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School is In

Parents across the country are saying the same thing: "I can't believe school is about to begin." With that said now is the time to get organized and help your children gear up for school. Here are some tips and suggestions to get started.

- ◆ Attend the schools open house. Check with schools on date and time.
- ◆ Plan...especially for the first few days. The best morning send offs begin the night before. Whatever you can do the night before, do it: make lunches; set out breakfast dishes;



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choose clothes, load back-
packs and sign papers.

- ◆ Consider giving each child their own alarm clock.
- ◆ Before school starts discuss expectations on homework, reading, studying and test reviews. Decide how much time is allotted for t.v., video games and computers. A good rule of thumb is to allow none until done.

As soon as your child gets home from school make a habit of going through their backpacks for notes from teachers etc. For middle school and high school ask them how their day went and if there is homework. Many schools have the homework, grade and daily assignments on line through the schools web site.

Whether you wish summer could last longer or you're ready for school to begin, remember to have a positive attitude. Kids take their cues from parents.

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.





August Events



Exterminations:

25—Pioneer/Office

26—Vogel/Shop

22—Riviera/Deegan

- ◆ 1—Rent Due! 8:30pm-10pm. Free
- ◆ 1- Camp Heatwave Begins
- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 22- First day of school for Abilene ISD
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Every Tuesday-Jazz Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress,

Current RAB Members:

Mary Garcia

Katherine Ritz

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!

We are now down to two RAB members and we need tenants who are willing to take an active role. Interested?

Call Tanya—676-6359



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—676-6359

Participation in RAB and/or Resident Council

counts toward Community Service Hours

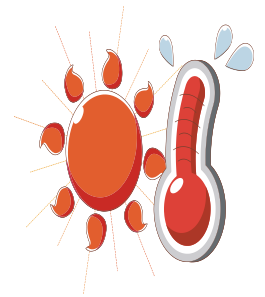




\$\$\$ OUCH! My Electric Bill !!!

Who wants a high electricity bill this month? Not me! If you want to save some money you are going to have to conserve power!! There are many ways to reduce the amount of electricity that you consume in your home. Lower usage means a lower electricity bill. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT), system operator for the state's bulk transmission grid, is continuing to ask consumers and businesses to reduce their electricity use during peak usage hours from 3 to 7 p.m. The extreme Texas heat and high demand across the state have cut into the state's reserve electric generation capacity and conservation is needed today.

Your Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System (HVAC) is the number one power user in your home, accounting for 50% or more of your electricity usage. To keep your HVAC system running efficiently we inspect it and change the filter regularly. Reduce your energy consumption by keeping your thermostat between 78* and 80* in the summer, and raise your thermostat when you leave the house for more than a couple hours. Don't constantly turn in on and off; this causes your system to work even harder.



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

Rent Payments

Management would like to remind Public Housing Residents that their lease states that repeated late payments, which shall be defined as failure to pay the amount of rent or other charges due by the fifth(5) day of the month, are considered grounds for termina-

tion of the lease.

Four (4) such late payments within a twelve (12) month period shall constitute repeated late payments.

Please plan your monthly budget to ensure that you will be able to pay your rent in a timely matter



Happy Birthday




- Jamie Amani
- Juan Amora
- Robert Amora
- Minani Emanuel
- Furaha Jackson
- Manuel Mejia
- Zikama Mujanama
- Chance Nijimbere
- Irakunda Osiane
- Ninjimbera Samy
- Stephanie Suarez
- Miguel Suarez
- Obedianso Ughanze
- Emmerance Umulisa
- Alaysia Watson

Camp Heatwave





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

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