

## Abilene Housing Authority

### Special points of interest:

- ◆ Manager's Corner
- ◆ Renter's Insurance
- ◆ February Children's Dental Month
- ◆ Income Tax Time!!

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# In the Know

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## Housing Happenings

Well it's here again; Income Tax Season Time! There are various tax preparation sites in Abilene that prepare your income tax preparation and filing free.

**Abilene Public Library Downtown, 202 Cedar**  
No appointment needed  
Wednesdays & Thursdays  
10:00—3:00 pm.  
325-616-6025

**Abilene North Library 1326 N. Mockingbird**  
No appointments needed  
Fri & Sat 10-3 pm  
325-437-7323



ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Taxpayers, Please Bring With You:

- ◆ Social security cards for each person named on return, including children
- ◆ Drivers License/ID
- ◆ 2019 Tax Documents including all W-2 forms
- ◆ All 1098 & 1099 forms

- ◆ Receipts for charitable gifts, medical expenses (including medical insurance), college expenses and child care expenses
- ◆ Blank check with routing number and account for direct deposit



## 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:

13—Deegan/Riviera

20—E.W. Williams/Office

27—Vogel

### Current RAB Members:

**Randy Brown**

**Lester Crenshaw**

**Oscar Fields**

**Mary Garcia**

**Phyllis Rister**

**Kathleen Ritz**



# February 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 before 8:00am on Monday)
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 14 Valentines Day
- ◆ 17 Presidents Day

## 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**





# American Heart Month

## February is American Heart Month: Are You At Risk for Heart Disease?

During the month of February, Americans see the human heart as a symbol of Love. Everyone should show themselves some love and stay heart healthy for yourself and your loved ones. Cardiovascular disease (CVD)-including heart disease, stroke and high blood pressure is the number 1 killers of men and

women in the US. Many CVD deaths could be prevented through healthier habits, healthier living spaces and better management of high blood pressure and diabetes. You can control this thru diet, exercise, and proper medication just to name a few. As you take this new journey keep these things in mind..don't be overwhelmed, partner up with friends and family, don't

get discouraged and reward yourself.. Have fun.



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

Management will be strictly enforcing Tenant's obligation's to maintain all tenant- paid utilities in working order. Please refer to your lease Section VI-Utilities and Appliances, section B which indicates the following: *Tenant agrees to maintain natural gas and electrical services in the dwelling unit at all times. Failure to maintain electrical or natural gas services for more than twenty four (24) hours shall be considered a serious violation of terms of the Lease*

*and shall be grounds for termination of Lease.*

Lease violations and termination notices will be sent to all Tenants who fail to maintain electric or gas services in their unit.





The title 'Happy Birthday' is rendered in a large, colorful, stylized font. The 'H' is blue with a yellow outline. The 'a' is orange. The 'p' is blue. The 'p' is orange. The 'y' is blue. The 'B' is orange. The 'i' is blue. The 'r' is orange. The 't' is blue. The 'h' is orange. The 'd' is blue. The 'a' is orange. The 'y' is blue. The text is set against a background of colorful gift boxes in shades of purple, pink, yellow, green, and blue, each with a white ribbon and bow.



OTHAY ANDERSON  
BASHIA CAMPBELL  
RICKY DELAPAZ  
ASUMANI EKWENYA  
HAKIYIMANA JANE  
RAYMOND JONES  
PRINCESS JONES  
ESTHER KABROKOLE  
JOLIE KANEZA  
ZOE KARNLEY

MAURICE LAMPKIN  
RICHARD MCKINNON  
MARIANA MUNOZ  
MARQUAVIUN RIDER  
HENRY RUTEBUKA  
JERRIEN SELLERS  
SHAE SHABUTWA  
KELIA UWINEZA





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**Relay Services  
711 or 1-800-  
RelayTX**



**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—Tanya Charriez

Assistant Housing Manager—Amy Cook

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor—Veronica Berube

Ross Coordinator—Darlene McCoy

Crew Chief—Ali Mitaci

Maintenance—Oncecimo (Mo), Evaristo, and Earl

Equal Opportunity Employer/Equal Housing Opportunities

