

## Abilene Housing Authority

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- ◆ 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.

**Dates 2/3/2016 to 4/15/2016**

**Abilene Public Library Downtown, 202 Cedar 325-676-6025**

No appointment needed  
Friday 10:00am-3:00pm  
Saturday 10:00am-3:00 pm

**Abilene North Library 1214 N. Mockingbird**

No appointments needed  
Wednesday 10:00am-3:00pm  
Thursdays 10:00a.m-3:00pm



ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

Taxpayers, Please Bring With You:

- ◆ Social security cards for each person named on return, including children
- ◆ Drivers License/ID
- ◆ 2015 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:

24—Deegan/Riviera

27—E.W. Williams/Office

28—Vogel

**Current RAB Members:**  
**Kathleen Ritz**  
**Bernita Wright**  
**Mary Garcia**



# March 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.
- ◆ Every Thursday-Open Mic Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress, 9:00-10pm. Free
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 13 Daylight Saving Time
- ◆ 17 St Patricks Day
- ◆ 25 Good Friday
- ◆ 27 Easter

# 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? Deadline March 24, 2015

Call Tanya —676-6032

Our Next RAB Meeting will be on April 6, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Williams Community Center



# 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 Communi-**

**ty Service Hours**





# National Nutrition Month

## March is National Nutrition Month

National nutrition month is a campaign that focuses on the importance of making good informed choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

The 2016 Theme is "Savor the Flavor of Eating Right."

Dedicate yourself to a healthy lifestyle in 2016 with these tips:

1. Eat Breakfast
2. Make half your plate fruits and vegetables
3. Watch Portion Sizes
4. Be Active
5. Fix Healthy Snacks
6. Get to know Food Labels
7. Follow Food Safety Guidelines



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

## NEW RESIDENT BOARD COMMISSIONER

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Gwendolyn Blount has been selected to serve as our new Resident Board Commissioner. Ms. Blount is replacing Mr. David Mukire. Mr. Mukire will now be service as a regular Board Commissioner.

Ms. Blount is a resident at our Earl Williams Complex. She is a substitute teacher for Abilene Independent School District.

Please join us in welcoming her to the Abilene Housing Authority Board.



# Happy Birthday



ARRIAGA, JOSE  
BUSTILLOS, ELEZAMA  
BYIRINGIRO, ERIC  
IGIRANEZA, ERIC  
IGIANEZA, ELVIN  
IRANZI, PEACE  
JONES, SHENISE  
KABURA, ESTELA  
LAWRENCE, CODY  
LOWRY, JUMOINA  
MANISHIMWE, ALICE  
NDUWAYO, SARAH  
NDUWAYO, SARIAH  
NSENGIYUMVA, CHRISTIAN  
OVERTON, LANCE  
PERALEZ, JAYDEN  
RICKS, ELILIEAS

SMITH, EVAN  
UWERA, OLGA  
VESTINE, IGIRANEZA





Abilene Housing Authority

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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

Chief Executive Director—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

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