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# In the Know

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## Child abuse Awareness Month



April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month in Texas and the nation. There are 61 Children Advocacy Centers (CACs) across Texas that tackle the difficult task of fighting child abuse by partnering with law enforcement, child protective services, prosecutors, medical professionals, mental health experts and victims' advocates.



- ◆ Last year, alone, more than 37,000 Texas children were served through CACs.
- ◆ Today, 185 Texas Children will be victims of abuse
- ◆ In one year, more than 65,000 cases of child abuse were confirmed in Texas

### How to Help

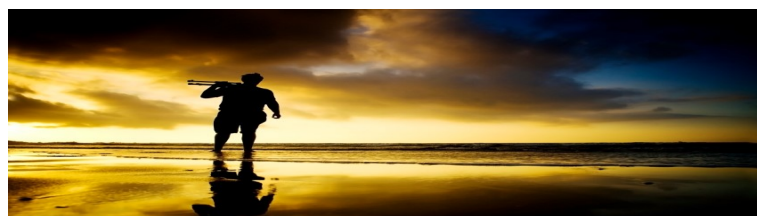
Child abuse is a crime of secrecy which breeds within our communities because its difficult to talk about. Adults must be courageous to discuss this issue openly.

### Report Suspected Abuse

**Call 1-800-252-5400 or 9-1-1**

## 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:**

22—E.W. Williams/Office

23—Vogel

25—Deegan/Riviera

# April Events



- ◆ 1—Rent Due!
- ◆ 5—Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge (if the 5th is on a weekend or holiday, rent is due on 1st business day after weekend or holiday)
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Every Thursday-Open Mic Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress, 9:00pm-10pm. Free
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 9- Cajun Festival—Taylor County Expo 8:00a.m to 8:00 p.m
- ◆ 15-Tax Deadline
- ◆ 27 -Administrative Professional Day
- ◆ 29-Key City Rhythm & Blues Festival- Nelson Park 6:00—9:00 pm

## Current RAB Members:

**Mary Garcia**  
**Kathleen Ritz**  
**Bernita Wright**



# 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!

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**



# April is Fair Housing Month



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On April 11, 1968 President Johnson signed the landmark Fair Housing Act into law prohibiting discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, familial status or disability. This years Fair Housing Month Theme: "Our Work Today Defines Our Tomorrow" Just when you might think or hope that housing discrimination is a thing of the past, we're reminded it's still very much part of society today. Fair

housing month is a time for HUD (and all of us) to cast a spotlight on a persistent problem that exists in this country as individuals and families continue to face both blatant and subtle forms of housing discrimination.



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

## LATE FEES

REMINDER: You will be charged a late fee of \$15.00 if you have a balance on your account after the 5th of the month. Therefore, please be sure to check your receipt to ensure that it reflects a zero balance after you pay rent for the month. If you are charged a late fee and you believe it is

an error, please contact Public Housing Management to discuss.



# Happy Birthday



RENE ARREDONDO  
BANTENDJI, CADEAU  
BATENDJI, ELISHA  
BROWN, CURTIS  
JOYCE BUDANGA  
ISAAC BUSTILLOS  
DIANKA, MARIAM  
MARYLOU GARCIA  
MICHAEL GARCIA  
HUNTER, ALAZAY  
JESSE, IREZA  
KANYANA, JOY  
NTUMBA KASONGO  
MARTHYMBA MABIKA  
STEVEN MBOUMBA MANGOFFO  
MUGISHA, MOSES  
KENNY NDAY  
ELIZABETH NISHIMWE

ANTOINETTE NIYOKWIZERA  
NSABIMANA, DAVID  
NADIA RUKENGEZA  
UWASE, JOLIE





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**RELAY SERVICES 711  
OR 1-800- RELAY  
TEXAS**



**Office Hours:**

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

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

## Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel

Chief Executive Officer—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Amy Pugh

Assistant Housing Manager—Jason Moore

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor I—Veronica Berube

Crew Chief—Mario Najera

Maintenance—Onecimo (Mo), Chris, and Earl

Equal Opportunity Employer/Equal Housing Opportunities

