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## National Influenza Week

**December 6-12 2020 is National Influenza Vaccination Week. If you haven't gotten your flu vaccine yet, now's the time. An annual flu vaccine is the single best way to prevent this serious illness.**

**Vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu!**

As long as flu viruses are spreading and causing illness, vaccination can still provide protection against the flu. Flu activity typically peaks between December and February in the U.S., and the season can last as late as May. The sooner you get vaccinated, the more likely you are to be protected against the flu



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### Who Needs a Flu Vaccine

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older. Once vaccinated, it takes about 2 weeks for the body's immune response to fully kick in.

### Are You High Risk?

There are certain people who are at high risk of developing serious flu-related complications that can lead to hospitalization or death

including pneumonia and bronchitis. Those at high risk include:

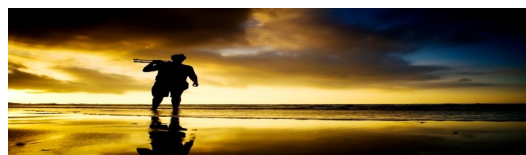
- ◆ Pregnant women
- ◆ Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- ◆ People 65 years or older
- ◆ People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions



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## *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:**

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

**Current RAB Members:**

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



# December 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 2nd Thursday—Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm. Regular Public Hours: \$6 adult. \$3 seniors, students, educators, non active military w/ id Free kids 3 under and active military/families with id. Covid-19 may adjust schedules
- ◆ 1- Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar St. Create a work of art for FREE. 1pm-4pm. Covid-19 may adjust schedules
- ◆ 25—Merry Christmas Abilene Housing Authority Offices are closed for Christmas



## 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 re-

garding the development of the PHA plan and any significant amendment or modifications to the PHA Plan. We want YOUR Input! We currently have a vacant position..

Interested?  
Call—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 mak-

ing changes that will bring improvement.

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**Participation in RAB and/or Resident Council counts toward Community Service Hours**

# Christmas Facts



- ◆ The common abbreviation for Christmas to Xmas is derived from the Greek alphabet. X is letter Chi, which is first letter of Christ's name in the Greek alphabet.
- ◆ Silent Night was written in 1818, by a Austrian Priest Joseph Mohr.
- ◆ In 1836, Alabama was the first state in the USA to declare Christmas a legal holiday.
- ◆ In 1843, the first Christmas card was printed in England for Sir Henry Cole.
- ◆ In 1856, President Franklin Pierce decorates the first White House Christmas tree.
- ◆ In 1907, Oklahoma became the last USA state to declare Christmas a legal holiday



Computer Lab at Earl Williams  
Currently not Available for use due to COVID-19

## 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 through area insurance agencies

## Manager's Corner

**Graduating High School Seniors of 2021.. Need \$\$Money for College? Tx Nahro offers scholarships for Public Housing and HCV participants**

Texas National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials offer (1) \$2500 and (8) \$1000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will

attend college. You will complete an essay, submit a 3 minute video and attach your high school transcript with the application and submit all online to Texas Nahro. The website is [www.txnahro.org/scholarship/application-overview](http://www.txnahro.org/scholarship/application-overview). I will be available to assist you via phone /email. I would like for

you to complete by 1-29-21 so that we can review together and make any corrections. The TX Nahro deadline is Feb. 19, 2021.

Questions call Tanya at 325-676-6032 or email

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## Relay Services

711 or 1-800-Relay

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## Office Hours:

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

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

\*Currently Closed to Public due to COVID-19

Can be reached by phone or email

## Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel

Executive Director—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Vacant

Assistant Housing Manager—Jennifer Payton

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

Housing Counselor I—Veronica Berube

Ross Coordinator— Darlene McCoy

Crew Chief—Ali Mitaci

Maintenance— Evaristo, Onecimo (Mo), and Vacant

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