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# In the Know

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## New Beginnings

### Here is some interesting facts for the month of January

-1 Paul Revere was born (1735)

-1 Emma M. Nutt becomes the first woman telephone operator (1878)

-1 The ball was first dropped at Times Square in New York City (1908)

-3 Construction began on the Brooklyn Bridge (1870)

-6 Samuel Morse demonstrates the telegraph (1838)



-9 The United Nations opens its headquarters in New York City

-12 Batman debuts on television (1966)

-14 Miami Dolphins defeat the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl VII, and become the first undefeated team in NFL history (1973)

Another Fresh New Year is here....

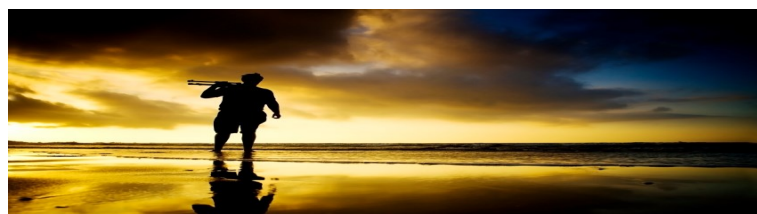
- ◆ Another Year to Live
- ◆ To Banish Worry, Doubt and Fear
- ◆ To love and laugh and forgive
- ◆ Let go of the past and embrace the future

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH ....



## 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 Wednesday— E.W
- 2nd Wednesday—Deegan
- 3rd Wednesday—Riviera
- 4th Wednesday—Vogel B & D site

# January Events



- ◆ 1—Rent Due! 8:30pm-10pm. Free
- ◆ 1- Office Closed for New Years
- ◆ 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
- ◆ 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday—Office closed
- ◆ Every Thursday-Free Admission at the Grace Museum 5-8pm.
- ◆ Every Tuesday-Jazz Night at Monk's Coffee Shop, 233 Cypress,



## Current RAB Members:

- Lester Crenshaw**
- Celestine Daugherty**
- Oscar Field**
- Carmella 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 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?  
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**



# Text4Baby



To help more pregnant women and new moms increase their knowledge about caring for health and giving their best possible start in life, the National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition launched text4baby, the first free health text messaging service in the U.S. Text4Baby supports moms by providing accurate text-length health information and resources in a format that is personal and timely, using a channel they know and use.

Pregnant women and new mothers who text **"BABY"** (or **"BEBE"** for Spanish) to **511411** receive weekly text messages (timed to their due date or their baby's birth date) throughout pregnancy and up until baby's first birthday. The text messages provide information on a variety of topics critical to maternal and child health, including development milestones, immunization, nutrition, mental health, safety and more.

For more information about text4baby, visit [www.text4baby.org](http://www.text4baby.org)



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, 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

### 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 have extended deadline for you to complete by

February 16, 2021 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 questions to [Tanya.Johnson@abileneha.org](mailto:Tanya.Johnson@abileneha.org)



# Happy Birthday



Chancie Bivins

Jeniyah Crain

Riziki Erick

Nindeba Espoir

Niyongerefausina Fausina

Carol Grazier

Jazzelle Gutierrez

Bienvenue Irakoze

Jerry Kabago

Rukundo Karara

Finda Kollie

Aaliyah Maldonado

Maniya McGee

Victor Mizero

Confiance Mucyo

Peace Mugisha

Richard Ndela

Tyree Neal

Tiya Neal

Briana Newbury

Franc Ningabire

Adeline Niyoyanzanye

Debora Niyukuri

Alicia Nkeshimana

Javon Organ

Maisha Sembe

Esili Tuyisenge





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**Now You're ...  
In the Know!**



**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 Mcoy

Crew Chief—Mitaci Ali

Maintenance—Oncecimo (Mo), Evaristo and Vacant

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