director of the housing agency in which you reside ([click here to download form](#))

Transcript or certified copy of grades with grade point average and scale used - whether 4 pt. scale, 5 pt scale, etc., class rank, proficiency test scores (TAKS, etc., whatever standardized testing system is used and ACT and/or SAT scores, if taken). It is very important to include all the above information so that all scholarship applicants can be evaluated on the same criteria.

***TWO letters of recommendation; one from a community leader and one from a high school instructor.**

One (1) recent photo (if a professional photo is not available, even a cell-phone selfie will be accepted, if a better-quality portrait is unavailable). This is very important for the awards ceremony!

***NEW* Please submit a 3 minute or less video of yourself describing your short and long-term goals in life, why you are pursuing your particular college degree or vocational training program and an achievement or an event in your life that has been especially significant.**

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED—THEY WILL BE REJECTED

Questions?

Contact the Texas NAHRO Service Office:

Phone: (940) 521-9982

Email: txnahro@brazosnet.com

Breaking News



The ROSS Program has funds to spend for the following items:

- GED Testing
- Fees for Certification Programs
- Attire for Employment
- Transportation for Job Interviews
- Daycare Cost (up to 8 weeks)

If you need assistance with the above and or something that pertains to school, employment or healthcare services, contact Veronica Berube

325-676-6032 x6016

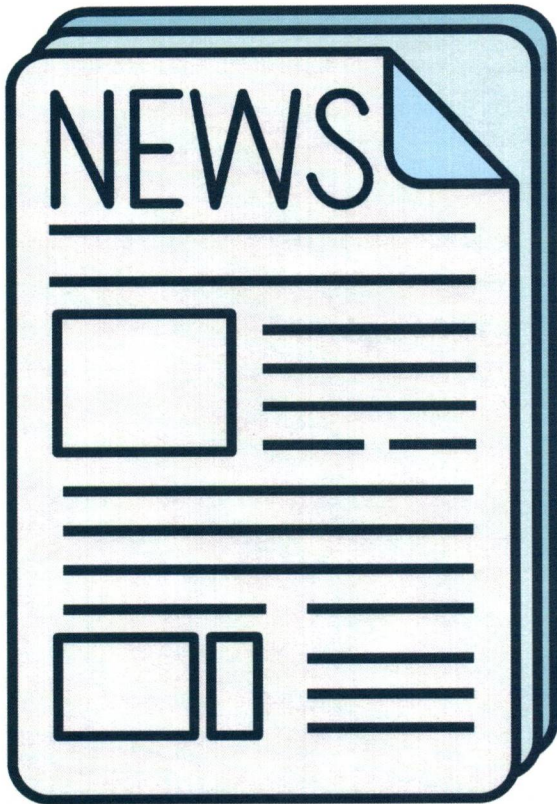
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Some restrictions may apply.



Tips for saving Heat during the Winter

- **Let the sun in during the day**
- **Closed curtain at night**
- **Eliminate air leaks and drafts**
- **Closed doors and vent in unused rooms**
- **Stay warm with clothes and blankets**
- **Lower the temperature in your house**
- **Turn down your thermostat down when you go to sleep**



Effective January 2, 2024, Public Housing will have a new Manager. Her name is Terrie Jowers she is coming to us from the Haskell Public Housing as the Executive Director. Let's welcome her to Public Housing.

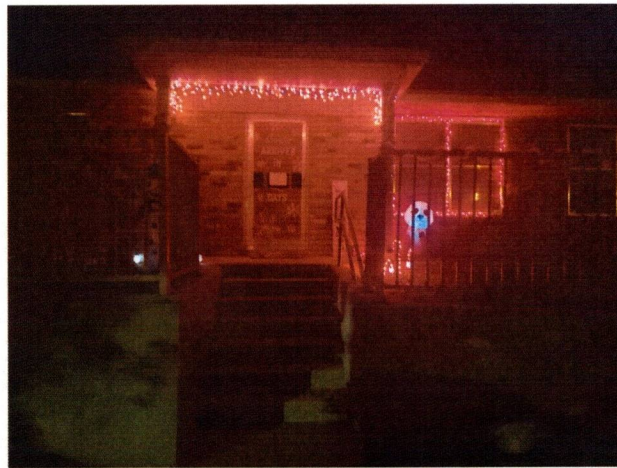
Reminder-

Every time your Recertification is renewed, you will have to provide your pet information with the Recertification paperwork. We will need updated shots records and bring the animal to the office so we can take a picture for your file.



Decorating Sugar Cookies





I was so excited to see all the units that participated this year for the Christmas Light Contest. Great job everyone!





Breann Hughes



Elizabeth Huereca

Winners: Christmas Lights Contest



Monica Sanchea

Sammie Shaw



*What a
great
year!*

Looking back at 2023

Community Corner for all 4 sites

Arts & Crafts Classes for Adults & Deegan Residents

Create Better Health for Deegan Residents

Hygiene Closet

Summer Heatwave Camp for the kids

**Summer & Winter Free Meal Program - Abilene
Hunger Coalition & Highland Church**

Digital Computer Classes

1st Annual Health Fair

Yard of the Month

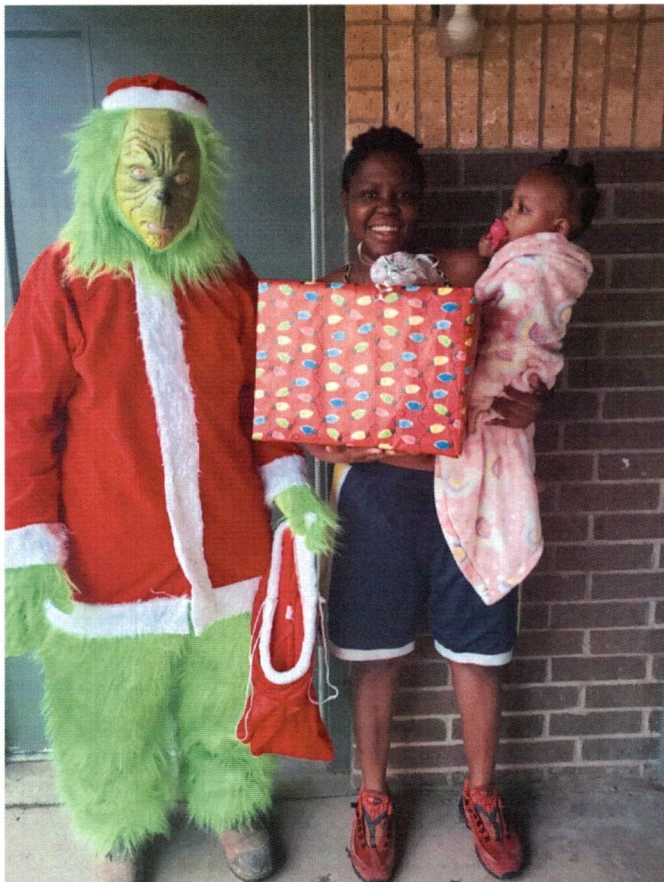
10th Strong Families Event

Gifts from the Grinch

**Renovation the Community Center for
V.E. Brailsford & Riviera**



Gifts from the Grinch





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

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

