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# In the Know

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## New Beginnings

### Here is some interesting facts for the month of January

-1 Paul Revere was born (1735)

-1 Emma M. Nutt becomes the first woman telephone operator (1878)

-1 The ball was first dropped at Times Square in New York City (1908)

-3 Construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge (1870)

-6 Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph (1838)



-9 The United Nations opens its headquarters in New York City

-12 Batman debuts on television (1966)

-14 Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII, and become the first undefeated team in NFL history (1973)

Another Fresh New Year is here....

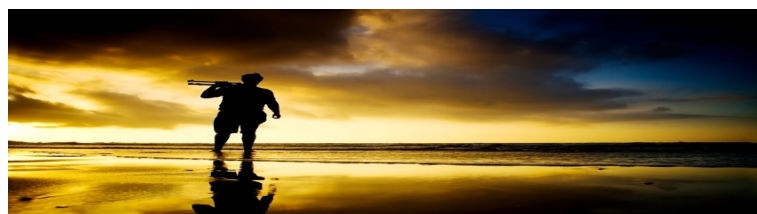
- ◆ Another Year to Live
- ◆ To Banish Worry, Doubt and Fear
- ◆ To love and laugh and forgive
- ◆ Let go of the past and embrace the future

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH ....



## Our 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.*





**Exterminations:**

- 2- EW North of State St
- 8- Deegan
- 9- Riviera
- 16- EW South of State St
- 23-B and D

**Current RAB Members:**

- Lester Crenshaw**
- Oscar Fields**
- Mary Garcia**
- Kathleen Ritz**
- Phyllis Rister**



# January Events



- ◆ 1—Rent Due! 8:30pm-10pm. Free
- ◆ 1- Office Closed for New Years
- ◆ 5—Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge (if the 5th is on a weekend, rent is due before 8:00am on Monday)
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—Office Closed
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Every Tuesday-Jazz Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress,



## What is RAB?

RAB stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing and residents from Section 8. 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 —676-6032



## Resident Council

This is a council consisting of only residents from public housing. Unlike RAB, Resident Council is a tenant association geared towards the revitalization of public housing. The Resident Council exists to make public housing better. With a Resident Council, people can come together and get things done, get things changed!

Now, 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 —676-6032  
**Participation in RAB and/or Resident Council**

**counts toward Community Service Hours**



# Text4Baby



To help more pregnant women and new moms increase their knowledge about caring for health and giving their best possible start in life, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition launched text4baby, the first free health text messaging service in the U.S. Text4Baby supports moms by providing accurate text-length health information and resources in a format that is personal and timely, using a channel they know and use.

Pregnant women and new mothers who text **"BABY"** (or **"BEBE"** for Spanish) to **511411** receive weekly text messages (timed to their due date or their baby's birth date) throughout pregnancy and up until baby's first birthday. The text messages provide information on a variety of topics critical to maternal and child health, including development milestones, immunization, nutrition, mental health, safety and more.

For more information about text4baby, visit [www.text4baby.org](http://www.text4baby.org)



In order to change we must be sick and tired of being sick and tired.  
Author  
Unknown

## Renter's Insurance

As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing renter's insurance.

- ◆ Renter's insurance is a form of insurance that covers a policyholder's belongings against perils such as fire, theft, wind-storm, hail, explosion, vandalism, riots, and oth-

ers. It also provides personal liability coverage for damage the policyholder 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 also can include coverage for property improvements. Possessions can be covered for their replacement cost or the actual cash value that includes depreciation. (Insurance Information Institute)

Additional information is available in the PH Office Lobby!

## Manager's Corner

Just a reminder to everyone about our policies and procedures concerning timely reporting of changes that may occur with tenants. Changes in employment—new employment, loss of employment, start school, birth of child and or removal of household member must be reported within 10 days of when the change occurs. The exception to this is new additions to the lease other than birth of child. If you plan on moving someone into your

unit, you must have the individual cleared by the Housing Authority. This involves completing an eligibility packet along with the required documents. A rental and criminal screening will be completed as well. This is the same information that you had to turn in prior to being approved for housing.

You may not move anyone into your unit before this process is complete.

Moving individuals in prior to approval will result in leave violation.



# Happy Birthday



TUMWEKWASE AKAMPULIRE  
KENAS AMANI  
NAHSHON BIKOGO  
ANGEL BOURNE  
DESIREE BURTON  
JERREL CRAIN II  
DEPARIS EKWENYA  
FATU EKWENYA  
ASKULU EKWENYA  
MWAVITA FAZILLA  
ENOCK GASORE  
CHRISTINE HABASA  
JEAN JOHN  
ADDILYNN LOVELACE  
MELYN LOWRY  
DIEU MANZI  
JAMARIAH MCCLEAN  
MANIYA MCGEE  
HOUSTON MILLER  
NIYONSABA MULISA  
OLIVIER MUREGO

ERIC MUTWARE  
KAYDIN NELSON  
ISIAH PERALEZ  
BRADEN PRESSON  
PRINCESS SHABANI  
RANDA SHUBUTWA  
CHASE THACKER  
JANVIER TUYISENSE  
TAQUAVEON YOUNG





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**Now You're ...  
In the Know!**



**Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday,  
8:00am-5:00pm**

**Closed from  
12:00pm-1:00pm  
for lunch**

## Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel

Executive Director—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Amy Pugh

Assistant Housing Manager—Jenny Davila

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor I—Veronica Berube

Crew Chief—Ali Mitaci

Maintenance—Oncecimo (Mo), Forrest, and Earl

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