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ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Newsletter Date:
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- ◆ Renters Insurance
- ◆ April Child Abuse
- ◆ Tax Season

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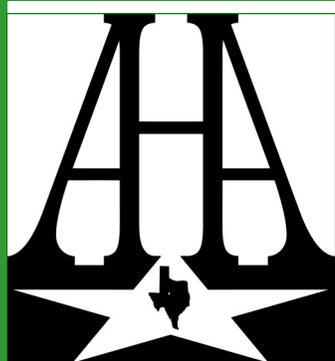
COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



VITA FREE TAX HELP

MAIN LIBRARY, AUDITORIUM

FEBRUARY 7 – APRIL 13
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



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FREE








FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE ZOO

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

FRIDAY
APRIL 12TH

6PM - 9PM
Last entry at 8PM




For questions contact
Heather Champion
(325) 201-6672





Pest Control Dates:

4/3 – E.W Northside of State

4/10– EW Southside of State

4/12 -Deegan

4/17– Riviera

4/24– Brailsford B

4/26-Brailsford D

Reminder: Refusal of pest control to enter your unit will result in a \$35.00 fee

Current RAB Members:

Lester Crenshaw

Auriana Gardner

Carmela Hall

Kathleen Ritz

April RAB Meeting:

Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 6:00pm

Meeting will be held at EW Community Room

Tenant Meetings

Please join us for our annual Tenant meetings. This is your time to discuss the annual plan for 2024 and make your recommendation on what you would like to see improved in your communities.

April 16 @ 4:30 PM–Earl Williams Tenant Meeting– EW community Room

April 17 @ 4:30 PM– Brailsford Tenant Meeting– Brailsford Community Room

April 18 @ 4:30 PM– Riviera Tenant Meeting– Riviera Community Room

April 19 @ 2:00 PM– Deegan Tenant Meeting– Deegan Community Room

APRIL Events

- ◆ 1-Rent Due
- ◆ 5– Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge. (if the 5th is on a weekend, rent is due by 8:00 a.m. Monday.
- ◆ 25th– Deegan Potluck and Bingo

RAB and Resident Council

RAB (Resident Advisory Board)

RAB Stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing and HCV. These residents reflect and represent the residents 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 amendment or modifications to the PHA Plan. WE WANT YOUR INPUT! Interested? Call Tanya at 325-676-6032-

Meeting will be held : April

Resident Council

Resident Council is a council that consists of residents from Public Housing. Unlike RAB, Resident Council is a tenant association geared towards the revitalization of public housing. The Council exists to make public housing better. Tenants can come together and get things done, and get things changed!

We all know that there are some things that cannot be changed. However, we are dedicated to making changes that will bring improvement. Interested? Call Tanya at 25-676-6032. Participation in RAB or Resident Council count towards Community Service





April National Child Abuse Prevention

“The only time you fail is when you fall down and stay down.”

— Stephen Richards

Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program

This program has its own target population of those transitioning from nursing facilities back into the mainstream.

Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program

Ross Program is a program open to all Public Housing Residents. The goal of ROSS is to work with residents to identify barriers to self sufficiency, and connect residents with local service providers in the community to meet those needs

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Thousands of Texans wear blue, the official color of prevention, to show support for children. National child prevention recognizes the importance of families and communities working to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. In 2023, 58,120 were victims of abuse or neglect in Texas. Counseling, education and early intervention is critical to reducing those numbers



Renter's Insurance

As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing Renters Insurance.

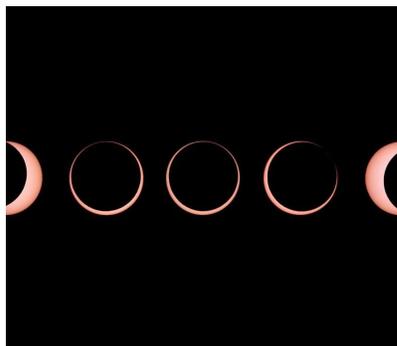
Renters insurance covers a policyholder's belongings against perils such as fire, theft/vandalism, flood/water damage, windstorm, hail etc. It provides personal liability coverage for damage the policy holder or dependents cause to third parties. It also provides additional living expenses, known as 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.

Solar Eclipse Happening

Monday April 8, 2024

Solar Eclipse

Wherever you are while viewing it, you'll see it happen in phases, from a partial eclipse to totality when the Moon completely blocks the Sun. Totality lasts 4 minutes and 28 seconds at most, enduring the longest around Torreón, Mexico, and ranging between 3.5 and 4 minutes in other locations.





Manager's Corner



Maintain Electric and Gas

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”

— Mark Twain

Management will be strictly enforcing Tenants obligation's to maintain all tenant paid utilities in working order. Please refer to your lease Section VI– Utilities and Applications ,section B which states the following:

Tenant agrees to maintain natural gas and electric services in the dwelling unit at all times. Failure to maintain electricity or gas services for more than (24) hours shall be considered a serious violation of terms of the Lease and shall be grounds for termination of the lease.

Lease violations and termination notices will be sent to all

PLANET vs PLASTICS
COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT



Saturday, April 20 · 10am - 1pm CDT

Kirby Lake Park

Kirby Lake Park Abilene, TX 79602





AHA — Providing Homes for Families

ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

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Abilene, TX 79603

Phone: 325-676-6032
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Relay Services 711 or 1-800-RelayTx
Customer Service Email Address:
helpdesk@abileneha.org



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.

We're on the web: <http://www.abileneha.org>

Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel:

Chief Executive Officer—Gene Reed

Housing Manager— Kimberlee Rodriguez

Assistant Housing Manager—Debra Hart

Housing Counselor—Veronica Berube

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

ROSS Coordinator –Vacant

Crew Chief—Ali Mitachi

Maintenance—Onesimo Almazan, Evaristo Almazan and Jonathan McDonald

