

#### Abilene Housing Authority

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### Newsletter



















### Velcome



We are pleased to introduce Shawnta Griffin, our new AHA Public Housing Manager. Shawnta brings 13 years of experience in the multi-family industry and will be responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations, addressing resident concerns, and ensuring our community continues to thrive.

#### Office Closure Announcement

The office will be closed on Thursday, June 19, 2025 in observance of Juneteenth.

#### Pest Control Schedule

• 6/3: EW South of State

• 6/10: EW North of State

• 6/13: Deegan

• 6/17: Riviera

• 6/24: Brailsford "B"

• 6/27: Brailsford "D"

You will be charged if Pest Control cannot enter the unit.





# Abilene Housing Authority Manager's Corner



Per HUD policy, <u>your lease may not be renewed</u> at Annual Recertification if:

- You have 3 late rent payments in a 12 month period. Your rent is considered late after the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month and/or;
- Identified hazardous conditions exist in the unit that poses serious health and safety risks. These conditions include, but may not be limited to, the presence of feces, urine, and/or other hazardous and unsanitary materials.

#### Unreported Maintenance Issues

Unreported maintenance issues (example: plumbing leaks) that cause damage to the unit will result in a charge applied to your account.



#### Summer Time Reminders:

- Do not leave children toys outside of your unit, front or back.
- Remember to drain pools after use and put back inside of your apartment.
- Children under the age of ten must not be left unattended.
- Residents and guests of residents: Slow down especially now that children are out of school.





## Abilene Housing Authority Children

#### ABILENEISD

in partnership with USDA



Free summer meals to children and teens aged 18 and younger while school is out!

June 2 - July 24\*

Abilene Alliance for Women & Children

1350 N. 10th Street

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Abilene Zoo 2070 Zoo Lane

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. ~ 8:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.

Mall of Abilene 4310 Buffalo Gap Rd. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Martinez Boys & Girls Club 1301 Clinton Street Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. New Horizons

294 Medical Drive

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Redbud Splash Pad 3125 S. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

YMCA Redbud 3125 S. 32<sup>nd</sup> Street

Breakfast: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Children's Art & Literacy Festival\*

1101 N. 1st Street

Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> only Lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.





# Abilene Housing Authority Family Fun!



Mark your calendars for the 2025 Juneteenth Celebration at Stevenson Park!

Two days of community, culture, and celebration for all ages!

### Day 1: Wednesday, June 18 | 6-9 PM Kickoff Celebration

- Community Kickball Game
- Free Fish Fry
- Music, games & great vibes!

#### Day 2: Thursday, June 19 | 10 AM - 10 PM Juneteenth Festival

- Live music, DJ sets & youth sports
- Educational activities & award presentations
- Free community lunch, vendors, food trucks & more!

Bring the whole family and celebrate freedom, unity, and community with us!



# Abilene Housing Authority Family Fun!



Enjoy four family-friendly days of fun at 17 venues at the 13th Children's Art + Literacy Festival in downtown Abilene presented by the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council. Celebrate the books of the artist on exhibit this summer at the National Center for Children's Illustrated Literature. Thursday events are free. Friday and Saturday events require a pass for everyone 3 and older. Wear your CALF pass Sunday and enter the Abilene Zoo for free for additional festival programming and animal encounters!



Enjoy a come-and-go free family art activity in the studio. Then wander around the art gallery and enjoy the exhibit and engage with the DrawAlive in our back area. Don't forget to stop by the book store and pick out something new to read!

Admission is FREE





### Abilene Housing Authority

### Adults



Invest in yourself to create a stronger, more secure future for you and your loved ones.

- TSTC will present information on a wide variety of Programs offered, such as:
  - Electrical Power & Controls
  - EMS
  - HVAC
  - Plumbing
  - Welding
- Resources
- Scholarships
- Career Services
- Money Back Program

When: Friday, June 13

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Where: Earl Williams Community Room



### Abilene Housing Authority Seniors

#### Bingo Activity

Friday, June 6 1:00p.m. Deegan Community Room







# Abilene Housing Authority Resident Recognition











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#### RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

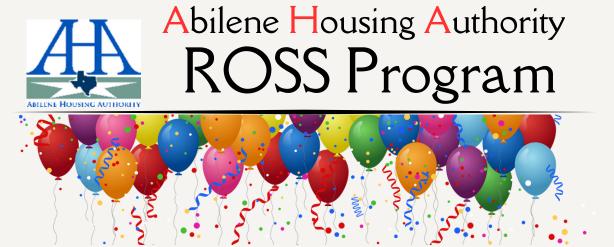
I would like to take a moment to recognize one of our residents, Breeanne, who has accomplished so much in such a short time. She has overcome every obstacle in her path by remaining focused on her goals and refusing to give up.

Her first goal was to obtain her GED, which she proudly achieved in August 2024.

But Breeanne didn't stop there. She went on to enroll in the Alta Vista/Adult Education Program's On-Ramp initiative, a partnership with the Patty Hanks Shelton School of Nursing. Through this collaboration, she successfully completed the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program on March 6, 2025. The final step was passing the state CNA exam—and I'm thrilled to share that she passed!

It has been truly inspiring to watch Breeanne's journey from the sidelines. Her achievements serve as a powerful reminder of what determinat Relay Services Rend Weller Weller Relay TX accomplish.

And her story doesn't end here... Breeanne has



### I am pleased to announce the ROSS Program was approved by HUD for another 3 years!

Changes to the ROSS Program will begin with better communication. A private Facebook group has been created just for you!

This group is designed to keep you informed and connected with:

- Important ROSS Program and Public Housing updates
- Free community events and giveaway announcements
- Community partner classes to support your journey toward self-sufficiency
- Resident recognition highlights
- And so much more!

Our goal is to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging space for everyone. For now, this page will function as a virtual "flyer" – so while comments are turned off, we're still here for you!



#### Interested in joining?

Email: deborah.ramirez@abileneha.org and a link will be sent back to you.

Paper flyers will continue to be distributed when possible. However, there are times when we don't receive important information in time to print and distribute to you. In those cases, updates will be posted in our Facebook group.

#### LET'S CONNECT AND THRIVE TOGETHER!

