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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....

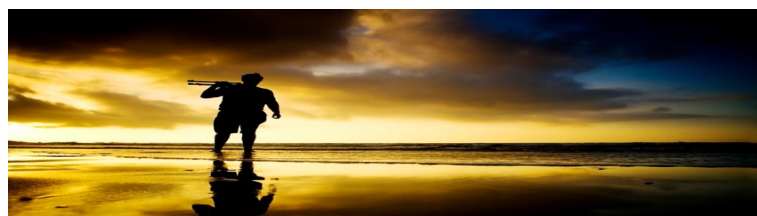
- ◆ Another Year to Live
- ◆ To Banish Worry, Doubt and Fear
- ◆ To love and laugh and forgive
- ◆ Let go of the past and embrace the future

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:

24—Vogel/Shop

27—Riviera/Deegan

30—E.W.Williams/Office

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
- ◆ 20 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,



Current RAB Members:

Randy Brown

Lester Crenshaw

Oscar Field

Mary Garcia

Carmella Hall

Phyllis Rister

Kathleen Ritz



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.

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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



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, windstorm, 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

The Housing Authority is working to reopen the laundry room. These facilities are considered an amenity provided by the Housing Authority for Riviera residents' convenience. In addition, the lease agreement between Abilene Housing Authority and all Riviera residents indicates the following: Tenant shall be obligated to refrain from and cause household members and guests to refrain from destroying, defacing, damaging or removing any part of

the dwelling unit, building, facilities or common areas and to pay reasonable charges for repairs if so caused. In saying this,

Abilene Housing Authority has installed newsurveillance cameras on premises and will pursue enforcement of the lease if it is determined that a Tenant, household member (including minor children) or guest is responsible for damages to the laundry facilities. Enforcement of the lease may include applying charges for damages to the unit and/or

terminating your lease. We also reserve the right to report any evidence of vandalism to law enforcement. Please help keep the laundry room open!!

Happy Birthday



Chancie Bivins

Jeniyah Crain

Riziki Erick

Nindeba Espoir

Niyongerefausina Fausina

Carol Grazier

Jazzelle Gutierrez

Bienvenue Irakoze

Jerry Kabago

Rukundo Karara

Finda Kollie

Aaliyah Maldonado

Maniya McGee

Victor Mizero

Confiance Mucyo

Peace Mugisha

Richard Ndela

Tyree Neal

Tiya Neal

Briana Newbury

Franc Ningabire

Adeline Niyoyanzanye

Debora Niyukuri

Alicia Nkeshimana

Javon Organ

Maisha Sembe

Esili Tuyisenge



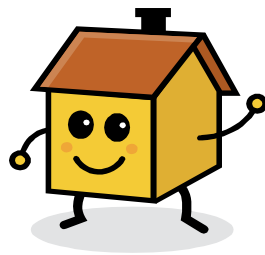


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In the Know!**



Office Hours:

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

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

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Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor I—Elena Wagner

Crew Chief—Mario Najera

Maintenance—Oncecimo (Mo), Chris, and Earl

Equal Opportunity Employer/Equal Housing Opportunities

