

HOUSING PARTNERS OF WESTERN NEBRASKA OCTOBER 2014

Public Housing Information

All residents need to stop using their air conditioners as of October 1st. We will be coming around to place covers on them starting October 1st. Residents in Rebecca Winters and our family units need to remove their air conditioners from their windows and replace the screens by October 1st.

We will be having trick or treating for resident children at the Housing office on October 31st from 3-4 PM

Lunch and movie "How to Prevent Home Fires" for Public Housing and Gering Valley Estates residents October 9th in Bluff View Community Room. RSVP to Jenny at (308) 632-0473

Maintenance Information

Residents who have anything planted outside their unit need to do fall cleanup.

Check for anything that needs attention before cold weather sets in (screens, doors, weather stripping, etc.)

CARPENTER CENTER OCTOBER MEAL MENU

- October 2nd-Cooks Choice
- October 7th-Garlic Sausage with potatoes and glaze
- October 9th-Sweet and Sour chicken
- October 14th-Roast Beef
- October 16th-Bean Soup
- October 21st-Fried Chicken
- October 23rd-Hamburgers
- October 28th-Tilapia or Chicken salad sandwich
- October 30th-Pizza

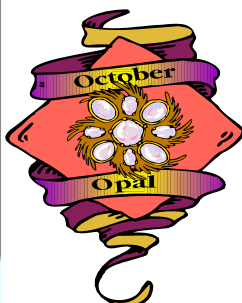
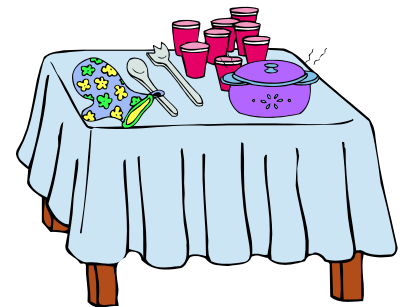
Cost for meals:

60 and up-\$5.00

59 and under-\$-6.00

Public Housing residents can get \$3.00 meals from United Way

RSVP by 2:00PM the day before by calling (308) 635-8422



20 Year Flashback!! 1994

Average Annual Income-\$37,070.00

Average monthly rent-\$ 533.00

Gallon of gas-\$1.09

Movie Ticket-\$4.08

POP CULTURE 1994

Tonya Harding wins the national Figure Skating championship title but is stripped of her title following an attack on her rival Nancy Kerrigan.

Northridge Earthquake, magnitude 6.7, hits the San Fernando Valley of **Los Angeles**

OJ Simpson flees police in his white ford bronco

Major League Baseball Players Association begin 232 day strike causing 1994 season to be cancelled

Tornado outbreak occurs in **Southeastern United States**

The **Whitewater scandal** investigation begins

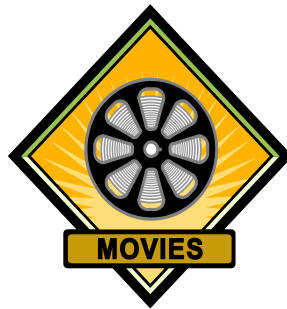
Violent wildfires destroy 286,000 acres in Montana.

Lisa Marie Presley marries Michael Jackson

Kurt Cobain commits suicide

Popular Films

- The Shawshank Redemption
- Forrest Gump
- The Lion King (Disney)
- Dumb & Dumber
- Clear and Present Danger
- Speed
- The Mask
- Pulp Fiction



POPULAR MUSIC

- Sheryl Crow
- Bon Jovi
- Erasure
- Aerosmith
- Janet Jackson
- Pearl Jam
- Snoop Doggy Dogg
- Alice in Chains
- Boys II Men
- Blind Melon
- Celine Dion
- Beastie Boys
- Nirvana



POPULAR TV

- Law & Order
- Rugrats
- The Jerry Springer Show
- The Ren & Stimpy Show
- Beavis and Butt-head
- Frasier
- Mighty Morphin Power Rangers
- NYPD Blue
- Star Trek: Deep Space Nine
- The Late Show with David Letterman
- The X-Files



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCT. 5-11, 2014



FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended, and keep a close eye on food cooking inside the oven. Use a cooking timer.
- Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (i.e. potholders, towels, rags, plastics, drapes and food packaging).
- Keep smoking materials away from anything that can burn (i.e., mattresses, bedding, upholstered furniture, draperies, etc.).
- Never smoke in bed, when drowsy, medicated or intoxicated as this could lead to falling asleep with a lit cigarette.
- Do not smoke or have an open flame around medical oxygen.
- Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone even for short periods of time.
- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire (e.g. clothing, books, paper, curtains, Christmas trees, flammable decorations).
- Do not use portable space heaters.
- Do not store flammable chemicals, such as gasoline and paints inside. The vapors from the flammable chemical will seek an ignition source and can explode.
- Do not overload outlets, and turn off TV, fans and other devices when not in use. This will keep these devices from over heating.
- Never use a gas range as a substitute for a furnace.
- Test your smoke alarms frequently to make sure they are operating properly.

Children Playing with Matches or Lighters: Children are curious about fire. Often what begins as a natural exploration of the unknown can lead to tragedy. At home, children usually play with fire in bedrooms, in closets and under beds. These are “secret” places where there are a lot of things that catch fire easily. Here are some related safety rules.

- Supervise young children closely. Do not leave them alone even for short periods of time.
- Keep matches and lighters in a secured drawer or cabinet.
- Check under beds and in closets for burned matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.
- Take the mystery out of fire play by teaching children that fire is a tool, not a toy.
- Develop a home fire escape plan, practice it with your children and designate a meeting place outside.
- Teach children the nature of fire. It is FAST, HOT, DARK and DEADLY!
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and call for help from another location.
- Show children how to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, to get out of the house and stay out in the case of fire.
- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if their clothes catch fire.

Having a working smoke alarm dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.



HALLOWEEN!!



It is that time of year again! Our little princesses, goblins, action hero's, and much more will be ready to trick or treat. Help ensure a safe Halloween by following these simple safety tips!!

Child Safety

- NEVER eat any treats until they are examined by an adult at your home.
- Trick or Treat with friends or with adult supervision. Don't go alone.
- NEVER enter the house or car of a stranger.
- Trick or Treat in the late afternoon or early evening.
- Trick or Treat in your own neighborhood, and visit only houses that you know.
- Stay on streets that are well lit and only cross the street at the corners.
- NEVER run across the street and always look both ways before crossing.
- Do not take short cuts through backyards, alleys, or parks.
- Carry a flashlight or wear reflective tape so drivers can see you and you can see.
- Only trick or treat at houses where the porch light is on and well lit.
- Carry a few quarters for a payphone so you can call home if you need to.
- Do not play with lighters, matches, or fireworks!



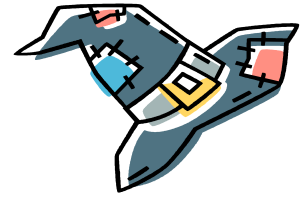
Adult Safety

- Welcome trick-or-treaters with your porch lights and any exterior lights on.
- Patrol your street occasionally to discourage speeding motorists, acts of malicious mischief and crimes against children.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to your police department immediately. In many areas you can dial 9-1-1.
- Candlelit jack-o-lanterns should be kept clear of doorsteps and landings.
- Consider using flashlights instead of candles to light jack-o-lanterns.
- Keep pets away from doors so children will not become frightened.
- Set a time limit for your children to "trick-or-treat." Also designate a specific route for them to take.
- Feed the kids before they go so they will be less likely to eat the treats before they get home. Warn them not to eat anything before you inspect it.

Pet Safety

- Don't leave your pet out in the yard on Halloween: There are plenty of stories of pranksters on this night.
- Trick-or-treat candies are not for pets: Chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals. Tin foil and candy wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.
- Be careful of pets around a lit pumpkin: Pets may knock it over and cause a fire. Curious kittens especially run the risk of getting burned.
- Don't dress the dog in costume unless you know he loves it. Otherwise, it puts a lot of stress on the animal.
- If you do dress up your dog, make sure the costume isn't constricting, annoying or unsafe. Be careful not to obstruct their vision and get your dog used to wearing his/her costume before the actual date of Halloween.
- All but the most social dogs should be kept in a separate room during trick-or-treat visiting hours; many strangers in strange garb can be scary for a dog.
- Be careful your cat or dog doesn't dart out through the open door.
- Walk your dog early in the night, before it gets dark.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



HALLOWEEN FACTS!!

Halloween is the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.

Fifty percent of kids prefer to receive chocolate candy for Halloween, compared with 24% who prefer non-chocolate candy and 10% who preferred gum

Trick-or-treating evolved from the ancient Celtic tradition of putting out treats and food to placate spirits who roamed the streets at Samhain, a sacred festival that marked the end of the Celtic calendar year

Halloween has variously been called All Hallows' Eve, Witches Night, Lamswool, Snap-Apple Night, Samhain, and Summer's End

Scottish girls believed they could see images of their future husband if they hung wet sheets in front of the fire on Halloween. Other girls believed they would see their boyfriend's faces if they looked into mirrors while walking downstairs at midnight on Halloween

Dressing up as ghouls and other spooks originated from the ancient Celtic tradition of townspeople disguising themselves as demons and spirits. The Celts believed that disguising themselves this way would allow them to escape the notice of the real spirits wandering the streets during Samhain

Halloween is thought to have originated around 4000 B.C., which means Halloween has been around for over 6,000 years

GET OUT AND VOTE!!

As Election Day draws near, it is essential that low income renters and their allies are registered to vote and are committed to getting to the polls.

NLIHC has partnered with Nonprofit Vote and over 1,000 other nonprofit organizations to bring you National Voter Registration Day 2014.

Today, volunteers and organizations throughout the country will be hitting the streets with clipboards and registration forms to get everyone in their communities registered to vote.

It's not too late to volunteer or register to vote!

Find National Voter Registration Day events in your community: <http://nationalvoterregistrationday.org>.

Register to vote online: <http://www.nonprofitvote.org/register-to-vote/>

Learn more about NLIHC's Voterization Project: <http://nlihc.org/library/voterization>

Questions? Comments? Contact outreach@nlihc.org.



Join us for some ghoulish **HALLOWEEN FUN!**

Frightening Luncheon



On October 31st at Noon

At the Bluff View Community Room

Must RSVP by 10/29/2014

At 632-0473

NO BUS SERVICE

Halloween Costume Contest

Bingo



COME FOR A FANGTASTIC TIME



BE PREPARED FOR WINTER STORMS!!!!



1 | BEFORE: PREPARE

Prepare now in case a winter storm hits and you are home for several days without power and heat. • Prepare by gathering emergency supplies, making a family plan, and discussing emergency notifications and expectations with your workplace and/or schools. • Install battery-powered or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors. • If you have access to an OUTSIDE generator, have an electric cord long enough to keep the generator at least 20 feet from any door, window, or vent. • Make specific plans for how you will avoid driving. • Be alert to changing weather conditions using local alerts, radio, and other news sources for information and instructions.

2 | DURING: SURVIVE

Stay indoors and avoid driving as much as possible. • If the power goes out, close off unused rooms to consolidate and retain heat. • Wear layered clothing and use blankets or sleeping bags to stay warm. • Bring pets inside. • NEVER use generators, outdoor heating or cooking equipment, such as a grill, camp stove, or a gasoline or propane heater, indoors. • NEVER heat a home with a stove. • If driving is absolutely necessary, keep disaster supplies in your vehicle, make sure your vehicle is properly equipped, and use extra precaution on the roads. • Limit your time outdoors. If you are outside, protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia by wearing several layers of warm, loose-fitting, light-weight clothing.

3 | AFTER: RECOVER

Driving conditions will still be dangerous; only drive if necessary. • If the power is out for more than a few days, your community may set up warming shelters. • If you do not have adequate supplies to stay warm in your home and you can get there safely, you may want to go to a shelter. • If you go outside, dress in warm clothing, stay dry, and avoid prolonged exposure to cold and wind to protect yourself from frostbite and hypothermia.

KNOW THE TERMS!!!!

ADVISORY

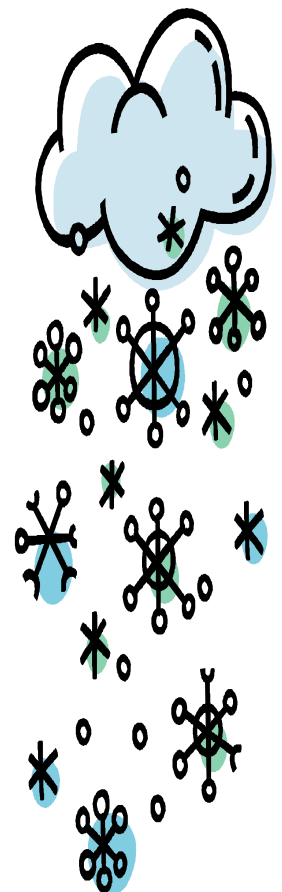
The NWS issues a winter weather advisory when conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences that may be hazardous. If caution is used, these situations should not be life-threatening.

WATCH

The NWS issues a winter storm watch when severe winter conditions, such as heavy snow and/or ice, may affect your area but the location and timing are still uncertain. A winter storm watch is issued 12 to 36 hours in advance of a potential severe storm. Tune in to NOAA Weather Radio, local radio, TV, or other news sources for more information. Monitor alerts, check your emergency supplies, and gather any items you may need if you lose power.

WARNING

The NWS issues a winter storm warning when 4 or more inches of snow or sleet are expected in the next 12 hours, or 6 or more inches in 24 hours, or ¼ inch or more of ice accumulation is expected. The NWS may also issue a warning if the storm is expected to hit during high-traffic times, like rush hour. Stay indoors, and keep warm and dry. Minimize driving.



Housing Partners of Western Nebraska

October 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Start Fire Prevention Week	6	7	8 Colson Manor birthday party @ 5PM	9 Fire Prevention lunch and movie	10	11 End Fire Prevention Week
12	13 Columbus Day- Housing OFFICE CLOSED	14	15	16	17	18 Colson Manor pancake breakfast @ 8AM
19	20	21 SBHA Board Meeting @ noon Resident Council Meeting 2@PM	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Senior Halloween Party at noon Trick or Treat for resident kids 3-4PM	