



Abilene Housing Authority

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2025

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Relay Services: 711 or 1-800-RelayTX



Abilene Housing Authority Manager's Corner

IMPORTANT

Reporting Income

Here's What Can Happen If You Don't Report Your Income:

- Discovery: The public housing agency (PHA) will discover the discrepancy and verify it.
- Corrections: You'll need to correct your previous certifications to ensure you receive the correct amount of assistance.
- Repayment: You may need to repay the difference between what you were originally paid and the correct amount. You can do this in a lump sum, or by entering into a repayment agreement.
- Retroactive rent: The PHA may determine that you owe retroactive rent for the period of time when you didn't report your income.
- Legal action: Your lease could be terminated in failure to report income.

To avoid these consequences, it's important to be transparent and report all of your income.

Vehicle Break-Ins

Always lock your car doors, roll windows up completely, remove valuables from sight and never leave your keys in the car.

Call 911 if you see suspicious activity and you believe a crime is in progress,





Abilene Housing Authority Manager's Corner

IMPORTANT

Rent Payments

Make sure you are putting your name and address (including apt. #) on your rent payments that we can read. We recently received a money order with NO information filled out and could not post. This is very important to fill out completely.

Rent is due on the 1st and late if paid after the 5th of the month and late fees will be charged.

SLOW DOWN when driving into any of our properties.



Pest Control Schedule

- 1/8: EW North of State
- 1/10: Deegan (PM)
- 1/15: EVV South of State
- 1/22: Riviera
- 1/24: Vogel "B"
- 1/29: Vogel "D"

Office Closure Dates

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Monday, January 20, 2025





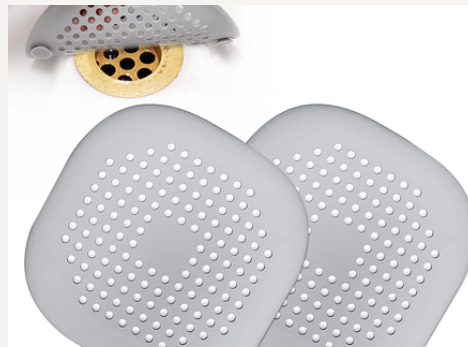
Abilene Housing Authority Maintenance

Maintenance Reminders

We continue to receive maintenance workorders for clogged drains because foreign objects and/or grease is being poured down the sink. A charge of \$50.00 first time and \$75.00 for each additional occurrence will be charged to your account.



Clean out the shower drain after each shower and remove hair or purchase a drain cover. A charge of \$50.00 first time and \$75.00 for each additional occurrence will be charged to your account.





Abilene Housing Authority Adult & Family

The Abilene Public Library is thrilled to announce its newest digital offering: Kanopy, a premier streaming platform that gives library cardholders free access to an incredible selection of films, TV shows, documentaries, and educational content.

Kanopy is a streaming service that delivers high-quality, on-demand content with a focus on thoughtful entertainment. From critically acclaimed movies and award-winning documentaries to inspiring children's programming, Kanopy offers something for everyone. Registering is free with your valid library card and open for adults ages 18 and older.



With your Abilene Public Library card, accessing Kanopy is simple:

- For General Users: Receive 15 tickets each month to borrow content. Most movies will utilize two tickets, TV show seasons may require up to five tickets. You'll see how many tickets will be used up before borrowing any title. Tickets refresh at the beginning of each month, but unused tickets do not roll over.
- For Kids: The Kanopy Kids section provides unlimited streaming of educational and entertaining content for younger viewers. Parents may access this feature by logging in, accessing "Kanopy Kids," and entering a PIN when prompted. Upon doing so, your child will only see kid-friendly content without the option of exiting the kids' section without the PIN.





Abilene Housing Authority Kids Events



Join Ms. Tanya for Kids Movie Night!

When: Friday, January 24, 2025

Time: 6pm

Where: Earl Williams Community Center

Attend a great STEAM event learning about artists from the past, and then creating art using their style and technique. Designed for tweens and teens, especially the homeschooling community.

Art Smarts is a great program designed for tweens and teens with an interest in the arts at your Main Library located at 202 Cedar, 2nd Floor Auditorium. Materials and instruction will be provided, just come out ready to get artsy with this unique STEAM activity celebrating the arts!





Abilene Housing Authority Senior Events



NEW! Contact your ROSS Service Coordinator, Debbie Ramirez for assistance applying for SNAP and Medicaid services. She is now authorized as a Community Partner with Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Please call 325-676-6032 or email: deborah.ramirez@abileneha.org to make an appointment.





Abilene Housing Authority Resident Recognition



Here are some facts about people with birthdays in January:

Birthstone

The birthstone for January is the garnet, which is said to promote balance and peace.

Birth Flower

The birth flowers for January is the carnation and snowdrop.

January Awareness Month

National Stalking Awareness

Cervical Health Awareness

National Human Trafficking Prevention

2025 goals

Ready for a Change?

Call Debbie Ramirez, your ROSS Service Coordinator.

Call 325-676-6032 or email:
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for more information!

- Employment
- Disability Services
- Health/Well-Being
- Educational
- Financial Literacy
- Basic Needs

JANUARY

DARE TO BEGIN.





Abilene Housing Authority Diversity Message



January 4

World Braille Day designed to raise awareness of our blind populations and the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.

January 19

World Religion Day is an annual observance to promote understanding and tolerance between people of different faiths. The day was initiated in 1950 by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, but its origins can be traced back to 1947.



January 20



"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that"

Observed on the 3rd Monday in January to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and recognizes his impact across the U.S. and the world, On MLK Day, also called Civil Rights Day since 1999, we're all encouraged to learn, connect and take action to improve our communities.

January 27

International Holocaust Remembrance Day. People around the world are encouraged to reflect and honor the victims of the Holocaust, to learn about genocide and to take action to create programs that help prevent genocide in the future.

