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## Halloween Safety Tips

Halloween is right around the corner and I am sure your children are already planning their costumes. Halloween is a fun time of year for everyone but it can also be a time of physical injury caused by carelessness or a lack of preparation. Here is a list of tips to help keep you and your family safe during Halloween:

- ◆ All costumes should be made of flame retardant material
- ◆ If wearing a mask, ensure that the eye holes allow for sufficient sight. And due to Covid-19 take extra care



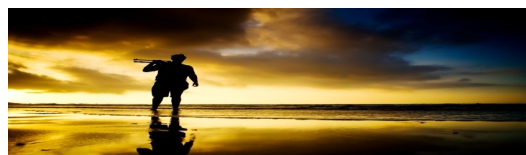
- ◆ Carry flashlights and add reflector strips to costumes so that others can see you
- ◆ Never enter the home of strangers
- ◆ Do not consume candy or other treats until an adult has inspected it
- ◆ Drive below the posted speed limit and avoid using cell phones

- ◆ Advise children to not get into the vehicle of a stranger
- ◆ Do not send your children out alone
- ◆ Explain to your children that vandalism of any sort is never acceptable.



### *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.*





# October 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.
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm
- ◆ 16Headstart Resource Round-Up at Civic Center 3:00 –6:30
- ◆ Health Flu Shot at Health dept. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9-4 p.m. Costs: Flu—\$20; Pneumonia—\$70.00 and both - \$80.00
- ◆ 27—Boo at the Zoo, trick or treat and the zoo and enjoy the animals too! 10am-7:00pm, \$5.00 and children 2 and under –free
- ◆ Texas Early Voting runs from Tuesday October 13, 2020 to Friday October 30, 2020



**Exterminations:**

- 1st Wed—Pioneer
- 2nd Wed -Deegan
- 3rd Wed—Riviera
- 4th Wed—Vogel B & D

Call for special treatments 325-676-6032

**Current RAB Members**

- Lester Crenshaw
- Celestine Daugherty
- Oscar Fields
- Carmela Hall
- Joy McGee
- Phyllis Rister
- Kathleen Ritz
- Tonya Smith



# What is RAB?

RAB stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing. 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? 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.

**or Resident Council counts toward Community Service Hours**

Interested?  
Call Tanya—676-6032  
**Participation in RAB and/**

# Happy Fall Y'all!



## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast cancer awareness month is a yearly campaign to educate men and women about the importance of early screening, tests and more.

Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among American women.

Mammograms are the best way to detect breast cancer early and when it is easier to treat and before its big enough to feel or cause problems



*I am the  
greatest, I said  
that even  
before I knew I  
was.  
Muhammad  
Ali*

## 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 others. 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

### EMERGENCY WORK ORDERS

Management would like to remind residents that the maintenance staff will be called out after hours for emergency work orders only. If non emergency work orders are called in after hours,

residents will be asked to call the office on the next business day to report their requests.

As a reminder safety is always a priority for Public Housing Residents. If you have a true emergency, please call 911.

Also feel free to contact our office if you are unsure of what is considered an emergency work order.





# Happy Birthday

Johnny Applin

Brandon Lawrence

Brison Blanton

Amyria Blanton

Aireyale Burnett

Mercil Carrillo

Paul Cruz III

Ndikumwenayo Elise

Ilias Quintanilla

Zaila Foreman

Dejuan Jay

Danny Jay Jr

Angel Jefferson

Patrick Kamanzi

Madison Stamp

Wish Quintanilla

Joyeuse Mugeni

Christina Mugisha

Chance Ndabarishe

Esperance Niyoyankunze



## **Abilene Housing Authority**

**4398 North 7th St.**

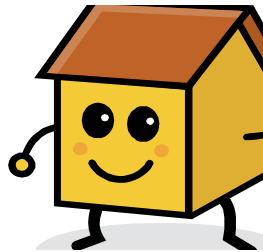
**Phone: 325-676-6032**

### **Relay Services**

**711 or 1-800-Relay TX**

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**In the Know!**



### **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—Tanya Charriez

Assistant Housing Manager—Amy Cook

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor —Veronica Berube

Ross Coordinator—Darlene McCoy

Crew Chief—Ali Mitaci

Maintenance—Onecimo (Mo), Earl, and Forrest

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