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ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY

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### PUBLIC HOUSING HAPPENINGS

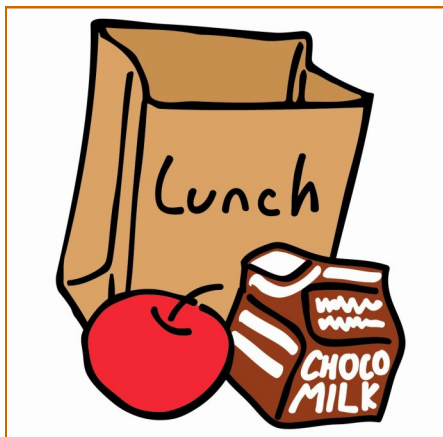


### ABILENE HUNGER COALITION SUMMER MEALS

Abilene Hunger Coalitions and Highland Church Summer Meal Program continues through August 12. Public Housing is a Mobil Site to provide lunch.

Other Sites are:

- WIC
- City Light
- Salvation Army
- Public Library Mockingbird Site
- Faithworks
- Love and Care Ministries
- Southern Hill COC
- Grace Fellowship
- Freedom Fellowship



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### Pest Control Dates:

1st Wed.— E.W and  
Office

2nd Wed -Deegan

3rd Wed -Riviera

*In order to change  
we must be sick and  
tired of being sick  
and tired.*

*Author Unknown*

### Current RAB Members:

Lester Crenshaw

Celestine Daugherty

Oscar Fields

Carmella Hall

Jerome Ray

Kathleen Ritz

## Interested in Applying? *Online Application*

AHA has online applications for interested applicants on its website. When you access our website at ([www.abileneha.org](http://www.abileneha.org)) click on the second tab and follow the easy-to-use process. You can choose from the Public Housing Waiting Lists and/or the Housing Choice Voucher Waiting List. Once you complete the online application you are automatically placed on the Waiting List (s) of your choice!



## August Events

- ◆ 1-Rent Due
- ◆ 5— Last day to pay rent without the \$15 late charge. (if the 5th is on a weekend or holiday rent is due by 8:00 a.m. the next business day.
- ◆ 17— First Day of School for Abilene ISD
- ◆ Grace museum -Every Thursday—Free Admission 1:00-8:00p.m
- ◆ Family Fun Saturdays at the NCCIL, 102 Cedar 10:00-4:00p.m

## RAB and Resident Council

### RAB (Resident Advisory Board)

RAB Stands for Resident Advisory Board. The Resident Advisory Board is made up of residents from Public Housing and HCV. 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 at 325-676-6032

### Resident Council

Resident Council is a council that consists of residents from Public Housing. Unlike RAB, Resident Council is a tenant association geared towards the revitalization of public housing. The Council exists to make public housing better. Tenants can come together and get things done, and get things changed!

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 at 25-676-6032. Participation in RAB or Resident Council count towards Community Service



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### TEXAS RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

#### Application Portal Is Closed

Due to the total requests for assistance exceeding all Texas Rent Relief funds available, the program has closed its application portal to new applications and additional funding requests.

#### Alternative Assistance Options

If you still need help paying rent or utility bills, we strongly encourage you to consider other available assistance in your area. You can also:

Visit the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(CFPB\)](#) for a list of rental assistance programs in your area.  
Visit [Help for Texans](#) for a list of emergency rental assistance, utility bill payment help, and homeless services.

Call 2-1-1 Texas or visit [2-1-1 Texas](#) to learn about organizations helping with emergency rent and utility assistance.

Reach out to your local city, county office or local housing authority to see if other programs are available.

#### Eviction Prevention Resources

If you are facing eviction, we encourage you to seek legal assistance, go to your eviction hearing and stay in communication with your landlord and the court. Visit <https://texaslawhelp.org/eviction-referral> or call 855-270-7655 for help understanding your options and seeking free or low-cost legal assistance.

#### Renter's Insurance

As a resident of Public Housing, you may want to consider purchasing Renters Insurance.

Renters insurance covers a policyholder's belongings against perils such as fire, theft/vandalism, flood/water damage, windstorm, hail etc. It provides personal liability coverage for damage the policy holder 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 can include coverage for their replacement cost or actual cash value that includes depreciation. For more information contact local insur-

*"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them."*

Henry David Thoreau

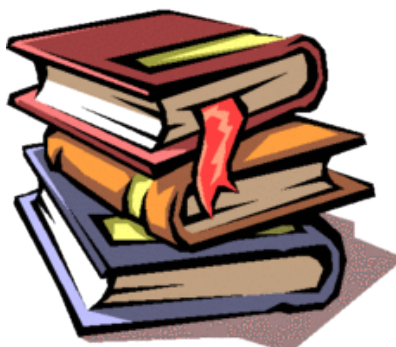
#### Money Follows the Person (MFP) Program

This program has its own target population of those transitioning from nursing facilities back into the mainstream.

#### Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program

Ross Program is a program open to all Public Housing Residents. The goal of ROSS is to work with residents to identify barriers to self sufficiency, and connect residents with local service providers in the community to meet those needs!

### Continued Training for Staff: *Increasing our Knowledge!*



Happy Software Training for Staff Continues

Debra and Kathy attended the Public Housing Occupancy, Eligibility, Income and Rent Calculation training August 22-26, 2022





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### Manager's Corner

- ♦ Maintenance /Staff continue working on landscaping and tree trimming at all of the public housing sites .
- ♦ If you have a work order, please contact the office to report any unit issues. Please do not stop the maintenance staff when you see them on the property as they are working on property issues currently assigned to them.

*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit."*

Aristotle

### Upcoming Activities

**Mark your Calendars!!** The Public Housing will participate as a Mobil Host Site for the Abilene Hunger Coalitions and Highland Church Summer Meal Program. This program will provide free meals for families with children during the summer months following the Abilene ISD Summer Meal Program.

The program will start July 28 and continue through August 12

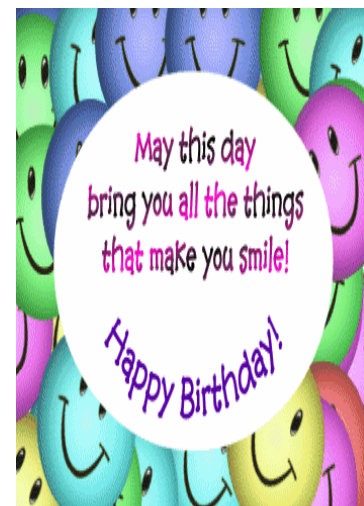
We will pass out the meals from 12 noon until 1:00p.m. or until we run out of meals. We will have a canopy tent set up in the Public Housing Office parking lot. You may walk or drive up to pick up your meal and drink.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**



### Birthdays

MICHAEL APPLIN	CAMERON OWENS
ANGEL GINGHAM	XADIEN PENA
NEVAEH CORTINEZ	XALIE PENA
DANIELLE DAUGHTERTY	ESTELLA PENA
DANIEL DAUGHTERY	SARIYA RILEY
TYLER HENDERSON	XZAYVIA STEVENSON
MAJOR JOHNSON	MIGUEL SUAREZ
JULIANNA LANGLEY	AYANA VERASTEGUI
EMMA MOSLEY	REGINAL WILSON JR





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## **ABILENE HOUSING AUTHORITY LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING**

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Relay Services 711 or 1-800-RelayTx  
Customer Service Email Address:  
helpdesk@abileneha.org



### **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.

### **Vision Statement:**

We will be recognized as a leading authority in moderate and low-income community development activities in West Texas.

**We're on the web: <http://www.abileneha.org>**

### **Abilene Housing Authority Office Personnel:**

Chief Executive Officer—Gene Reed

Housing Manager—Vacant

Assistant Housing Manager—Debra Hart

Housing Counselor—Kathy Bouldin

Resident Services Coordinator—Tanya Johnson

ROSS Coordinator —Veronica Berube

Crew Chief—Ali Mitaci

Maintenance—Onecimo, Evaristo

